

## AFRICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT HONORS 4260: DEMOCRACY IN GHANA

### FALL 2012

The **African Democracy Project** at Wayne State University was launched in 2009. The project includes a series of seminar courses designed to give students a richer understanding of politics, society and culture in Africa. Students from previous seminars have visited Mozambique, Botswana and Liberia.

By exploring significant events and political struggles in emerging African nations, the **African Democracy Project** allows Wayne State students to understand how African citizens view and practice democracy.

### **African Democracy Project: Ghana – Fall 2012**

For Fall 2012, the African Democracy Project will focus on democracy in Ghana. Students selected to participate in the course will experience a semester of intensive study of the challenges of democratization in Ghana. Dr. Ronald Brown, Associate Professor, Political Science, is the co-instructor for the course. As part of the course, students will accompany Wayne State University President Emeritus Irvin D. Reid and Professor Brown on a 10 – 14 day trip to Ghana in December 2012 during the presidential election.

In preparation for the trip to Ghana, students will study contemporary Ghanaian history and contemporary issues in African politics. Particular attention will be devoted to exploring civic-based organizations, health care organizations, religious communities, political parties, and university student organizations. Students will have an opportunity to examine the crucial roles of healthcare, education, and religion as well as the traditional status of women in Ghanaians' political dialogue. Other topics of special interest to course participants might also be explored.

### Course meeting time

Monday, 1 – 4 p.m., Conference Room, Eugene Applebaum Chair in Community Engagement, 5057 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2022

### **About the foreign study**

The foreign study will be based in Ghana's capital city of Accra and the neighboring city of Cape Coast. Travel to rural areas will also be included as part of active field research. Students will meet with national and local government and political party officials, election officials and representatives of non-governmental organizations. Students may also visit the campuses of the University of Ghana and the University of Cape Coast. Students will play a major role in selecting and arranging interviews in Ghana. Field study will be highlighted by the national elections in Ghana, which are scheduled for December 7, 2012.

Throughout the course, students will document and reflect on their experiences through film, blogging and journaling. Course participants will also engage in a service learning experience with a community service organization in Metro Detroit or in Ghana.

## Application requirements

Admission to the course is by application only. A faculty reference is required. Application is open to students in all majors, schools and colleges who meet the following criteria:

- Solid academic standing
- Junior or senior status in Fall 2012 preferred but not essential
- Valid passport, or commitment to obtain one by August 2012
- A commitment to attend **every class session** beginning August 20, 2012, including sessions that may fall outside the regular schedule
- A commitment to complete all required training in human research protections before August 20, 2012
- Ability to travel for up to two weeks during the fall semester. This means that you will be missing some of your other classes. Upon your request, we will provide a letter of support to help you ask your other instructors to accommodate your absence, but you must obtain their consent in order to travel for this course.

Applications are due by 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 8. Completed applications and supporting documentation should be delivered to:

Michael Hicks  
Associate Director  
Forum on Contemporary Issues in Society  
Wayne State University  
5057 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2022  
Detroit, MI 48202

## Travel requirements

### Travel documentation

All foreigners entering Ghana must have a valid passport and entry Visa. You can apply for a passport at many Post Offices or through the State Department's website. The current passport fee is \$110, with an acceptance fee of \$25. Visit [usps.com](http://usps.com) or [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for more details. The African Democracy Project will coordinate the Visa application process. Students will be responsible for the \$60 visa application fee.

### Vaccinations

The Center for Disease Control and prevention divides vaccines for travel into three categories: routine, recommended, and required. While your doctor will tell you which ones you should have, it is best to be aware of them ahead of time. International Health Regulations require that visitors to Ghana receive vaccination for Yellow Fever. Please visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) for details about routine and recommended vaccinations.

Vaccinations for Yellow Fever are available at the Campus Health Center. Student discounts are available. Please call (313) 577-5041 or visit [health.wayne.edu](http://health.wayne.edu) for more information.

## Program costs

Each accepted and enrolled student must contribute \$3,000 toward trip expenses.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <u>Included</u></li><li>– Roundtrip airfare</li><li>– Foreign lodging</li><li>– Group tours (designated by course)</li><li>– Ground transportation in host country</li><li>– International travel health insurance</li><li>– One daily meal</li><li>– Administrative expenses</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <u>Not included</u></li><li>– Cost of tuition</li><li>– Passport application fees</li><li>– Visa application fees</li><li>– Vaccinations</li><li>– Additional daily meals</li><li>– Spending money</li></ul> |
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## Payment schedule

Students accepted into the course are required to submit a deposit of \$ 200 to secure their seat in the program. The remaining \$ 2,800 is payable in four equal installments.

<i>June 1</i>	<i>\$ 200</i>	<i>Deposit, after acceptance</i>
<i>July 20</i>	<i>\$ 700</i>	<i>First payment installment due</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>\$ 700</i>	<i>Second of four installments due</i>
<i>September 20</i>	<i>\$ 700</i>	<i>Third of four installments due</i>
<i>October 20</i>	<i>\$ 700</i>	<i>Final payment installment due</i>
<i>Total payments</i>	<i>\$ 3,000</i>	

## Summary of key dates

- March 27                      Application materials available
- May 8                            Application deadline
- May 14 (week of)            Applicant interviews
- May 21 (week of)            Decision notices mailed
- August 12                      Course orientation dinner
- August 13 (week of)        Pre-course interviews
- August 20                      First regular course meeting, deadline for proof of passport  
    Deadline to complete certification for research of human subjects
- September 3                   Proof of required vaccinations
- September 17                Visa applications to be submitted
- December 3                   Tentative departure date
- December 16                 Tentative return date

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For more information about the course contact Ronald E. Brown, Associate Professor of Political Science at [rbrown@wayne.edu](mailto:rbrown@wayne.edu) or Michael Hicks, Associate Director of FOCIS at [focis@wayne.edu](mailto:focis@wayne.edu).