

SYLLABUS

Ghana Intercession Winter Program: **OAP 404**

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Description

The winter intercession program takes a group of students from SUNY Brockport, and other various nation-wide universities to participate in a learning-experience abroad. In this case, our group is traveling to Ghana/Africa.

The program is designed to provide a learning opportunity through direct field experience, outside classrooms where students encounter people from different cultures in different settings and circumstances. For instance, we visit in orphanages and schools, explore rain forest and wild life safari, be exposed to local history, art and music performance, religious practices, markets, social life, etc. Experiences in these settings and circumstances usually awake, spark, and stimulate inquiries that benefit intellectual growth and life experiences.

This syllabus of the intercession Ghana program, as a non-traditional classroom program, reflects its objective and purpose. Students' participation in various activities, fieldtrips, lectures, and their assigned academic works will serve as a basis for grading. The segment below provides the necessary information about academic requirements.

Academic Requirements

The academic component of the program consists of the following requirements:

1. Reading select texts to introduce students to the historical, contemporary cultural, sociological, economic and political reality of Africa and in particular Ghana.

Reading:

Pages: 36-41, 41-45, 45-51

Khapoya, B. Vincent: The African Experience: An Introduction. 3rd. edition, 2010, US, Pearson Education Inc.

Pages: 1-8, 9-17

Baofa-Arthur, Kwame: Ghana. One Decade in the Liberal State. Coderia Books, London, UK

Deadline for the summaries: December 18th.

2. Writing an essay with a minimum of 10 pages, at the end of the program, designed to get students to reflect on the experience.

About the term paper

The paper aims to encourage you to reflect on the experience abroad and pick a particular topic among the various events we have been part of, and develop an argument. Make sure that you develop a thesis, a claim or a contention and write about it with supporting materials (evidence, quotations, data, etc.)

The paper will be graded based on the following rubrics:

1. A clear topic
2. A clear thesis/claim/contention
3. A full fleshed introduction (which must contain information on how you will organize your text)
4. Evidence supporting your thesis and argument
5. Bibliography, footnotes, references

Deadline for the paper is: April 30, 2014

Overall Grading of the Program

The overall program will be graded as follows:

1. Summaries (10%)
2. Teamwork (contribution to a smooth running of the program) participation (lectures/field trips) (40%)
3. Final term paper (50%)

Activities

See below the program, outlining the scheduled activities, lectures and field trips. Activities, lectures and fieldtrips are slightly adjusted every year.

INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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SCHEDULE

(Subject to adjustments)

SUNY BROCKPORT PROGRAMME

2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

LECTURES AND FIELD TRIPS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Friday 27 December, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Arrival at Kotoka International Airport➤ Check-in at the Yiri Lodge• Lunch @ Yiri Lodge• University Campus Drive• Welcome Dinner @ Yiri Lodge Welcome Address by Director➤ Performance by Ghana Dance Ensemble (G.D.E.) : 00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 28 December, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Visit to La Pleasure Beach➤ Lunch @ La➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge	10.00-5p.m. 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 29 December, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wli Water Falls ➤ Lunch at Volta Region ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	7.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
Monday 30 December, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lecture 1: “The Evolution of the Modern Ghana” (Prof. Addo Fenning) ➤ Lecture 2: “Public Health in Ghana” (Dr. Philip Adongo) ➤ Lunch @ Yiri Lodge ➤ Visit to Arts Council ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 31 December, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lecture 3: “Politics in Ghana since 1945” (Dr. Kojo Aidoo) ➤ Lecture 4: “Music in Ghana” (Mr. Moses Nii Dortey) ➤ Lunch @ Yiri Lodge ➤ Drama and Dance Session @(G.D.E.), Legon ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 3.00p.m. 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 1 January, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lecture 5: “The Economy of Ghana” (Dr. W. Baah Boateng) ➤ Lunch @ Yiri Lodge ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Makola Market ➤ Lunch – Yiri Lodge (Packed) 	9:00 am – 4:00pm

