Global Public Health in Ghana

Like other regions of Africa, Ghana suffers from disease, poverty, and other pressing social issues. While in Kumasi, students will be able to observe and participate hands-on in functioning, effective projects that have been successfully implemented and are positively changing health conditions in West Africa. Field work and activities will take place in Kumasi and surrounding villages. The research site is a cohort of approximately 22,000 people in 20 rural villages approximately 25 kilometers from Kumasi, Ghana. These villages are part of an ongoing collaborative effort between Ghanaian and U.S. researchers to promote health in rural Ghana. The group of researchers, in collaboration with local village leaders, are working together to address pressing health issues including those associated with malaria, maternal health and child mortality.

Students will be able to participate in research projects that evaluate different aspects of health in the villages. Students will learn about current global health issues including infectious diseases, general dietary practices, water and sanitation, and access to health care. Students will be working with Ghanaian students and faculty from our partnering University, the Kwame Nkruma University of Science and Technology (KNUST). They will also have the opportunity to interact directly with village members by participating in field work programs that focus on community health and development. For maximum benefit from the program, it is strongly recommended that they enroll in the online Preparation for Global Health Service and Learning course taught by Dr. Ty Dickerson during the Spring semester. For more information, please contact Pamela Lyon, pamela.lyon@utah.edu.

ACADEMICS

Available credit(s): 4
Applicants are required to enroll in the program course (undergraduate or graduate)
Course Offerings: FPMD 5531 International Fieldwork in Public Health (4 undergraduate credits) or FPMD 6531 International Fieldwork in Public Health (4 graduate credits)

EXCURSIONS

Possible excursions may include: Wildlife reserve, Cape Coast, Tour of slave castles, and Rainforests

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing Type: Hostel/Hotel
Participants are required to use the program housing facilities
Housing is included in the program cost

BUDGET SHEET

Visit http://learningabroad.utah.edu/student/uac/ an ESTIMATED budget sheet
Participants should read the full Withdrawal Penalty Policy BEFORE applying

UAC LEARNING ABROAD HANDBOOK

The UAC Learning Abroad Handbook outlines the University of Utah's eligibility requirements, financial policies, conduct standards, administrative procedures, academic expectations, as well as visa and passport guidelines for Learning Abroad Programs. ALL participants are subject to the rules and regulations in the UAC Learning Abroad Handbook. It is every participant's responsibility to read the UAC Learning Abroad Handbook and contact Learning Abroad with any questions.
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SUMMER 2017 PRE-DECISION APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Detailed application instructions are found in the UAC Learning Abroad Pre-decision Application Packet. Additional details are available in the UAC Learning Abroad Handbook. All applicants are required to attend a Learning Abroad 101 session before submitting an application. Applications are not considered for admission until the pre-decision application packet, personal statement, and initial payment are completed and submitted. Late applications are subject to a $100 penalty and are considered on a case-by-case basis. Once you have submitted the application materials and the deadline has passed, applications are reviewed by Faculty Directors and Learning Abroad. Students will be notified by Learning Abroad through Umail of their application status.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO START YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Select a Program.
3. Write a personal statement.
4. Complete and email the Pre-decision Application Packet (including your personal statement) to whitney.graves@utah.edu and randy.mcrillis@utah.edu by FEBRUARY 8TH.
5. Make the initial payment BY FEBRUARY 8TH.