



COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

URBAN IMMERSION – ACCRA

Onsite portion of class **January 19 to 28, 2024**

Online portion of class **begins January 2, 2024**

This course is designed to provide students with a theological and practical experience learning how to provide transformational leadership and ministry in a city with an incredible history. Beginning in the late thirteenth century, Ghana was inhabited by a number of ancient kingdoms, including the inland Kingdom of Ashanti and various Fante states along the coast of Ghana was known as the Gold Coast. During the 16th century Ghana (Gold Coast) became a principal source of slaves for the “new world” overshadowing trading for gold with many slaves transported from several ports including the Jamestown port in Accra to Jamestown in Virginia, USA and other parts of the “new world.” Accra became the capital of the nation in 1877 and contains a number of public buildings reflecting its transition from a nineteenth-century suburb of Victoriasborg to the modern metropolis it is today. Today, Accra is one of the wealthiest and most modern cities in the African continent, with a high quality of living by African standards. However, as with many large cities there are also slums, congestion, pollution, and desperate poverty. Students will encounter a diversity of lectures, visit and tour various locations in the city of Accra and Cape Coast, Ghana. Afterwards, students will be able to investigate, evaluate, strategize, and develop solutions for how to provide leadership and ministries in their own context based on their experience in Accra and Cape Coast. This course will emphasize the eight perspectives of transformational leadership at BGU.

Site Coordinator

Dr. Kofi Osei-Kusi is the Site Coordinator for this class. He is your go-to person! Please be sure you are communicating with him about your flight itinerary, hotel reservation, whether you have any food allergies, etc. He is assisted by **Ms. Hulda Antwi** (Travel & Logistics Coordinator). Their contact information are as follows:

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The following information in reference to the above course was updated **September 26, 2022** (this date will be changed if new information has been added).

Students To Do List

1. Make your own air and ground arrangements. You may contact BGU's site coordinator to assist you in making hotel reservations. Note: We highly recommend that you make your reservation at the Peach View Hotel because most of our meetings will take place there. We will depart from Peach View Hotel for all tours and visits and will meet here daily for Spiritual Formation and several of the lectures and classroom activities. It will be most convenient if you would stay at this location. Should the Peach View be fully booked, we recommend Sonia Hotel (Option 2) which is about a 10-minute walk away from Peach View. The hotel information is provided further in the information sheet.
2. Email or fax the following information to Site Coordinator as soon as possible:
 - Flight Itinerary
 - Picture page of your passport
 - Your cell and WhatsApp number
 - Copy of your yellow fever vaccination card (see details under "Shots" below)
 - Any food allergies
 - Special diets (vegan, etc.)
3. Check in your country whether you need a visa to enter Ghana. Please contact Dr. Kofi Osei-Kusi info@panafricanleadership.institute if you need a letter of invitation for a visa.

Flight Information

Students are responsible for making their own air travel. Please be advised, if you are not a citizen of Ghana, advance planning is key. Rules and regulations on entering Ghana will depend upon the country in which you reside. Visit <https://ghanaembassydc.org/entryrequirements/> for current travel rules. If you need help with travel reservations, the Travel & Logistics Coordinator (Ms. Hulda) can help.

Local Airport: **Kotoka International Airport.** **Airport code: ACC**

Low Airfares: If you are looking for economically feasible air prices, try:

www.cheapfares.com
<https://www.expedia.com/>
<https://www.flyex.com/>
<https://www.kayak.com/flights>
www.orbitz.com
<http://www.missionaryairfaresearch.com>

Direct flights from USA to Accra include:

United (from Washington DC to Accra) <https://www.united.com/en-us/flights-to-ghana>
Delta (from New York) <https://www.delta.com/us/en/flight-deals/africa-flights/flights-to-accra>

Insurance: Flight or travel insurance is not included in your tuition. Students must obtain their own travel insurance through their airline or see <https://ghanaembassydc.org/entryrequirements/>

VISA

Entering Ghana: If you are *not* a Ghanaian citizen, the country in which you reside will determine your need for a visa. Please contact Dr. Kofi Osei-Kusi info@panafricanleadership.institute if you will need a letter of invitation for your application.

