International Study Centres

Shape your future
Why do the Ghana ISC?

Stay in the capital city of Ghana, Accra

See the colonial past’s impact on contemporary society

Gain a better understanding of Ghana’s scattered population

Visit a rainforest national park.
The programme

Topic: GHANA IN THE GLOBAL IMAGINATION

- Understand the multi-faceted aspect of Ghana including its culture, art, history, politics, education, contemporary society and diaspora communities.
- See Ghana’s colonial encounter with the British in full perspective.
- Learn about how Ghana has influenced the world through its culture and diaspora communities.
The trip was incredibly eye opening in many different aspects. For me, the most eye opening part of the trip was realising that living and studying in Europe, everything is obviously very Eurocentric, and I think it’s very easy for everyone to forget this and to think the rest of the world functions in the same way as European countries.”

Eleanor, Politics

I believe the biggest asset of the study centre, was the opportunity to become part of such a diverse and interesting group of students. [The] group of individuals varied by age and topic of study and yet we all got on unbelievably well and I have most definitely made friendships for life. It is hard to believe that such relationships were created in the short space of two weeks and it has opened my eyes up to become much more open minded when returning to York after the summer.”

Carrie Ann, Law
Excursions

The lectures are complemented with visits to sites around the region. For example:

- Accra city tour - including museums and art galleries
- Cape Coast and Elmina – slave forts and castles
- Kakum National park
- Akosombo – largest man-made lake
- Kumasi – palace, arts centre, park, weaving village

Note: some visits are subject to ticket availability as it is not always possible to book far in advance.
Student feedback

There were countless times that I was challenged in my own beliefs and my own thoughts on wealth, poverty and inequality. Combined, our classes and tours consolidated my love of history and view that knowledge is power.”

Emily, English

The opportunity has looked amazing on my CV, I spoke about it with an interview for a role as a Student Ambassador for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which I was successful in applying for... The ISC really is a life experience that transcends any single academic qualification.”

Rhian, History of Art

I chose to apply for an International Study Centre through the University, as I had always been keen to study abroad, however did not have the courage or financial resources to undertake a year-long placement.”

Carrie Ann, Law

Some of my assumptions of colonial history have been changed due to the trip which I think allows me to investigate other historical events and matters differently to how I would of before.”

Alexandra, History

From other courses as Ghana is a new programme for 2019
Accommodation

You will be staying on the University of Ghana Guest Centre on the campus.

The rooms are air-conditioned, and there is a restaurant on site.

You will share a room with at least one other student.

Visa requirements

■ Students will require a tourist visa to enter Ghana.

■ For the current cost of the visa please visit the below website (for British Nationals) https://www.ghanahighcommissionuk.com/Passports/VisaApplication.aspx

■ All travellers are required to have been vaccinated against yellow fever before entering Ghana.

■ The cost of a visa and vaccinations is not included in the programme cost.
What will it cost?

- Participation in the 2019 ISC programme costs £2,250 per student.

- A non-refundable acceptance fee of £250 is necessary to secure your place on an ISC.

- A payment plan of two further £1,000 instalments is then implemented to allow you to spread the programme participation cost.

- You must pay in full before the departure date. Failure to pay will result in you being withdrawn from the programme.

What is included in the cost:
- International flights
- Tuition fees
- Transfer to and from airport in host country
- Travel insurance
- Entry tickets
- Accommodation
- Some meals

What is not included in the cost:
- Visa
- Spending money
- Travel to and from airport in the UK
- Vaccinations
Bursaries

- Each year there are a limited number of bursaries you can apply for towards the cost of the Study Centre.

- These are highly competitive and will be distributed on a needs basis. They are evaluated by a bursary case submitted as part of your application.

- Previous award amounts have been between £500 and £2000.

- Bursary offers will be made at the same time as offers on the programme (see application and deadlines).

Admission criteria

- International Study Centres are open to all York students, including final year, masters, postgraduates and distance learners.

- You do not need any prior knowledge of the topic and it doesn’t need to be linked to your degree. It is a chance to learn something from a different perspective, something completely different, and/or about a country that interests you.

- Students must be of good academic standing.

- A reference is requested from your supervisor as part of the application process.
Application and deadlines

- The application is online at [york.ac.uk/globalyou](http://york.ac.uk/globalyou) via the How to Apply tab.

- Applications for 2019 close on Wednesday 6 February at 1pm.

- The application is a number of personal statement type questions. We recommend that you write your answers to these questions in a Word document before you copy them into the application.

- Shortlisted applications will be invited for a 10 minute interview. (Skype or phone interviews will only be offered to distance learners or students on placements).

- Interviews will take place between 20 and 26 February 2019, with a first pre-departure workshop on Wednesday 6 March.
Pre-departure

- There are three pre-departure workshops scheduled in the spring and summer terms, where you will be told all the information you require for the trip. They are mandatory and will be held on Wednesday 6 March, 1 and 8 May (all in the afternoon).

- Topics will include (amongst others) vaccinations, visas, free insurance provided by the University, flight details and group risk assessment.

- You will also have a chance to meet the rest of the group going on the trip and the York team leader who will also accompany the group.
For more information

- Contact summer-abroad@york.ac.uk
- Speak to our peer advisor Emily who has been on an ISC global-peer-advisors@york.ac.uk
- Visit one of the following events to speak to us in person:
  - International Study Centre information session – Wednesday 14 November, 1.15-2.15pm, Derwent (D/L/047)
  - Summer Opportunities Fair – Wednesday 23 January, 1-3pm, James Hall