

Study Abroad

African American Studies at the University of Houston hosts an annual study abroad program to Ghana, West Africa with the University of Ghana, at Legon in the capital city of Accra. Students in the program take up to six credit hours of African American Studies courses at the University of Ghana, University of Cape Coast and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. This is part of our ongoing mission to embrace intimate knowledge of African life on the continent and throughout the Diaspora.

Borrowing critical insights from scholar-activists such as Marcus Garvey and Zora N. Hurston, AAS views international travel as an imperative tool for examining the African experience from a systemic perspective. As such, student participation in the study abroad program provides a key measure of the program's strength in introducing students to advanced research opportunities and original sources within the discipline.

In addition to conducting field research and oral histories, student participants in the study abroad program receive instruction and gain awareness of the everyday concerns and political economy of ordinary Ghanaian citizens.