

Sankofa Semester Abroad

Fall 2023 GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Live 10 weeks abroad!



Travel Dates: October 23, 2023 – December 27, 2023



ABOUT SANKOFA SEMESTER IN GHANA

Sankofa Semester Abroad is a hybrid, integrated global education model of the Peralta Community College District. This program is open to all undergraduate and graduate level students. Led by the Laney College Department of Dance and the Peralta Office of International Education in collaboration with the University of Cape Coast Ghana, SANKOFA SEMESTER IN GHANA is an academic-bearing, multi-disciplinary internship and study abroad program for students, faculty, and community. Prior to travel, participants will enroll in a total of 6-12 undergraduate, asynchronous online semester units, selected from the SANKOFA

SEMESTER INTEGRATED COURSE LIST-see *"Course Enrollment Requirements*. Participants will attend virtual orientations and choose a service-learning/internship project to complete while in Ghana. Students may enroll in a maximum of 12 UC/CSU transferable undergraduate units.

PERALTA COLLEGES DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR DISABILITY.

PROGRAM COST- \$8,150

This is a long-term, intensive program whereby study abroad is made affordable as most academic-bearing programs of this length and depth average \$20,000 or more.

INCLUDES: Round-trip airfare is included! Plus accommodations; ground transportation/tour bus; all meals; 24/7guides; field excursions; service learning materials.

DOES NOT INCLUDE: passport; visa; travel immunizations/insurance, or course Fees. Participants are financially responsible for all program fees and related expenses. Upon acceptance into the program, participants must adhere to all document submission and payment schedule. *(See links below for application and deposit timelines.)*

DEPOSIT TIMELINES:

APPLICATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Complete online "Application of Interest"- Click here!
[SANKOFA SEMESTER INTEREST FORM](#)
- [Review Payment Terms & Conditions-](#) Contact Andrea Lee or Drew Gephart for payment deadlines.



COURSE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

You must be enrolled in a college or university during the Fall 2023 semester in order to participate. Students will select and enroll in a maximum of 12 online semester units from the SANKOFA SEMESTER INTEGRATED ONLINE COURSE LIST. All courses identified on the course list for this program are CSU/UC transferable. Courses are asynchronous with no Zoom meeting requirements.

<https://laney.edu/dance/semester-in-ghana/>



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The online course options include several General Ed options. SANKOFA SEMESTER online instructors may modify various assignments to align with the study abroad program and learning experiences in Ghana. Students will have access to the internet while in Ghana but must bring their own laptops. Study abroad faculty in Ghana will assist in monitoring student's study time for class-related work, however, it is up to each student to complete all course requirements.

FALL 2023 SANKOFA SEMESTER INTEGRATED COURSE LIST

All participants, including non-Peralta students, must enroll in DANCE 007- *Global Perspectives through Dance Study Abroad*, 5 units-offered through Laney College. Students who are on a SEP Student Education Plan are advised to meet with a counselor to discuss best options that align with their college and career goals, and to check for course transferability. More courses may be added to the list in the future so please check the [Peralta study abroad website](#) for more details. Course registration will begin March 2023. **The full Sankofa Semester Online Integrated Course List list will become available in mid-December, 2022.

What if I want to enroll in an online course that is not listed on the SANKOFA SEMESTER COURSE LIST?

You may enroll in a course from a non-Peralta institution upon the following conditions:

1. The online course must be asynchronous with no Zoom/online/face-to-face meeting requirements.
2. The course schedule may not interfere with your ability to fulfill the SANKOFA SEMESTER IN GHANA program requirements.
3. The online course dates must fall between August 10, 2023 - December 16, 2023.
4. Show proof of enrollment into the required Peralta course, "Dance Perspectives Abroad."
5. Show proof of enrollment into the non-Peralta course no less than four weeks prior to travel.

I am a faculty member. How can I get involved?

If you are a faculty member at a public higher education institution in California and wish to have your online course be offered through our SANKOFA SEMESTER INTEGRATED COURSE LIST, please contact Drew Gephart, International Services Manger PCCD, dgephart@peralta.edu or Dr. Andrea Lee, SANKOFA SEMESTER Program Lead, avlee@peralta.edu.

SERVICE-LEARNING & INTERNSHIPS

Service-learning and internships help students deepen connections with their global community. These experiences add to student's critical thinking and intercultural communication development-skills highly sought by employers. It is through meaningful learning outside of the classroom structure whereby students thrive.

SANKOFA SEMESTER IN GHANA service-learning and internship pathway options include:

- rural and urban community health
- social justice
- gender dynamics in education
- music & dance
- business & entrepreneurship
- folk art traditions
- communication arts (social media, journalism)

SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Sankofa Semester in Ghana is a full cultural immersion program that includes research field trips to the following environmental, historical, and cultural landmarks:

- WEB Dubois Center for Pan African Culture
- Cape Coast and Elmina Slave Dungeons
- Laribanga Mosque-one of West Africa’s oldest structures located in Ghana’s Northern Region
- Manhyia Palace in the Ashanti Region
- Urban and rural village communities
- African Free Trade House and multiple thriving business industries
- K-12 schools and universities
- Eating delicious food, taking in reflection moments along serene ocean views, participating in cultural festivals, learning a new language, and interacting with the locals are a natural part of the SANKOFA SEMESTER IN GHANA cultural immersion process.

Pre-Travel Orientation Sessions & INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)

Pre-travel orientations include steps to help students navigate CANVAS, Peralta’s online course management system. Participation in pre-travel orientations are required. Informational sessions will provide participants with an overview of the history and culture of Ghana and information about travel requirements. Other topics include health abroad, budget planning, positive group dynamics, mitigating culture shock, and more! Students must attend a total of three orientations prior to departure. Each session must be cleared as “complete.” Attendance at Orientation/Informational meetings will be taken. Students may attend virtually or in-person.

FALL 2022 VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS:	SPRING 2023 VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS:
<i>Saturday, November 19th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</i>
<i>Saturday, December 3rd, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Thursday, February 2nd, 6:00 - 8:00 PM</i>
<i>Saturday, December 17th, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM</i>	<i>Saturday, February 4th, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</i>

SPRING 2023 IN-PERSON INFORMATION SESSIONS: (SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY IN LIVE TIME.)

Location: D100, Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94607 D-100 is located under the breezeway from the 7th or 10th street side.

Session I- Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Session II- Thursday, February 2nd, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Session III- Saturday, February 4th, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

ZOOM LINK FOR ALL SESSIONS!

<https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/j/89407939491?pwd=ROZYcFBUVGI5MmZEM3RmK25nb0hkdz09>

SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDRAISING: THIS PROGRAM IS ALREADY OFFERED AT A GREATLY DISCOUNTED RATE!

For information on available scholarships, please visit the Peralta Study Abroad Scholarship Information page.

<https://www.peralta.edu/study-abroad/financial-aid-scholarships>



SANKOFA SEMESTER IN GHANA CONTACT

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