

# Global Public Health in Ghana & France

**Locations:** Accra, Busua, Kpong, Kumasi, & Larabanga, Ghana,  
Paris, France

**Program Terms:** Summer

**Dates / Deadlines:**

02/08/18	06/30/18	07/28/18
Application Deadline	Start Date	End Date

NOTE: Dates are subject to change. Students must arrive in the host city and check into the program housing on the program start date. The program officially ends on the end date, and students must check out of the housing facilities at that time. Participants are responsible for arranging travel to and from the program and should WAIT to purchase airfare until they have been officially instructed by the Faculty Director.

**Language(s) of Instruction:** English

**Eligibility Requirements:** Course Prerequisite(s), Good Academic & Judicial Standing, Minimum Age: 18, Minimum GPA: 2.5, Advanced English Language Fluency

**Program Requirements:** Learning Abroad 101, Pre-Departure Orientation, Participation Requirements for Learning Abroad, Post-Decision Health Clearance, Pre & Post Commitments

## DESCRIPTION

Like other regions of Africa, Ghana suffers from disease, poverty, and other pressing social issues. While in Kumasi, students will be able to observe and participate hands-on in functioning, effective projects that have been successfully implemented and are positively changing health conditions in West Africa. Field work and activities will take place in Kumasi and surrounding villages. The research site is a cohort of approximately 22,000 people in 20 rural villages approximately 25 kilometers from Kumasi, Ghana. These villages are part of an ongoing collaborative effort between Ghanaian and U.S. researchers to promote health in rural Ghana. The group of researchers, in collaboration with local village leaders, are working together to address pressing health issues including those associated with malaria, maternal health and child mortality. Students will be able to participate in research projects that evaluate different aspects of health in the villages. Students will learn about current global health issues including infectious diseases, general dietary practices, water and sanitation, and access to health care. Students will be working with Ghanaian students and faculty from our partnering University, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). They will also have the opportunity to interact directly with village members by participating in field work programs that focus on community health and development. For maximum benefit from the program, it is strongly recommended that they enroll in a global health course (FPMD 6530 for graduate students/FPMD 5530 for undergraduate students) during the Spring semester.

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## ACADEMICS

Available credit(s): 5

Applicants are required to enroll in the program course (undergraduate or graduate)

Course Offerings: PBHLT5531 International Fieldwork in Public Health (4 undergraduate credits) or PBHLT 6531 International Fieldwork in Public Health (4 graduate credits)

## EXCURSIONS

Possible excursions may include: Wildlife reserve, Cape Coast, Tour of slave castles, and Rainforests, Eiffel Tower, Paris Sewers Museum, Institut Pasteur, Catacombes De Paris, Louvre, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe Paris.

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Housing Type:** Hostel/Hotel

Participants are required to use the program housing facilities  
Housing is included in the program cost

## BUDGET SHEET

Visit <http://learningabroad.utah.edu/student/uac/>  
an ESTIMATED budget sheet

Participants should read the full Withdrawal Penalty Policy  
BEFORE applying

## UAC LEARNING ABROAD HANDBOOK

The UAC Learning Abroad Handbook outlines the University of Utah's eligibility requirements, financial policies, conduct standards, administrative procedures, academic expectations, as well as visa and passport guidelines for Learning Abroad Programs. ALL participants are subject to the rules and regulations in the UAC Learning Abroad Handbook. It is every participant's responsibility to read the UAC Learning Abroad Handbook and contact Learning Abroad with any questions.

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\* For maximum benefit from the program, it is strongly recommended that they enroll in the online Preparation for Global Health Service and Learning course taught by Dr. Ty Dickerson during the Spring semester. For more information, please contact Pamela Lyon, [pamela.lyon@utah.edu](mailto:pamela.lyon@utah.edu).

The Ghana Learning Abroad Program would like to add an optional 1 week to Paris, France. The Paris, France add-on will give the students the opportunity to see first-hand some of the public health history and see cultural sites of Paris. The students will visit the Institut Pasteur/Musee Pasteur, the Musée Des Égouts De Paris (Paris Sewer Museum), the Catacombes de Paris, the Louvre, the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris, the Arc de Triomphe Paris, and the Eiffel Tower. The program participants and program directors will walk to most places and use the Paris Metro to access the cultural sites.

### SUMMER 2018 PRE-DECISION APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8, 2018

Detailed application instructions are found in the UAC Learning Abroad Pre-decision Application Packet. Additional details are available in the UAC Learning Abroad Handbook. All applicants are required to attend a Learning Abroad 101 session before submitting an application. Applications are not considered for admission until the pre-decision application packet, personal statement, and initial payment are completed and submitted. Late applications are subject to a \$100 penalty and are considered on a case-by-case basis. Once you have submitted the application materials and the deadline has passed, applications are reviewed by Faculty Directors and Learning Abroad. **Students will be notified by Learning Abroad through Umail of their application status.**

### TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO START YOUR APPLICATION:

- 1 Select a Program.
- 2 Attend Learning Abroad 101 online this fall.
- 3 Write a personal statement.
- 4 Complete and email the Pre-decision Application Packet (including your personal statement) to [whitney.graves@utah.edu](mailto:whitney.graves@utah.edu) and [bianca.silva@utah.edu](mailto:bianca.silva@utah.edu) by FEBRUARY 8TH.
- 5 Make the initial payment BY FEBRUARY 8TH.