

AHA International Ghana: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admission Requirements*
 - 3.0 minimum GPA
 - Junior status +
 - Individual stability & maturity
- *Program Academics*
 - Academic focus: anthropology, economics, history, political science
 - Students enroll in 3 courses & 1 internship/service learning project
 - Courses typically transfer as 4 AC credits; internship as 4+ practicum credits
 - AHA's fall semester: Fulfills "S" course requirement
 - AHA's spring semester: Fulfills "S" course *spring term* requirement if program runs through May. Student must confirm this with the Registrar.
 - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
 - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to "E". Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received and Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Shared student house with full kitchen off-campus
- Meals not included in program costs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to Ghana?*
 - A passport is required for international travel and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
 - A visa is required to study in Ghana. Apply for a multiple-entry visa (and not a single entry visa) to save money and headache once in Ghana.
 - Consult the consulate in your region with any questions or concerns you have.
 - You will need to get special vaccinations as part of your visa, so you should start the process soon.
2. *Can I use my cell phone in Ghana?*
 - Purchasing a cell phone (typically under \$50) upon arrival in Ghana is an option.
 - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
 - You could also purchase phone cards once you arrive in Ghana. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
 - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for Spain.
 - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.
3. *Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*
 - The Aya Centre has wireless internet access as well as three computers with internet.
 - Internet access and email are also available at relatively low costs on the University of Ghana campus and at various internet cafes throughout town.
 - Most students typically type their homework assignments. Consider bringing a laptop for word processing purposes; however, its safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility.
4. *What should I expect in terms of public transportation?*
 - "Trotros" (mini-vans) are inexpensive, and one of the most common forms of public transport.
 - Large city buses are less expensive than trotros.
 - Taxis are significantly more expensive than trotros and city buses.
5. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the AHA Ghana program?*
 - Your first point of contact is the AHA official website (www.ahastudyabroad.org).
 - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can reach AHA staff at 800-654-2051 , or e-mail them at ahamail@uoregon.edu
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.