Travel Document Systems: A self-help online option is <https://ghanaembassydc.org/entryrequirements/>

Shots

COVID-19: The COVID-19 epidemic has had a major impact on international travel. The situation regarding requirements to travel to and from Ghana are subject of change, depending on the actual situation of the COVID-19 infections. Please check the current situation by going to <https://www.gcaa.com.gh/web/>

Yellow Fever: All travelers (including those coming from countries with no risk to yellow fever) to Ghana are required to have a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate or records indicating their protection from yellow fever. Please find more details at <https://ghanaembassydc.org/inoculations/>

For US students: At least one month before the trip, go to www.cdc.gov or call (800) 232-4636 for immunizations recommended for the Accra region. Consult your doctor to determine, from your medical records, which vaccinations you need prior to your trip. Most state and local health departments offer discounted vaccinations.

Hotels

Students are responsible for their own housing reservations and payment.

Hotel Options:

Option 1

Peach View Hotel & Apartments

Address: 1 Peach Ave, Accra

Phone: +233 27 410 0244

Website: <https://peachviewhotel.com/>

Cost: from \$80.00 per night for one

**We have negotiated for two students to share a standard room at a rate of \$45 per night each.*

Contact our Travel & Logistics Coordinator (Ms. Hulda) if you have a colleague you wish to share a room with.



Located only 4km from the Kotoka International Airport, Peach View Hotel & Apartments provide accommodation with free WiFi. Every unit features a private bathroom and bath, air conditioning, a flat-screen TV and a fridge. Some units include a dining area and/or a balcony. Full English and American breakfast options are available daily at the apartment. The restaurant at Peach View Hotel and Apartments serves African, local and international cuisine. A kiddie pool is also available for guests at the accommodation. **Airport pickup and drop-off can be arranged at \$30.**

Option 2

Sonia Hotel

Address: 9 Hibiscus Ave, Accra

Phone: +233 30 296 9408

Website: https://soniahotelgh.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral

Costs: \$100.00 per night

This hotel is a 3-minute drive by Cab/Uber and a 10-minute walk away from Peach View Hotel & Apartment. Airport pickup and drop-off can be arranged at \$30.



Set in Accra, 4 km from Kotoka International Airport, Sonia Hotel offers accommodation with an outdoor swimming pool, free private parking and a bar. This 2-star hotel offers room service and a concierge service. The accommodation features a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers, a shared kitchen and free WiFi throughout the property. The hotel provides guests with air-conditioned rooms offering a desk, a kettle, a fridge, a safety deposit box, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with a shower. The units feature a wardrobe.

Option 3

Ampomaah Tourist Hotel

Address: 33 Boundary Rd, Accra

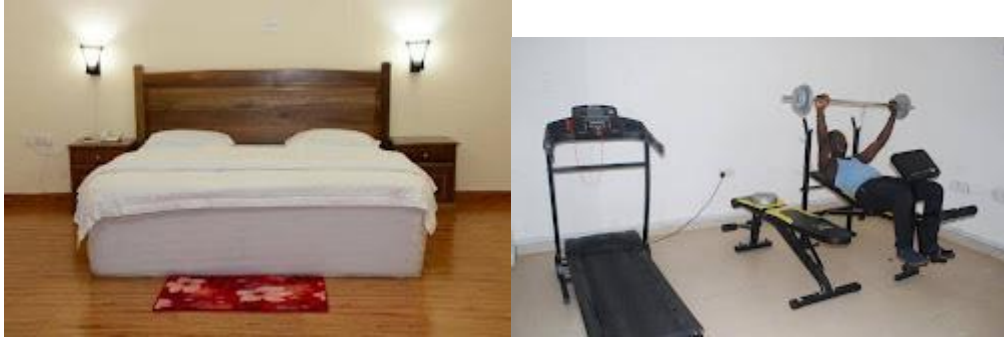
Phone: +233 30 250 7487

Website: https://ampomaah-tourist-hotel.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral

Costs: \$50.00 per night

Photos:





Situated in Accra, 4 km from Kotoka International Airport, Ampomaah Hotel features accommodation with a fitness centre, free private parking, a restaurant and a bar. With free WiFi, this 1-star hotel offers room service and a 24-hour front desk. Each room includes a balcony with views of the city. The hotel will provide guests with air-conditioned rooms with a desk, a kettle, a fridge, a dishwasher, a safety deposit box, a flat-screen TV, a terrace and a private bathroom with a shower. At Ampomaah Hotel rooms have bed linen and towels. Guests at the accommodation can enjoy a continental breakfast.

