The program is designed to familiarize students with aspects of historical and contemporary Ghana and the many challenges confronting it. The condensed nature of the program is designed to encourage all participants to understand the host nation and to reflect upon it from the point of view of their respective academic areas of study. 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 (i.e. organizations focused on economic and community development are: Institute for Policy Alternatives, Innovations for Poverty Action, National Government of Ghana, and Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA)).

Students will register for this course as part of the Spring 2011 semester with the abroad component as a requirement for receiving credit.

THE COURSE

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

- CSCU292L-150ST: Ghanaian Culture
- HIST292L-150 ST: Modern Africa
- POSC391L-150ST: Politics, Community Development, and Entrepreneurship
- MPA616N-160 Global Issues in Public Administration

Academic details will be provided by the Program Director, Prof Edward Summers. Students interested in the program will need to meet with Prof Summers to discuss the program and to receive permission to enroll. A second full-time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics.

Note: Short-term courses can 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. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

ACADEMICS

There are three parts to this course. The first part consists of 12 weeks of class time during the Spring 2011 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 trip 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.

Lectures and discussions will be held at Marist College during the Spring semester and will allow students to become familiar with the course objectives. Course meeting dates will be announced.

Students are required to attend orientation/class sessions during Spring Semester 2011. Dates to be announced.

All lectures will be in English.

PROGRAM ITINERARY*

The program will visit Accra, Kumasi and Tamale.

Details of the itinerary will be covered during orientation.

HOUSING

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

MEALS

Breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are be encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available on the program.

*MIP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.
PROGRAM COST OF $4,500.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Accra-NYC)
- Airport Transfer in Ghana
- Program Transportation in Ghana
- Accommodations (double or triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance

COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

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

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTES

- All students are required to purchase trip cancellation insurance. This cost is included in the program fee.
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to costs changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants (generally 12-14) for the program.
- Refund Policy: Please speak with the short-term coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your $300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of Ghanaian culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current weather, economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM TUITION

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your 2011 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.

All payments, including the $300 non-refundable deposit, should be made in Student Financial Services, Donnelly 200. Student Financial Services can accept payments by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card, you must do so online at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid/payment.html. A 2% convenience fee is assessed for all credit card transactions.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 19, 2010  $300.00 Deposit (non-refundable)
SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2011 Add/Drop.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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

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.

Alternative loans: visit our website at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid for information on alternative loans.

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