



Stern International Volunteers: Ghana

SOIM-UB.2000

Spring 2016

Stern International Volunteers was designed to bring Stern's Social Impact Core to life.

- Launched in 2008, the Stern International Volunteers aspires to:
 - broaden students' understanding of the world and its economic disparities
 - deepen students' commitment to community service
 - heighten students' social and intercultural awareness
 - influence students' perspectives on the world as they become future business leaders



The SIV experience combines a 10 Day Service Learning Trip to Accra Ghana with a 3-credit course

Stern International Volunteers Seminar: Ghana (SOIM-UB 2000)

- 3-Credit Course
- Counts Towards Stern's Social Entrepreneurship Minor & Wagner's Public Policy and Management Minor
- In this Discussion-based course in we will:
 - Learn about Ghana's history, political climate, economy and system of legal rights, including its impact upon doing business in Ghana
 - Explore the meaning of Social Entrepreneurship
 - Research & develop specific social entrepreneurship projects pertaining to Ghana
 - Immersion into Ghanaian culture thru volunteer work and exposure to social entrepreneurship challenges



Key Objectives of Ghana Trip

- Volunteer work in Waodze Tsatoe, our adopted village in the Eastern Volta Region. This work will include helping build and complete an infrastructural project – most likely a new school
- Working on a social entrepreneurship project that helps stimulate local economic activity
- Visiting key academic, environmental, historical and business sites in the country

About our Village - Waodze Tsatoe. NYU has committed to working with Waodze Tsatoe over the next 5 years (2015 thru 2020)

- Population of 500
- Located in the Eastern Volta Lake Region
- Limited electricity, no health clinic, makeshift school
- Fishing and farming are primary vocations
- First concrete structure was built by SIV Ghana 2015 (public latrine)



Adanu is our partner on the ground



Adanu is a Ghanaian-led non-profit organization that empowers communities to lead and own critical development projects that benefit people young and old across Ghanaian villages. Adanu's model is based upon empowerment rather than charity.

Adanu works alongside rural, underdeveloped Ghanaian villages to establish sustainable solutions for education, clean water, health care and micro-business



Social Entrepreneurship Project – An Incubation of a Micro-enterprise in Woadze Tsatoe

- SIV will partner with Studio 189, a sustainable fashion and accessories social enterprise, based in Accra, to help set up a small-scale “batik” textiles production unit in Woadze Tsatoe.
- Studio 189 was set up by Stern alum Abrima Erwiah and actress Rosario Dawson. They design, produce and source high end textiles and accessories made by women’s groups in Ghana, and sell in the US through online channels, boutiques and shows.
- Studio 189 needs additional capacity, so with their support along with that of Adanu, we will be designing and incubating a social enterprise in our village to service their demand and generate employment in the village

STUDIO 189



NYU Stern will be partnering with NYU in Accra to ensure a sustainable and enriching experience

- In Accra students and faculty will be housed in the NYU dorms and in hotels throughout the rest of their travels in Ghana
- Two Stern faculty & members of the NYU Accra staff will accompany SIV participants and they will also provide guidance & support



About Ghana

About Ghana:

- Accra is the capital of Ghana.
- The 2015 population of Ghana is 27M
- Ghana is located in West Africa
- The official language is English
- Ghana exists under a combination of democratic and traditional tribal rule
- The predominant religion is Christianity
- Ghana is a peaceful country



We will visit historical, business & cultural sites

Past trips have included visits to:

Academic

- University of Ghana
- Labone Primary School

Historical

- Elmina Slave Castle
- Kwame Nkrumah Memorial

Environmental

- Kakum National Park
- Wli Waterfalls

Social Entrepreneurship/Business

- Kuapakokoo Cooperative
- Blue Skies Fruit Juice
- Ghana Inshore Fisheries



SIV Student Participants will be held to high standards before and during the trip

- Responsibilities of SIV participants include:
 - Enrollment in SIV Seminar Course (SOIM-UB.2000)
 - Engagement in reflective discussions & exercises
 - Adherence to Stern travel code of conduct, Stern honor code and nonprofit partner's policies
 - Enthusiastic participation in all activities in Ghana
 - Interest in getting to know fellow students, staff and community members

All students must have ample time and enthusiastic interest in fulfilling these responsibilities.

Overview of Class & Trip

- NYC Class dates
 - January 25, 2016– May 9, 2016
- Class Meeting Time
 - Thursdays
 - 9:30am – 10:45am
- Tentative Travel Dates
 - Arrive in Ghana on Thursday, May 19, 2016
 - Depart for USA on Monday, May 30, 2016



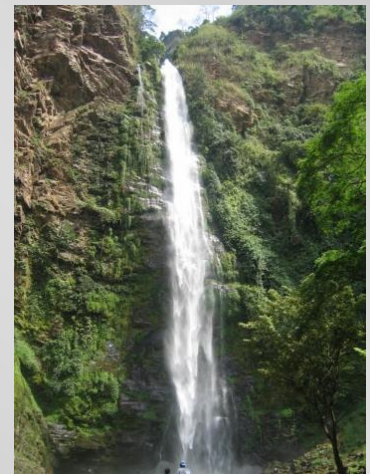
Additional Expenses to be covered by students

Estimated Expenses

- Students pay Spring 2016 NYU tuition & fees for this course.
- In addition, a trip fee of \$1600 is required of all participants.

THIS INCLUDES:

- All Excursions, entrance fees, guides
- Transportation from/to lodging, airport in Ghana, cultural activities & service sites
- All Housing (dorms & hotels)
- All Meals
- Costs to NGO: volunteer experience & supplies to the community



Additional Expenses: Covered by Students

Students are also responsible for the following:

- Airfare to and from Accra (approx \$1500*—book early!)
- Passport Fees (approx. \$75- \$100) ***only if you need a new or renewed passport***
- Immunization Fees (approx. \$300)
- Visa Fee (\$60)
- Personal Expenses



Scholarships Are Available Thru Financial Aid

- Stipends are available and will be awarded based on financial need.
- An updated FAFSA must be on file with NYU.
- A Short Statement of Need should be submitted with your application (300 words or less)

All students must have a Valid PASSPORT and TOURIST VISA for travel to Ghana



Passports: must be valid for 6 months beyond travel date (November 2016)

Passport Info: <http://travel.state.gov/passport>

Visa Info: <http://www.ghanaconsulateneويورك.org/visa.html>

Students are responsible for securing a Tourist Visa

IMMUNIZATIONS

- The Center for Disease Control recommends these immunizations for travel to Ghana
 - Mandatory Vaccinations for **Yellow Fever**
 - Proof of **Yellow Fever** vaccination is required to obtain a visa
 - Recommended vaccinations for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid & Meningitis
 - NYU Health Center's Office for Allergy, Immunization & Travel medicine provides these vaccinations.
 - They are not included in your health plan and cost approx. \$300; we recommend checking with your parents other insurance coverage
 - Antimalarial medication



Who is eligible?

How can I apply?

- Open to NYU Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- **Applications Due:** Friday, 10/23 by 5:00 pm
(drop off with Skye Weis, KMC 7-150)
Include in your application any requests for need-based financial aid & make sure a FAFSA is on file with NYU
- **Notification (with stipend award status):** Friday, October 30
- **Confirm Commitment:** Friday, November 6
(must submit *trip fee and travel forms*)
- **Spring 2016 Registration:** Monday November 16 (students will be manually registered for the course)

Video

<http://www.stern.nyu.edu/portal-partners/current-students/undergraduate/study-away/short-term-immersions/international-volunteers>

We welcome your Questions & Comments

