



# Ghana

# Public Health in Ghana: A One Health Perspective

Semester Available:  
Summer 2024:  
Dates abroad: 05/18/2024 - 06/07/2024

Minimum Credits:  
Five (5) for Summer 2024

Summer 2024 Program Application  
Deadline: February 15, 2024

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

Courses:  
HM847  
HM892  
OST 847

Requirements:  
Minimum GPA 3.00  
Standing - Graduates and undergraduates

Est. program cost: \$3000 (2023 cost)

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

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The Public Health in Ghana Program covers major public health issues in Ghana, and both Western and traditional health care systems.

The program combines classroom lectures and field practice with an in-depth application of quantitative and qualitative research methods for community health in Ghana. Students will learn about Ghana's historical, social, political, economic, and cultural environment, to provide a context for understanding the country's health care system, and health beliefs and practices.

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

Public Health in Ghana is targeted to graduate public health students, and upper-level undergraduate students from ALL majors following a selective application process.

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 focus groups, and a final community and poster presentation.

Students who elect to participate in the Public Health in Ghana program should note: There is a three-week required online orientation class (non-credit bearing) to prepare students for fieldwork for the Ghana program during March/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."
- Awesome field trips, small yet communal feeling with the group
- Real life qualitative research, creation of deliverables that were culturally appropriate and aligned with literacy levels
- Cultural immersion, on the ground community engagement experience



More details about this program can be found at:

[https://msueducationabroad.via-trm.com/program\\_brochure/11754/about-program](https://msueducationabroad.via-trm.com/program_brochure/11754/about-program)

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