



Culture and Life in Ghana

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About the Program: The Duke University Department of Cultural Anthropology, the African and African American Studies department, and the Global Education Office for Undergraduates (GEO-U) offer a six-week, two-course summer program on culture and life in Ghana.

Academics: The program is based at the University of Ghana at Legon, just outside the capital city, Accra. The group travels through various parts of the country, crossing from rainforest to dry savanna, visiting cities, coastal fishing towns, and rural farming villages. Students tour and learn about the former slave forts at Cape Coast and Elmina, as well as the museums and craft villages in and around Kumasi, capital of the former Ashanti Empire. As part of their coursework, students engage in individual, field-based research on topics pertaining to cultural expression in Ghana. Students also take a survey course taught by diverse Ghanaian faculty focusing on the cultural, social, economic, and political facets of Ghanaian life.

Activities: Depending upon their interests, students have opportunities to attend a traditional festival, as well as visit markets, schools, museums, waterfalls, a prayer mountain, a traditional herbalist, a chief's palace, cocoa and textile factories, clinics and other social services, a game reserve, and more.

Housing: Students stay in Ghanaian homes at the beginning of the program. For the remainder of the program, they live in a well-appointed hotel near the university and convenient to public transportation. While traveling outside of Accra, students stay in hotels or guesthouses.

Finances: Program costs include Duke tuition and a program fee. Duke students receiving financial aid may be eligible for aid, and should contact the Office of Financial Aid for details. Non-Duke students should consult with their home institution regarding financial aid.

Application Process: Applications are accepted on a rolling admissions basis with a final deadline of February 1. The program is open to applicants from all accredited colleges and universities. An on-line application is available through the "MyGlobalEd" link, located on the GEO-U website.

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