COURSE DETAIL

GHANA'S FOREIGN POLICY
Country Ghana
Host Institution University of Ghana, Legon
Program(s) University of Ghana
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 116
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title GHANA'S FOREIGN POLICY
UCEAP Transcript Title GHANA S FOREIGN POL
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description
This course is designed to provide an overview of the historical evolution and current realities of Ghana foreign policy since independence. It seeks to: i) explore the substance, dynamics, and nuances of foreign policy under various governments, and ii) critically analyse and review the foreign policy formulation as well as the major factors that shaped the orientation of foreign policy in Ghana over the period. Through academic and popular readings, we will discuss the global dimensions of foreign policy decisions and the domestic forces that sometimes influence foreign policymaking in Ghana. The course begins with a review of contending theoretical perspectives and analytical overviews of what constitutes Ghana's 'National Interest'. Attention then switches to the historical overview of the country's foreign policy; that is, the challenges and prospects confronting Ghana as the first sub-Saharan African country to practice statecraft. This is followed by the central focus of the course: an examination of the major foreign policies implemented by various governments since 1957. The central concern here is to explore the extent to which the idiosyncrasy of leaders shapes the country's foreign policy; find out who are the major actors and what are the major determinants of Ghana's foreign policy orientation. Course Expectations: The primary goal of offering this course is the intellectual development of your knowledge and analytical ability in the realm of Ghana's external relations. Students are expected to have a general knowledge of world affairs, theories of international relations, considerable reading comprehension skills and analytical

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

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