



# Ghana

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Intersession • May 20 - June 9, 2012

Program Name:

## Experiencing Ghana

Course Numbers & Names:

**ANT 490**

**Field Experience in Anthropology**

Credit hours: **3** (undergraduate)

### Course Overview & Highlights

Home to 24 million people and more than 100 different ethnic groups, the West African Republic of Ghana is a culturally diverse nation with a rich past and a promising future. Though English is the country's official language, nearly 80 languages and dialects have been recognized.

Students will stay with and participate in the daily lives and activities of local families in the city of Kumasi and the small village of Watreso. They will learn about Ghanaian history, languages, social organization, political and economic institutions, and belief systems, with a special emphasis on the Ashanti.

During this 3-week field study, students will have the opportunity to observe and experience both traditional and modern aspects of Ghanaian culture.

**Estimated Cost: \$821**

**Includes:** ground transportation in Ghana, accommodations, most meals, admission to museums and other venues; Study Away student fee, including International Student Identity Card. Separated costs not available.

**Excludes:** MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit; passport (\$165) & visa (\$104) fees; airfare to Accra (approx. \$1,500); some meals; misc. personal expenses.

**Nonrefundable deposit due with application by Wed., Feb. 29, 2012: \$125** (will be billed to your student account)

**Balance due Fri., April 20, 2012: \$696**

### Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \$500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meetings:

**7 p.m. Wed., Nov. 30, 2011**  
Strong Hall 409

**7 p.m. Wed., Jan. 25, 2012**  
Location TBA

Pre-travel Class Meetings: TBA

Depart Springfield for Accra, Ghana:  
**Sun., May 20, 2012**  
(Arrive Mon., May 21)

Depart Accra: **Fri., June 8, 2012**  
(Arrive in Springfield on Sat., June 9)

Final Papers Due: **Mon., July 23, 2012**

### Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,  
Dr. Margaret Buckner,  
Professor of Anthropology:  
**836-6165 or MBuckner@missouristate.edu**



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## Course Schedule & Itinerary:

### Pre-travel Class Meeting: TBA

Prior to travel, students will meet at least twice with the Program Director and will receive readings and Twi language materials. The class will also have practice sessions to learn greetings in Twi.

### Field Experience in Ghana

During most of our time in Ghana, students will live with local host families. Throughout our stay, there will be informal discussions on kinship, social organization, political and economic institutions, language, and belief systems. There will be constant interaction between students and the Program Director, and between students and Ghanaians.

Rather than classroom-style lectures, most of the learning will take place experientially, in face-to-face discussions and through direct participant-observation. Students will keep daily field notes on their observations, experiences and reflections. Each student also will choose a topic for special investigation and prepare a 5- to 6-page paper to be submitted within one month of returning to the U.S.

**Sun., May 20** - Depart Springfield.

**Mon., May 21** - Arrive in the coastal city of **Accra**; stay at a guest house downtown; visit the **National Museum** and the **University of Ghana** at Legon; and explore the local neighborhood.

**Tues., May 22** - Travel from Accra to **Kumasi** (5 hours), the center of the Ashanti kingdom, where we will stay with the Kontoh family; visit markets, palace, cultural center, crafts workshops, schools, and local residents; and explore the town.

**Sat., May 26** - Travel from Kumasi to the small village of **Watreso** (3 hours), where we will live at the Afriye family compound; participate in daily household and village activities; volunteer at the local school and clinic; and carry out fieldwork.

**Tues., June 5** - Travel to **Cape Coast**; stay at Mighty Victoria hotel. On the way, stop in Obuasi to explore the town and have lunch. In Cape Coast, tour **Cape Coast Castle**, a fortification originally built by Swedish gold and timber traders in 1653 that was later used in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

**Thurs., June 7** - Travel to Accra (3 hours).

**Fri., June 8** - Depart Accra.

**Sat., June 9** - Arrive in Springfield.



## Course Requirements & Assessment of Learning:

Students will receive a letter grade for the course, based on the following criteria:

- Students are expected to participate actively in the day-to-day activities of our local hosts and engage in informal discussions with Ghanaians (50%).
- Students will take daily field notes (25%).
- Students will write a 5-6 page paper on a topic of their choice, due by **Mon., July 23, 2012** (25%).

**Required texts:** Required readings will be distributed to students prior to departure:

- Busia, K.A. 1954. The Ashanti of the Gold Coast. *In African Worlds*. Daryll Forde, ed. 1954. Pp.190-209. Oxford University Press.
- Forest, Meyer. 1950. Kinship and Marriage among the Ashanti. *In African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*. A.R. Radcliffe-Brown and Darryl Forde, editors. Pp.252-284. Oxford University Press.
- Hart, Keith. 1997. Informal Income Opportunities and Urban Employment in Ghana. *In Perspectives on Africa*. Roy Richard Grinker and Christopher B. Steiner, editors. Pp. 143-162. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Twi language booklet and CD

## Application & Payment Procedures:

Students of any major may apply; however, all applicants for this program must meet the following criteria and prerequisites:

- 3.0 or higher GPA
- Completion of at least 60 credit hours
- Completion of ANT 100 World Cultures OR ANT 226 Cultural Anthropology OR permission of Program Director
- Attendance at an informational meeting about the program
- Interview with the Program Director
- Completion of the Program Application, signed by the Program Director
- Students must agree to bring minimal luggage and to forego internet and cell phone usage for three weeks

A **non-refundable deposit of \$125** will be billed to your student account upon application (due by **Wed., Feb. 29, 2012**). The balance of the program cost (**\$696**) will be billed to your account on **Fri., April 20**. Students must purchase their flight tickets by **Thurs., March 1** and have received their passports by **Mon., April 2**.

The published program cost is based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change.

**Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.**

## Cancellation & Refund Policies:

- Students who withdraw prior to **Fri., April 6, 2012** will receive a refund of fees paid, less their deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after **April 6, 2012** for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less their deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after **April 6, 2012**, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to travel with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 7 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.