This hotel is a 4-minute drive by Cab/Uber and a 14-minute walk away from Peach View Hotel. Airport pickup and drop-off can be arranged at \$30

Other Hotel Options:

Accra Marriott Hotel

Address: Liberation Road, Accra

Website: <https://www.marriott.com>

Phone: +233 30 273 8000

Rate: \$348

11-minute drive away from Peach View Hotel

Holiday Inn

Address: **Plot 19 & 20, Accra**

Phone: +233 30 274 0930

Address: <https://www.holidayinn.com>

11 Rate: \$193

13-minute drive away from Peach View Hotel

TOMERIK Hotel

Address: JRJG+MVR, Lagos Ave, Accra

Phone: +233 50 156 5638

Website: <http://www.tomreikhotel.com/>

RATE : \$120 per night

7minutes drive away from Peach View Hotel

Immersion Gatherings

Our Central Immersion location for daily gatherings during the immersion will be at the Peach View Hotel. Some events will be held at the other locations. Check your schedule.

Peach View Hotel

Address: 1 Peach Ave, Accra

Phone: +233 27 410 0244

Ground Transportation

Students are responsible for making their own ground travel arrangements to and from the Kotoka International Airport (ACC). Contact the hotel that you booked a day before you arrive and additionally, notify the Travel & Logistics Coordinator (Ms. Hulda).

Plan your flight to arrive by the evening of Friday, January 19, 2024, at the latest. Class begins at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 20th. Plan your return travel to be no earlier than Sunday, January 28th at noon. The last gathering of the immersion will conclude at 12:00 pm on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

Uber, Bolt or Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport. Please note that taxis are relatively expensive in Accra. Depending on where your hotel is located, the costs might be between \$15.00-20.00 per ride. Uber or Bolt can be used as well in Accra.

Please Note: If you do not stay at the Peach View Hotel & Apartments (Option 1), you will have to arrange for your transportation to the hotel or to the scheduled location. You should plan to pay additional transportation costs to cover this.

Fees

Your account balance must be paid in full (including the Administration Fees) not later than two weeks prior to class start date.

- **Onsite Administrative Fee** of \$450.00 covers the costs associated with this course that are outside of the normal tuition, such as transportation costs, and entrance fees to venues.
- **Spouse:** If your spouse will be accompanying you, the cost is \$950.00 (This includes the above-mentioned administrative fee).
- **Auditor:** To attend as an auditor, your cost is \$950.00 (This includes the above-mentioned administrative fee).

General Information

- **Course Schedule:** Class starts on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm and concludes on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 12:00 pm. The daily schedule will be from approximately 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with some evening events.
- **Packing:** BGU advises only *one* suitcase and *one* carry-on per person. Most often you will be carrying your own bags. Plan to carry on essentials, i.e. a change of clothes, medication, etc. in case your luggage does not arrive with you.
- **Clothing:** Dress is generally casual. Average temperatures in January is 76° – 89° F (25C – 31C) degrees. Good walking/hiking shoes are a *must* for city excursions.
- **Extra Spending Money:** Not all meals are covered in your Admin Fee. Each student should have extra cash or an ATM card available prior to arriving. You can pay almost everything with your credit / bank card, so you do not have to carry much cash. Currency exchange is available at the airport upon arrival and at the A&C Mall which is a 3-minute walk from the Peach View Hotel. Since not all meals are included in your Admin Fee, you

can estimate an additional USD **\$25-40 per day** to cover extra costs. *Please email the Site Coordinator with any food allergies you have.*

- **Internet:** You can purchase a chip/sim card for your phone so that you have extra data from the Internet, which you can purchase at the airport. All three hotels offer free Internet.