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Program Description

Using primatological research as a point of entry, this Group Study Program to Ghana provides an opportunity to experience diverse habitats and encounter groups of organisms not common in North America. It not only covers logistical components of research such as study design, data collection and analysis, but it also examines the human pressures occurring in this part of the world and the consequent conservation issues that arise. Those interested in Biology, Psychology, Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Design can also benefit from this program.

Participants will travel to Ghana to work in the Boabeng Fiema Monkey Sanctuary, which is home to two species of monkeys. The close proximity of the sanctuary to the villages of Boabeng and Fiema allows participants to learn about local culture of the area through regular interactions.

Students will learn through observation about primate behavior and they will practice census and ecological data collection techniques. Field trips to National Parks and community-based conservation projects are planned.

Itinerary

First week of May: A review of key primatological concepts, development of a small research project, and an introduction to the field work in Africa, as well as cultural and health related issues.

Day 1-3: Travel to Elmina through Accra
Day 4: Drive from Elmina to Boabeng Fiema Monkey Sanctuary.
Day 5: Introduction to site and first visit of forest
Day 6: Introduction to study groups, main tree species and trail system of the forest.
Day 7-25: During this period, students typically work in the forest from 8-12, rest until 14hr and then go back into the forest from 14-18hr. The group remains at the sanctuary during most of this period. Students will train in data collection and start implementing their research project. Field trips to Mole National Park and Tanaboase will further expose participants to the ecology of Ghana.

Final Day: Return to Calgary. Paper due later in summer.

Cost

The estimated cost of the Primatology Studies in Ghana Group Study Program is approximately $7498 This includes tuition, airfare, accommodations and meals.

Course Information

ANTH 505: Independent Studies (half course)
ANTH 552: Field Studies in Primatology—Ghana (full course)
ANTH 553: Primate Behaviour Research Design (half course)