

MU Winter Intercession in Accra, Ghana

What does the program offer?



This is a two-week winter intercession course that takes place in Ghana, West Africa. Led by MU Political Science professor KC Morrison, the program will focus on

contemporary culture, society, and politics of Ghana. As a participant on the program, you will gain knowledge about the country and region which you can then apply to general social science and humanities comparisons. You will study social and political history, socio-economic issues, culture and cultural production, religions, and mass communication structures through lectures, workshops, seminars, and field trips. In addition, you will study Twi, which is one of the languages spoken in Ghana. In order to participate in the winter intercession program, you must first enroll in Political Science 4640: African Politics, during the fall 2007 semester.

What is it like there?

Accra is the capital of Ghana, and is located on the coast. It is therefore warmed by the wind

and waves off the Gulf of Guinea and stays around 70°F year-round with a constant breeze. The people of Ghana are equally warm--they are known for being amongst the friendliest in West



Africa. The Ghanaian population of 21,000,000 is very diverse. Several languages are spoken, including English and many different local languages such as Twi,



Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, and Ewe. Religious affiliation is diverse as well, and includes Christianity, Islam, and indigenous religions. Inland you can find quintessential African landscapes and animals, such as

elephants, baboons, lions and antelopes at one of Ghana's many national parks. Ghana is also home to the world's largest man-made lake, Lake Volta. The country as a whole is very stable politically. Ghana has abundant natural resources; gold, timber, and cocoa production are major sources of foreign exchange.

What Will I Study?

You will attend lectures, seminars, workshops and field trips organized around the following themes: Social and Political History, Socio-Economic Issues, Culture and Cultural Production, Religions, and



Mass Communication Structures. You will also receive language training in Twi, both in the prerequisite fall semester course, and during the program itself.

Where will I live?

You **will stay in a shared room in a local hotel** in Accra, the capital of Ghana. **Will I get Academic Credit?**

While on the winter intercession program, you will enroll in three (3) MU credits for Political Science 4720: Third World Politics. Because this is an MU course, the grade you receive will be calculated into your MU GPA.

Can I get Financial Aid?

The financial aid that you normally receive for regular classes at MU should apply to the cost of the program. Additional grants, loans or scholarships may be available to offset the extra costs incurred on this program. Please see the advisor for study abroad financing at the MU Financial Aid Office for more complete information.

Am I Eligible?

In addition to having successfully completed Political Science 4640: African Politics, you must also have sophomore standing and a minimum GPA of 2.5.



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Can I Afford to Go?

MU attempts to make the costs of studying abroad affordable, but there are extra costs associated with participating in study abroad. You will pay MU educational fees and instructional technology fees for three credit hours, plus a program fee that includes housing costs for a double room and two meals per day, lectures, excursions, local transportation, and administrative costs. In addition, students who are not Missouri residents will pay Non-Resident Fees. You will be responsible for the cost of round-trip airfare, and you should also budget funds for personal expenses. See the estimated expenses below for more details about the cost of participating in this program.

Estimated Program Costs:

Program Fee ¹	\$1,700.00
Educational Fees for 3 MU Credits ²	\$707.70
Information Technology Fees for 3 MU Credits ²	\$35.10
International Center Study Abroad Administrative Fee	\$75.00
Total Program Costs:	\$2,517.80

Additional Expenses:

U.S. Passport	\$100.00
Ghana Student Visa Fees	\$50.00
Yellow Fever Vaccination	\$100.00
Round Trip Airfare	\$1,550.00
Total Additional Cost:	\$1,800.00

¹ The Program Fee is an estimate based on 15 students participating in the program, and will increase if the final number goes below 15.

² Based on fees for the 2006-2007 academic year.

How Do I Apply for the Program?

You should submit the following application materials to the International Center by Monday, September 17, 2007:

1. A completed application form (available on line at <http://international.missouri.edu/studyabroad/application/>)
2. A 1-2 page typed, double-spaced essay.
3. One letter of recommendation.
4. An official transcript.

In addition, the International Center will schedule you to interview with Dr. Morrison.

Where in Africa is Ghana?



Where Can I Find Out More?

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December 27, 2007—
January 14, 2008