

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Media & Culture in Ghana

Dates: May 11-June 1, 2022

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Course Description: Examination of historical and postcolonial aspects of West African culture and media through travel to Ghana. An overview of the Ghanaian media and culture through the exploration of topics that include: trans-Atlantic slave trade, customs, traditions, gender roles, socio-economic development and media practices through interactions with Ghanaians, in both urban and rural locations. An opportunity for students interested in African history, culture, politics, media, socio-economic development and globalization to learn about these topics through academic study and immersive personal cultural experiences.

Program Description: Learn firsthand about Ghana's media and rich history, culture and socio-economic development in this three-week May Experience. The Media and Culture in Ghana program provides an overview of Ghanaian media and culture and exploration of topics that include: trans-Atlantic slave trade, customs, traditions, gender roles, socio-economic development and media practices through interactions with Ghanaians, in both urban and rural locations, through academic study and immersive personal cultural experiences. Academic excursions include visits to historic and cultural monuments such as the ancient slave castles in Cape Coast and Elmina; the W.E.B. DuBois and Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum; traditional markets; cultural festival sites; the National Cultural Center; major media institutions.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			X
Use of laptop			X				
Use of smart device		X					
Traditional Classroom			X				
Indoor Course Work			X				
Outdoor Course Work			X				
Group Work							
Presentations							
Interactions with local residents			X				
Field Work	X						
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments:							

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options			X		
Vegan Options		X			
Food Allergy Accommodations			X		
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible				X	
Comments:					

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment		X			
Mountainous		X			
Tropical				X	
Desert	X				
Urban				X	
Rural			X		
High Elevation		X			
Dusty			X		
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness			X		
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments:					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel					X
Cell phone signal available			X		
Internet signal available			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage			X		
Carrying luggage up stairs			X		
Carrying equipment	X				
Carrying groceries	X				
Standing 30+ minutes			X		
Walking 1+ miles			X		
Hiking (easy)		X			
Hiking (strenuous)	X				
Sitting 5+ hours		X			
Use of public transportation		X			
Flat terrain					
Hilly terrain					
Stairs			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming				X	
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Routine vaccinations recommended. Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Typhoid recommended. Malaria medication is recommended. **NOTE:** Yellow Fever vaccine is required for entry to Ghana.