2 January, 2014	➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge	12:30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
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Friday 3 January, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to any deprived Boarding School in Accra ➤ Lunch – Yiri Lodge (Packed) ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	9:00 am 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 4 January, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Shai Hills ➤ Lunch @ Shai Hills ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	Departure 6:00 am 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 5 January, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit Akonedi Shrine, Larteh ➤ Lunch at Aburi Gardens ➤ Shop for Arts & Craft at Aburi ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	Depart 7:00 am 1:30 pm 2:30 – 5.00pm 6.00 p.m.
Monday 6 January, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lecture 6: ‘‘Religion in Ghana’’ (Dr. Stephen Acheampong) ➤ Lecture 7: ‘‘Written and Oral Literature in Ghana’’ (Prof. Esi Sutherland-Addy) ➤ Lunch at Yiri Lodge ➤ Lecture 8 ‘‘ The Social Structure of Ghana’’ (Prof. A. Awedoba) ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	9:00 - 10:00 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 12.30 p.m. 2:30 - 3:30 pm 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 7 January, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Dubois Centre ➤ Visit to George Padmore Research Library ➤ Lunch - Yiri Lodge ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	8:00 - 10:00 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.

<p>Wednesday 8 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Depart to Mole National Park (transit in Kumasi. check in @ the Georgia Hotel, Kumasi. ➤ Lunch @ Georgia Hotel, Kumasi <p><i>While in Kumasi -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Komfo Anokye Sword Site ➤ Visit to Manhyia Palace Museum ➤ Dinner @ Georgia Hotel 	<p>Depart 6.00 am</p> <p>12.30 p.m.</p> <p>1.30 p.m.</p> <p>3.00 p.m.</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday 9 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Depart from Kumasi to Mole National Park (Northern Region) ➤ Check in at Mole Motel ➤ Lunch @ Mole Motel ➤ Drive thru the Northern Region ➤ Dinner @ Mole Motel 	<p>12.30 p.m.</p> <p>2.00-5.00 p.m.</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday 10 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Mole Safari ➤ Breakfast @ Mole Motel ➤ Lunch @ Mole Motel ➤ Dinner @ Mole Motel 	<p>6:00 am – 5.00 pm</p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>12.30 p.m.</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Saturday 11 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast @ Mole Motel ➤ Depart from Mole National Park to Kumasi ➤ Stopover Lunch between Northern Region & Kumasi ➤ Check in @ Georgia Hotel ➤ Visit to Kente Village/Ahwiaa Craft village ➤ Dinner at Georgia Hotel 	<p>7.00 a.m.</p> <p>8.00 a.m.</p> <p>12.30 p.m.</p> <p>1.30 p.m.</p> <p>2.00 – 5.00 p.m.</p>

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<p>Sunday 12 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Depart from Kumasi to Accra ➤ Stop over Lunch between Kumasi & Accra @ Lindador ➤ Check in @ Yiri Lodge ➤ Dinner @ Yiri Lodge 	<p>Depart - 10:00 am</p> <p>3.00 p.m.</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Monday 13 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Depart to Cape Coast ➤ Packed Breakfast – Yiri Lodge ➤ Check in at Coconut Grove Beach Resort ➤ Visit to Cape Coast/Elmina Castles ➤ Lunch ➤ Dinner @ Coconut Grove Beach Resort 	<p>Depart - 6:00 a.m.</p> <p>8.30 a.m.</p> <p>9.00 a.m.</p> <p>12.30 p.m</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Kakum Walkway ➤ Lunch @ Kakum (or) Hans Cottage ➤ Dinner @ Coconut Grove Beach Resort 	<p>7.00 a.m.</p> <p>12.30 p.m.</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Return to Accra ➤ Lunch @ Yiri Lodge ➤ TIME TO PACK ➤ Farewell Dinner 	<p>Depart 6.00 a.m.</p> <p>12.30 p.m.</p> <p>6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Thursday 16 January, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast @ Yiri Lodge ➤ Departure from Accra 	<p>7:00 am</p> <p>9:00 am</p>