

Ghana (Summer)

UCEAP Advising Notes

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.

Adviser Contact Information

The Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser for this program is Michelle Ayazi (mayazi@berkeley.edu). Please feel free to email Michelle with any questions and/or concerns you have about the program or your participation. You can make an advising appointment with Michelle [here](#).

“Public Health and Society in Ghana” 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 Public Health and Society in Ghana program page](#)

Application Process

All UCEAP students must initiate their application through the Berkeley Study Abroad 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 by the Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline will have a very good chance of being selected.

Scholarships

All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for the UCEAP Scholarship, 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

Scholarships cont.

More information on financial aid and scholarships can be found on our website:

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances>

Financial aid students can request a financial aid estimate for the program here: <https://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances/financial-aid-advising>

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.

Additional Resources

[UCEAP Ghana Information Session](#) (UCEAP Video)

[3-minute Travel Guide Accra Ghana](#) (UCEAP Student Blog)

[Signs you Studied Abroad in Ghana](#) (UCEAP Student Blog)