



Ghana

Public Health in Ghana: A One Health Perspective

Semester(s) Available:
Summer 2020:
Dates abroad: 05/16/2020 - 06/05/2020

Minimum Credits:
Three (3) for Summer 2020

Program Application Deadline(s):
March 1, 2020 for Summer 2020

Scholarship Information:
<http://bit.ly/EAscholarships>

Courses:
HM847
HM892

Requirements:
Minimum GPA 3.00
Standing - Graduates or upper level undergraduates

Tuition is not included for most programs.
See program's webpage for details.

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This three-week program combines classroom lectures and field practice with an exploration of quantitative and qualitative research methods for assessing community health in Ghana. Students enroll in HM 847/892 Public Health in Ghana: A One Health Perspective for three credits. While Public Health in Ghana is targeted to graduate public health students, it is open to undergraduate students from ALL majors following a selective application process. Public Health in Ghana offers lectures about Ghana's historical, social, political, economic and cultural environment to provide a context for understanding the interaction of human health, animal health and the environment in Ghana. Students will spend the first week attending lectures in Accra and then move to the town of Larteh, Eastern Region for the community engagement experience. Evaluation of students' work will include journaling, individual reflections, participation in needs assessment, and a final report/poster presentation.

Field trips include visits to Elmina Castle and Cape Coast, Kumasi, Bonwire, Kakum National Forest, schools, craft centers, cloth markets, museums, local theater, and other cultural institutions. The Ghana program provides a unique opportunity to experience local African art, music, and rural living.

Students who elect to participate in the Public Health in Ghana program should note: While students enroll in HM 847/892 summer semester, there is a two week online class (non-credit bearing) to prepare students for the Ghana program during April of the previous semester. Students should plan their course schedules accordingly.

Student comments about the program:

"In addition to all the factual information that I obtained....this reminder of the importance of cross-cultural awareness/sensitivity when dealing with any issue of public health in the US or abroad will have a lasting positive effect on my performance as a public health practitioner." - 2010 student

"The three most important things I have learned about public health while I have been in Ghana are how dependent it is on political and government infrastructure, that insight into a culture and its influences on health are mandatory for success in public health interventions, and how difficult it is to make changes to public health policies. Culture is extremely important in influencing participation in community-oriented interventions, which greatly affects the health outcomes. Both the political infrastructure and the legislative process in general played a role in determining health intervention speed and success, which is highly relevant worldwide as well as in Ghana." -- 2014 student



More details about this program can be found at...
<http://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/ghanahhealthcare.html>

This flyer is intended to provide an overview of this Education Abroad program. Interested students should visit the program's Web page (URL indicated above) for further details such as specific course and cost information. Program fees, dates, and arrangements are subject to change, due to unforeseen considerations.

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