Major/Minor: __Anthropology___

Country: ____Ghana___ Program: __University of Ghana______Term & Year Abroad: Yearlong 2009-2010

Instructors
- What were they like when compared to UCSB instructors?
  They almost never used any visual aids. They only dictated notes in lectures.

- Could you call them by their first names?
  Only some of them

- Was the student/instructor relationship more formal than at UCSB?
  yes

- Were they available for help during office hours?
  Usually no

Courses
- Were the courses more difficult when compared to UCSB courses?
  no

- Was the grading system similar to UCSB?
  no

- How did the course structure differ? Ex) did you have many assigments or just finals?
  Just finals

- Did you have oral and/or written exams?
  Written exams

- Was the final exam schedule flexible or inflexible?
  Inflexible

- What kind of academic support, if any, did you receive?
  none

- Did you find you needed to be more independent and take more initiative abroad?
  yes

- Was classroom participation expected?
  no

- How were the host university courses different than UCSB courses?
  Course material was often outdated. Creativity is not encouraged.

- Were classes usually on certain days/times and for how long?
  Classes were on once a week for 2 hours.

- What is the class culture like? How important was it to be punctual? Could you eat/drink in class?
  It was not important to be punctual. You could eat/drink in class.
Language
- In which languages were the courses offered?
  English

- What language did you take your courses in?
  English

- If you took your courses in a foreign language, please provide info about your overall experience, difficulty of courses, language acquisition, placement exams, etc.

Host University
- How large is the university? Student enrollment and approx campus size (smaller than UCSB)? Is it an urban campus with many tall buildings or just a few building?
  Much bigger than UCSB
  It is an urban campus with many buildings.

- Do the local students live on campus, at home, or off campus?
  Most local students live on campus. Few live at home or off campus.

- If not located in the city center,
  o How far or close is it to the city?
    About 5km from the city center
  o What type of public transportation could you take – cost?
    Trotro - $0.15-$0.50
  o Could students take cabs -cost?
    Yes - $1-$5
  o How long would it take to get to the city center?
    30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the traffic

- Are there student clubs on campus that UC students could join?
  yes

- Is there a bookstore on campus? Where did you get your books?
  yes

- Is there a computer lab on campus? Or, should students bring laptops?
  Yes, but it is more convenient to have your own laptop.

- What types of establishments are in the university’s neighborhood? (cafes, stores, etc)
  Restaurants, markets, stores, cafes

Housing
- What types of accommodations are available to UC students?
  dormitory

- How close are they to campus?
15 minutes walk

- **How did you find your housing?**
  EAP study center arranged it.

- **Where did you live and with whom?**
  International Student Hostel with a Ghanaian roommate

- **If you lived off campus, was it difficult to find an apartment and roommate?**

- **Were the rooms nicer or not than I.V./UCSB dorms?**
  not

- **Was it more expensive than living in I.V.? How much was a typical rent cost in US dollars?**
  Much cheaper; $50

- **How/who did you pay for housing?**
  The rent was included in the EAP fees.

**Food**

- **What was the food like?**
  Spicy, plain, unhygienic, fresh

- **Where did you eat most of your meals? Cafeterias, restaurants, street vendors, etc?**
  Street vendors

- **How much was an average meal?**
  $1.00

- **What time of day did people eat lunch/dinner?**
  1:00pm/6:00pm

- **Would it be difficult for vegetarians to find meals?**
  Very difficult

**Travel/Safety**

- **If not discussed above, describe the public transportation system around your host university/city?**

- **Did you feel safe in your host city? Are there tips you would offer future students?**
  Yes. Beware of whom you make friends. There are professional friends.

- **Describe the public transportation in your host country?**
  Trotro: a mini-van that charges passengers for a very cheap price

- **Was it difficult/easy to travel to neighboring countries?**
  easy
Host City/Country
- What was the weather like?
  Hot, humid, sunny

- Describe your host city…which California/US city is it similar to (if any)?
  Accra is very different from any U.S. city. It is very crowd. Sanitary standard is very low, i.e. trashes are everywhere. Traffic is horrible almost all the times.

- What were some interesting/fun things that you did in the host city?
  Bargain in the markets. Talk to random strangers and visit their home.

- How international was your host city in terms of tourism, cultural diversity, and international businesses?
  It was very international. There are Americans, Canadians, Europeans, and Asians.

Culture
- Describe the cultural differences that you observed/encountered.
  o Time & punctuality
    People are always late.
  o Eye contact & staring
    It’s rude to stare.
  o Relationships
    People are very cordial.
  o More formal dress in general, for women, for school, etc?
    Women should dress appropriately.
  o Alcohol consumption
    Rare for most Ghanaians
  o What culture shock did you go through?
    Too many
  o Other?

Banking
- Were credit cards widely accepted?
  Only in the mall

- Did you open a local bank account? Was it easy?
  Yes. Yes.

- If you did not open a local bank account, was it easy to withdraw money from the ATM?
  Which banks were popular & had low ATM fees?

- Were there ATMs on campus?
  Yes