

Study Abroad in West Africa: *Benin, the Focal Point to the Americas*

Seminar in African and Diaspora Studies

This seminar takes place in Benin and Ghana in the center of the most intensive activities of the slave trade that populated the Americas with Africans. It is interdisciplinary. Participants will study the history, arts, institutions, social and economic conditions, which will provide an insight into transformations observable on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition to the lectures, excursions, site visits and home stay experience, participants will have free time for special interest acculturation. Each participant will also keep a journal identify a focus and, for academic credit, develop a substantial critical appraisal for a line of action based on the seminar.

LECTURES:

An Overview of the Blight of Benin
Benin, A Historical Sketch
Benin in the Era of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
From Gold to Slave Trade: Forts and Castles of Ghana
History of the Walls and Rampart of the Abomey Palaces.
African Heritage: Appreciation and Problems of Preservation
Contemporary Arts of the Republic of Benin
Women in Benin Society: Status and Issues; Social, Economic, Education and Health
Problems of Regional Economic Integration in West Africa
Democracy and Development: Benin in the context of the Region of West Africa
From Americas Back to Benin: the "Ritornados"

Research Experiences for Undergraduates 2002

Participants will receive a stipend of \$3,000

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) is pleased to announce the new Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program in Tropical Biology in Costa Rica for the summer of 2002. With funding from the National Science Foundation, the new OTS REU program will provide hands-on, field-oriented research experience to undergraduate students from throughout the United States. Please note that minority students are strongly encouraged to apply for this program.

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