FAQs

INTB 255: Doing Business Internationally – Ghana Study Tour

1. **Who is eligible to apply for the study tour offered by School of Business?**
   
   To be eligible, students must have:
   
   a) a GPA of 2.0 or higher for the Winter 2020 term (i.e., be in good academic standing)
   b) completed 24 MacEwan University or post-secondary transfer credits by time of application (subject to Chair approval if student has completed less than 24 credits)

   **Note:** Students who have already taken a study tour course must have a 75% or higher in their professionalism/contribution component on previous study tours to be eligible to apply.

2. **I am pursuing my degree with a block transfer from a business diploma; will I get credit for this course?**
   
   You will need special permission from the Chair to have this elective count in your degree. Please see an advisor for help with this process.

3. **Where does the study tour take place?**
   
   The study tour will take place in Ghana and primarily in Accra, the capital of Ghana.

4. **I’m not a business student, can I still apply?**
   
   Yes, if you meet the requirements noted in question 1. Please confirm with a program advisor that this course can be used as credit towards your program of study.

5. **This is the last course I need to graduate. Upon successful completion, can I graduate in the spring (June) convocation?**
   
   No. Because this course is a Spring/Summer course, you will not be able to graduate in Spring (June) convocation. Instead, you will need to apply for Fall (November) convocation.

6. **When does the study tour course take place?**
   
   The study tour to Ghana is tentatively scheduled to take place from April 27th, 2020 to May 6th, 2020. Depart April 26th the latest, arrive April 27th. It takes at least 21 hours (including layover) to arrive in Ghana. The total actual flights duration is about 14 hours. Depart Ghana on May 6th.

7. **How do I apply for the study tour?**
   
   Application forms are available from the Student Services’ Centre (5-238) or online at [www.macewan.ca/businessabroad](http://www.macewan.ca/businessabroad). Submit completed applications (hard copy or electronic) and a **$1,000** non-refundable deposit (certified cheque or money order only) made out to “MacEwan University” and send to Colin Macdonald  ([MacdonaldC@macewan.ca](mailto:MacdonaldC@macewan.ca), Room: 7-252C, Phone number: 780-633-3215), and CC Dr. Noufou Ouedraogo [ouedraogon@macewan.ca](mailto:ouedraogon@macewan.ca) by **Friday 14 February 2020**. Late applications will be placed on a wait list. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

8. **When will I be notified if I’m accepted for the study tour?**
   
   You will be notified of final acceptance on or before **Monday 02 March 2020**. Should you not be accepted into the program, your deposit payment will be returned to you.

9. **How much will the School of Business study tour cost?**
   
   Last year, the total out-of-pocket cost was approximately **$3,000 + tuition + flight** (students book return flight
10. What’s included in the cost?
The cost includes hotel accommodation in all destinations, all breakfasts, a few dinners, transportation within and between cities, and admission to pre-scheduled business and cultural activities/visits.

11. What’s not included in the cost?
Costs for overseas return flights, obtaining passports, visas, insurance, inoculations, transport to/from the Edmonton airport, lunches and most dinners, and spending money are not included in the cost.

12. What’s expected of me abroad?
Students are expected to attend all academic, business and cultural sessions. Students are ambassadors for MacEwan University, Alberta and Canada and expected to behave and dress in culturally appropriate ways. Students are also expected to fulfil the course requirements, including completing the course assignments.

13. Is there a lot of free time?
Students will have some free time in each of the destinations to explore on their own. Generally, students will have evenings off.

14. Do I need a visa?
Yes. Please see the following links for instructions on how to apply for a visa.... International students should ensure they have a valid study permit to return to Canada. 
https://ghc-ca.com/consular-matters/entry-requirements/
Required Information will be provided to support the students visa application process.

15. How many students can attend the study tour?
12 students.

16. Where will I be staying?
Accommodation will be in shared rooms (2 per room, sex segregated) in 3-4 star hotels and guest lodges. Breakfast will be included each morning.

17. Do I need to purchase insurance?
Yes, if you are not already covered under an insurance policy. Please note that your MacEwan Students’ Association insurance does not provide sufficient coverage.

18. I have special dietary restrictions - can I still apply for the study tour?
Special dietary needs or restrictions will not prevent you from participating in the study tour. However, it is your responsibility to determine which foods are permissible for you to eat abroad. Please discuss serious dietary restrictions with the faculty members leading the study tour.