Program Details
The goal of the program is to examine firsthand the historical, political, socioeconomic and cultural developments of the country. Taking into account contextual factors such as culture, politics, economics and history, students will examine the economic and community development process in rural communities.

Program objectives include:

☑ Introduce students to moments in Ghana’s history including the slave trade, colonization and independence, as well as current challenges facing this developing nation.
☑ Allow participants to experience directly various aspects of life in Africa (Ghana) as seen in the history, economy, the arts, culture, social change and political development of the country.
☑ Enhance students learning experience by spending three weeks immersed in Ghanaian culture and civic life.
☑ Enrich the teaching and learning experience by partnering and assisting community organizations with specific projects that focus on economic and community development.

The Ghana program is designed to familiarize students with aspects of historical and contemporary Ghana and the many challenges confronting the country. While in Ghana, students will visit major historic, eco-tourist and agricultural sites, attend lectures at the University of Development Studies and University of Ghana, and volunteer with a non-governmental organization (NGO) to assist with a community and economic development project.

Students will register for this course as part of the spring semester with the abroad component as a requirement for receiving credit.

Course Offerings
Students can choose one of the following 3-credit courses for the program:

Undergraduate
- CSCU292L-150ST: Ghanaian Culture (core substitution for literature/history)
- HIST292L-150 ST: Modern Africa
- ECON 340L Economic Development (ECON major/minor)
- POSC391L-150ST: Politics, Community Development, and Entrepreneurship
- PSYC222L-150 Community Psychology
- SOC342L-150 Sociology of Community

Graduate
- MPA616N-160 Global Issues in Public Administration

Academic details will be provided by the Program Directors, Profs. John Peters, Brian J. Yates and John Scileppi. Two experienced Ghana directors will also accompany the group to assist with logistics upon arrival in Ghana.

Note: Short-term courses may also fulfill elective for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement, as well as core/major/minor requirements for Social Science. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

Program Directors
Profs. John Peters, Brian J. Yates and John Scileppi are the program directors.

Students interested in the program need to meet with either program director to discuss program details and to receive permission to enroll in the program. Students cannot register for the course or program on their own.

Academics
There are three parts to this course. The first part consists of 12 weeks of class time during the spring semester. During this time students will have course readings, lectures, guest lectures by African scholars, discussions, and group work. The second part consists of a field experience to Ghana. While in Ghana, students will visit areas of cultural, political, educational, social, and historical significance. Students will also attend lectures by Ghanaian scholars, interact with rural communities and students from the University of Development Studies, and have group discussions. The third part consists of a critical paper of not less than twelve pages on any topic related to Ghana and the students respective academic area of study.

Housing
Students will stay in budget hotels or dormitories (double or triple occupancy).

Meals
A light breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available on the program.
Program Highlights

- Program travels to Accra, Cape Coast, Kumasi, Tamale and Sunyani (for PSYC/SOC course only)
- Proposed site visits to cultural and historical places of interest:
  - Asante Villages (Kumasi)
  - Manhiya Palace of Otumfuo Opoku Ware II (Kumasi)
  - Day-trip to Adinkra Village (Ntonso)
  - Cape Coast and Elmina Forts
  - Mole National Park
  - Madina Market (Accra)

Requirements

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Open to students in good academic and judicial standing.
- Program Director must give approval for you to register for the course/program

Important Program Notes

- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to cost changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants for the program.
- Refund Policy: Please speak with the short-term program coordinator for specific information on the MIP short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Enrolling in the course indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of foreign cultures and societies, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- MIP reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by weather, economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary, program dates, and/or program costs.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Graduating Seniors: Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. Your actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for spring break and attachment programs is **November 16, 2012**.

Payment Details

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your spring semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge ($634.00 per undergraduate credit).

Tuition is not included in the program cost.

TuitionPay offers a spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Information on alternative loans can be found at www.marist.edu/financialaid.

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if the course is added during the late spring add/drop period.

Program Cost: $4,900

- Roundtrip Airfare
- On-site Airport Transfer
- On-site Program Transportation
- Accommodations (double/triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance (limitations apply)

Cost Not Included:

- 3-credits Marist tuition
- Two (2) meals per day
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and visa (if required)
- Departure Tax (if required)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

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