STUDY ABROAD BASICS

Studying abroad will change your life. The new experiences, remarkable people and academic journey will broaden your horizons and open your future to new possibilities.

Faculty-led programs are the most popular study abroad courses offered through Texas State. Under the leadership of Texas State professors, these group-based programs include class instruction, mentoring, accommodations, organized visits and cultural encounters.

STUDENTS OFTEN REPORT THESE BENEFITS AFTER STUDYING ABROAD:

» Self-confidence and an ability to take risks
» Ability to learn from different teaching styles
» Ability to communicate effectively among diverse groups
» Increased independence and maturity
» Better appreciation and understanding of their own and other cultures
» Ability to creatively solve problems

FINANCING YOUR STUDY ABROAD

Don’t assume you can’t afford to study abroad; speak with Financial Aid. Participating in programs affiliated with Texas State will allow you to use your financial aid. Meet with your financial aid advisor to discuss the options available to you. If you are not receiving financial aid, you may want to apply as soon as possible.

For information on financial aid, please contact the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships located in JCK room 240.

For more information on the International Education Fee Scholarship, please visit the Study Abroad website. You may qualify for other available resources, such as the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship.
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ACCRA, GHANA-SOCIAL WORK-SUMMER-
*Program pending approval and subject to change

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN
This program will enhance students’ understanding and skill in applying social justice and human rights perspectives to their professional work. Students will immerse themselves in the distinct socio-cultural and historical context of Ghana through lectures, guest speakers, and excursions. This immersion will allow them to develop and apply knowledge and skills for cross cultural and intercultural engagement. Students will work in interdisciplinary teams which will include Ghanaian university peers, simulating real world problem solving structures, to plan and implement small scale projects that are of service to an agency or community. Students will benefit from learning to engage in an unfamiliar underdeveloped environment in creative ways. They will also have opportunities to reflect on their performance from multiple perspectives and to discuss how to integrate what they learn in the program with their own professional and personal aspirations.

THE LOCATION
Accra is the capital city of the west African country, Ghana. Accra is located on the Gulf of Guinea and serves as an important commercial, communications, and manufacturing center. Accra is a sprawling city, with a mixture of markets, modern buildings, historic sites, and shanty towns. Accra is considered a safe destination; it is vibrant and boasts wonderful beaches, engaging museums, eclectic street vendors, and a variety of galleries. The official language of Ghana is English. Public transportation by taxi, trotro (minibus), or bus is widely available.

PROGRAM CRITERIA
Participants must complete the required online application and be officially admitted to the program.

PROGRAM DATES
- On campus classes: May 30 - June 1, 2016
- Departure from the USA: June 5, 2016
- First day of classes abroad: June 7, 2016
- Last day of classes abroad: June 27, 2016
- Return from Program: June 28, 2016
- On campus classes: June 30, 2016

COURSE OPTIONS
- SOWK 3339 Selected Topics in Social Work
- SOWK 4360 Directed Study in Social Work
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- SOWK 5360 Directed Study in Social Work

COST: $5,270
Cost includes:
- $200 non-refundable application fee
- Tuition and fees for six hours of university credit
- Lodging
- Transportation to scheduled visits and excursions
- International insurance (health, travel assistance and liability)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
- Application Fee: $200 February 19, 2016
- First Payment: $1,779 March 4, 2016
- Second Payment: $1,799 April 3, 2016
- Final Payment (Tuition) : $1,512 May 26, 2016