Objective of the Advising Notes Document
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific
details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of
eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students
on the UCEAP and BSA website. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP
Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP
website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this
program.

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

“Community-Based Health, Food Security, And Development” is the name of the summer UCEAP
program in Ghana. This program will run between the regular spring and fall semester terms at the
University of Ghana. It is an intensive program with travel between several locations.
To learn more about the program, study contents of this link: Visit the UCEAP Community-Based Health, Food Security, And Development website

Application Process
All UCEAP students must initiate their application through the Berkeley Study Abroad Applicant Portal to be
considered for UCEAP participation: http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply. Please take care to
follow the provided instructions!

Competitiveness of the Program
Students who meet and maintain the minimum eligibility requirements and submit a complete and well-
prepared application with an articulate Statement of Purpose will have a very good chance of being selected.

Space Limitations
This program has limited space. Admission may be competitive if we get more applications than our allotted
number of spaces. Please, please do not let this deter you from applying! You will be notified of your
selection in February. If you are not selected for the program, you will have the opportunity to submit an
application for another available summer program if you wish.

The selection criteria we will use for this program include:
- GPA and Academic Record
- Whether the student intends to take courses for major-related requirements on the program
- Class Standing
- Statement of Purpose: priority will be given to students who successfully convey an understanding of
  the program; and can articulate thoughtfully why this program in particular is a good fit for them and
  how the program will benefit them academically, professionally, and/or personally.
Scholarships
All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for the UCEAP Promise Award, which offers a $1000 award for summer programs. For more information, visit the UCEAP Scholarships page.

US Citizen Pell Grant recipients are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, which offers a possible award of up to $5000. For more information, visit gilmanscholarship.org

More information on financial aid and scholarships can be found on our website: http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances

Housing
Students will stay at the International Students Hostel (ISH) while in classes at the University of Ghana. During the field visits period, students will stay in local guest houses and hotels.

Visa and Entry Clearance
Due to the late issuance of entry clearance documents and the time required for visa application processing, travel after the UC term ends and before the official program start date is not recommended.

Special Demands of the Ghana Programs
Students should be prepared to encounter physical hardships while in Ghana—for example, loss of electricity and water are common and can last for several days at a time. Students should review this document which presents some of the Challenges of Living and Studying in Ghana.

Health and safety remain primary issues of concern for study in Ghana, particularly malaria, crime/security, and transportation. Students must be prepared to monitor health needs and avoid malaria exposure, parasites and meningitis. Students are required to take malaria prophylaxis while on the program. Students should review the Program Guide and Risk Assessment to familiarize themselves with risks associated with participation on the program.

Students should also familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in Ghana, and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification. LGBTIQ students are invited to reference the UCEAP LGBTIQ Community Resource Page to learn about host country laws and norms.

Given the special demands of the program, it is highly recommended that applicants meet with the BSA adviser prior to submitting an application.