



Ashesi University Study Abroad Program

General Guidelines

Please note that you can also access the following information on our website at www.ashesi.org.

Program Goals

The goals of the program are to give students a general understanding of contemporary Ghana and West Africa, while giving them an opportunity to become a part of an international community that is committed to forging a new path for African development.

Study Abroad at Ashesi

Study abroad students may enroll at Ashesi for a semester (four months) or a full academic year (ten months). Whatever the length of stay, study abroad students are sure to have a unique and rigorous educational experience, of the highest quality.

Study abroad students join Ghanaian students in their classrooms, learning the business and technology skills needed to help Ghana and other African nations solve some of their most pressing problems. They also have the opportunity to experience instruction in uniquely African courses in native philosophical thought, sociology and anthropology, dance, drumming and design. Classes at Ashesi are intimate, and often include discussion sections, team projects and study groups. Courses include field trips and cultural excursions as appropriate.

Students at Ashesi are encouraged to think creatively and to share their ideas with fellow classmates and faculty. They have access to the latest technology in classrooms that are designed to offer African students the same tools that one would expect to find in top universities in the United States.

Academic Calendar and Application Deadlines

Period	Duration	Course Load	Typical Dates	Application Deadline
Spring Semester	16 weeks	4 semester units	Mid-Jan to Mid-May	Nov 15 of previous year
Summer Semester	8 weeks	2 semester units	Mid-Jun to Mid-Aug	April 15
Fall Semester	16 weeks	4 semester units	Late-Aug to Mid-Dec	June 15

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to submit your application well ahead of the application deadline. You can expect to be contacted about your status within three weeks of Ashesi's receipt of your application. Late applications are considered on a space-available basis.

Please send your completed application to:

Ashesi University Foundation
603 Stewart Street, Suite 819
Seattle, WA 98101

Requirements

At Ashesi University, we realize that students' academic performance and ability to contribute in classes and group projects are important. Therefore, we review each applicant's academic records closely and assess the suitability of our program for each applicant.

A completed application form contains the following documents:

- A \$50 application fee
- One recent passport-size photograph
- Personal information
- Current and permanent addresses
- Emergency contact
- Academic information
- Personal statements
- Academic recommendation (Letter should be sealed and mailed directly to Ashesi University Foundation by the reviewer.)
- The statement of terms and conditions must be completed and signed by the applicant

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Application for Study Abroad Program

Please read the *Application Guide* before completing this form. Please type or print clearly in BLOCK LETTERS.

Personal Information

Mr. Mrs. Miss Social Security Number (U.S. applicants only) _____ - _____ - _____

Applicant's Name _____
Surname First Middle

Gender: M F Citizenship _____ Legal permanent residence _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____
month day year city state or country

Passport Number _____ Passport Expiration Date _____

Current Address

Valid until ____ / ____ / ____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
(with country code and area code) (with country code and area code)

Email _____

Permanent Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
(with country code and area code) (with country code and area code)

Email _____

Emergency Contact

Is this the same address as applicant's permanent address? Yes No

Name _____
(of the person to contact) Surname First Middle

Relationship to Applicant _____ Billing Contact Yes No

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone (required) _____ Evening Phone (required) _____
(with country code and area code) (with country code and area code)

Email _____

Academic Information

When would you like to join Ashesi University's study abroad program?

Year: _____ **Period:** Spring Semester Summer Term Fall Semester Whole Year
Mid-Jan to Mid-May Mid-Jun to Mid-Aug Late-Aug to Mid-Dec Mid-Jan to Mid-Dec

Academic Background

College or university you currently attend _____

Year in school _____ Undergraduate 1 2 3 4 5

Cumulative GPA _____ Major(s) _____ Minor _____

Please have your college or university forward an official and sealed copy of your transcript by mail to the following address:

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Personal Statements

In this section we would like you to write and tell us about yourself. Please ensure that the statements you submit are your own work and are factual. Your personal statement and resume will enable us to become acquainted with you as an individual.

- 1. (Required)** Please attach a copy of your résumé (one page single-spaced) listing any work experience (including vacation, voluntary, family and unpaid employment) you have held during the past three years. Please also mention your extra-curricular activities.
- 2. (Required)** Of all the options available to you, why have you chosen to come to Ghana for your Study Abroad experience, and why Ashesi University in particular? What do you expect to gain from this experience, and what contributions do you seek to make to Ashesi University? (300 word limit)

Academic Recommendation

Complete the following section and then give this form to your evaluator (**academic advisor, dean, or faculty member only**). Provide the evaluator with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and ask him or her to send the completed evaluation to you at least two weeks before you plan to submit the completed application to Ashesi University.

To the Applicant

Mr. Mrs. Miss

Applicant's Name _____
Surname First Middle

I waive my right of access to this evaluation, and I understand that this evaluation will be used only for the purpose for which it was prepared.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

To the Reviewer

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Does the applicant demonstrate a consistently high level of social and personal maturity? Do you have any reservations about the applicant?

3. Do you have full confidence in the applicant's integrity? Yes No

4. Please indicate the applicant's ability and academic competence in comparison with other individuals whom you have known at similar stages in their academic/professional careers.

	Below avg. (Poor)	Average	Good	Outstanding	No basis for judgment
Academic discipline					
Motivation/seriousness of purpose					
Leadership/personal initiative					
Warmth of personality					
Sense of humor					
Emotional stability and maturity					
Reaction to setbacks					
Cultural sensitivity					
Adaptability					
Respect accorded by faculty					
Respect accorded by peers					
Concern for others					
Manners/personal habits					

Reviewer's Name _____
Surname
First
Middle

Reviewer's Title _____

Reviewer's Signature _____ Date _____

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Terms and Conditions

I authorize my home institution to send my official academic records/transcripts to Ashesi University.

I have included the application fee.

I agree to notify Ashesi University immediately if I no longer want to be considered for the Ashesi University Study Abroad Program. I recognize that withdrawal does not entitle me to a refund of the application fee.

If I am admitted in the Ashesi Study Abroad Program, I agree that:

- I will take part in all aspects of the program, including orientation and evaluation.
- I will have the status of non-degree student unless I have been admitted into Ashesi University as a full-time student.
- My placement will be limited to the period specified. An extension request is subject to review and approval by my home institution or Ashesi University.
- My placement may be terminated by Ashesi University if I fail to remain enrolled full time, fail to maintain minimum academic standards as defined by my home institution or Ashesi University, or am found by my home institution or Ashesi University to be in violation of laws or its regulations.
- If I withdraw from the program anytime after accepting the placement, or if my placement is terminated after I arrive at Ashesi University:
 - a) I may still be obligated to pay the full program fee at the discretion of Ashesi University.
 - b) I will forfeit my right to receive benefits as an Ashesi University Study Abroad Program participant and must reimburse Ashesi University for any money advanced to me to cover benefits after the date of my withdrawal or termination.
 - c) I will still be obligated to pay the application fee.

I acknowledge that all statements in this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability. I have read and understand the terms and conditions of undertaking the Ashesi University Study Abroad Program. I am aware that it is my responsibility to obtain all visas and to arrange air travel.

Applicant's Name _____
Surname First Middle

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____