German Swiss International School – Accra

The German Swiss International School is one of the 140 recognized German Schools Abroad which the Federal Republic of Germany founded together with local school associations in order to promote the German language and culture.

As an "Accredited German School Abroad" which is part of the network of German schools abroad, we offer our pupils a wide range of educational offers from kindergarten to the equivalent of the O-Level school leaving certificate, as well as the Cambridge Certificate. The school has a history of over 50 years. After a time characterized by changes, the school has currently developed into an international German school with pupils from various international backgrounds.

The history of the school dates back 50 years. The continual work on the further development of school, led to the school receiving the seal of "Excellent German School Abroad" in 2016 which was handed over by the president of the Federal Republic of Germany.

We are proud of our really nice, green school compound, the well-furnished classrooms and subject rooms, a wide range of extracurricular activities in sports, music, theatre and science and a team of teachers who are competent and engaged.

Goethe-Institut Ghana

Goethe-Institut Ghana, one of the numerous German Cultural Centres all over the world, has since its establishment in 1961 been providing an enabling environment for intercultural dialogue and engagement with art and knowledge of the German language.

The language department provides German language skills at various levels to students who want to further their education in Germany, people who want to join their families in Germany and those who wish to pursue a career with German companies and organizations in Ghana.

Over 4,000 Ghanaians have benefited from German language courses offered by the Institut over the past five years. Tuition times are quite flexible, which by and large enable all manner of students and workers to find suitable lessons.

It equally supports German clubs in selected senior high schools thereby taking the learning of German language directly to students. Indeed, a number of high schools have benefited from a Partner Schools for Future project, which supports the teaching of German, added Eva Asante, head of the language department.

The library is stocked with books on politics, history, literature, religion, applied sciences, architecture and other disciplines in English and German as well as audio visual facilities to aid in research and the learning of German language. It also has in stock movies, games, magazines and newspapers.

The DAAD – "Change by Exchange"

Since it was founded in 1925, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has funded around two million scholars in Germany and abroad. Its activities go far beyond simply awarding grants and scholarships. The DAAD supports the internationalisation of German universities, promotes German studies and the German language abroad, assists developing countries in establishing effective universities and advises decision makers on matters of cultural, education and development policy.

In 2016, more than 131,000 German and international scholars worldwide have received funding from the DAAD – making it the world’s largest funding organisation of its kind. The funding offers range from a year abroad for undergraduates to doctoral programmes, from internships to visiting lectureships, and from study visits to assisting with the establishment of new universities abroad. Independent selection committees made up of volunteer university staff decide on the grants.

The DAAD is represented in Ghana by the information Centre Accra (IC) which was established in October 2000. Since its establishment the IC has offered advice and information on all matters related to studying and doing research in Germany to thousands of Ghanaians and other West Africans. The IC offers information sessions every first Thursday of the month at 4pm which are open to everyone. Individual consultations can be booked on www.daad-ghana.org. All services are free of charge.

Learning German at Ghanaian institutions

University of Education Winneba (UEW)

The UEW offers B.A. courses in German Language Education as major or second area subject on two campuses in Winneba and Ajumako. Students learn German and study to become teachers with state-of-the-art teaching methods and an international team of highly qualified lecturers.

Further information: 054 7244520 or german-winneba@gmail.com

Ghana Institute of Languages (GIL)

The GIL, with its campuses in Accra and Kumasi, is a tertiary institution that offers proficiency courses in German. Students acquiring a Bachelor’s Degree in Translation can also study German as a second language.

Further information: www.gil.edu.gh

University of Cape Coast (UCC)

The German Club of UCC is very active and offers a German proficiency course to interested students.

Further information: 054 9892794

Testimonial by Mrs. Christine Bonsu, DAAD alumna in the EPOS scholarship scheme

My passion and keen interest in my research area began during my Bachelor’s Degree at Kwanu Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in the field of Development Planning in 2011. After a successful completion I was awarded a scholarship by the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) to pursue an International Joint Master of Science in Regional Development Planning and Management (SPRING) with the Technical University Dortmund in Germany and its partner universities in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Even though I had mixed feelings about it before my stay in Germany turned out to be a great experience. I arrived in Germany in winter 2013 and first joined a German Language course for six weeks before I commenced my Master programme.

Studying in Germany was a great milestone in my academic life and has massively improved my life positively. My stay in Germany offered me an international exposure to build up on my existing knowledge in a holistic manner. Experiencing the effective & efficient transport system in Germany whetted my appetite to do extensive research on sustainable transportation to help improve the transportation sector in Ghana and other developing and emerging economies in Africa.

Amidst all the serious academic work I also enjoyed the ‘fun part’ of travelling around Germany and other European countries for relaxation and site seeing and the parties with other SPRING students and their families & friends together with the lecturers in TU Dortmund.

Back in Ghana, I am putting the skills I acquired to use in my current position as the Sustainable Transport Solutions Manager for Scania West Africa Ltd. in Accra. My main responsibility is to implement the best practice low carbon bus and truck sales way of working in West Africa.

Recently I was selected for another scholarship to deepen and broaden my expertise: In October 2018 I will start my PhD study with the DLR Institute of Transport Research in Berlin, Germany.