Ghana (Summer)
UCEAP Advising Notes

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. UCEAP has been updating their website’s Coronavirus Notice with up-to-date information on program cancellations for the 2021-2022 cycle. The program described in this Advising Notes document is scheduled to proceed at this time, and UCEAP will inform campus offices if there are any updates.

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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 a UCEAP 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 websites. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or in 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](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 are required to take a malaria prophylaxis while on the program, and take measures to avoid malaria exposure and parasites. 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.

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