

BASW PROGRAM: INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Michigan State University offers more than 275 programs in over 60 countries on all continents. Programs range in length from one to six weeks to a semester or an academic year, and they are offered during each session, including winter and spring break. For more information about University study abroad programs, please visit <http://www.studyabroad.isp.msu.edu>. To find information about a specific program, go to Search Programs and select countries of interest.

Students are encouraged to study abroad in Mexico through the University's Parks and Recreation program. Students are expected to take compatible coursework through that department and are placed in community agencies for the week they are in Mexico.

One of the School's longest-running international experiences is the summer program Social Development and Education: Perspectives from Ghana, also a two-stage approach. Following completion of a social work course, the four-week, in-country experience features a concentrated agency-based experience, lectures, field trips, and interactions with the people of Ghana.

Experiences in Ghana offer MSU students the opportunity to collaborate with students from the University of Ghana and other social service agencies in several communities around greater Accra, La, and Osu, made possible through an ongoing relationship with faculty at the University of Ghana and directors of various governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The School of Social Work Field Education office is working to develop international field placement opportunities for students to complete during their senior year practicum, allowing students to earn up to 10 credits for their experience abroad.

GHANA



MEXICO

Social workers require new levels of understanding and new models of practice if they are to contribute effectively toward the resolution of social problems that are rooted in worldwide social, political, and economic realities.... [These] must reflect an understanding of the transnational nature of the social problems that bring clients, client groups, and other constituencies to the attention of human service workers.

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