THE PROGRAM
The GSUganda program provides an educational, applied, and cultural opportunity for up to 15 students interested in public health, research and practice in the epidemiology of alcohol use and alcohol-related harm (including violence, injuries, and HIV) in Uganda. Students will be introduced to public health issues from a global perspective although the focus will be primarily on Uganda and Eastern Africa. Through mentoring and hands-on experiential activities, students will gain invaluable knowledge and skills that will augment their academic preparations at GSU. The program builds on Prof. Swahn’s research in Uganda over the past 6 years and her current appointment as a Fulbright Scholar at Makerere University in Kampala.

The program contains coursework of the global epidemiology of alcohol use, particularly in vulnerable populations. The course will place special emphasis on the structural drivers of alcohol use and alcohol-related harm including injuries, violence and HIV primarily among youth and young adults in Uganda. Instructions will be provided by GSU professors and professors at Makerere University in Kampala, as well as by local Non-governmental Organizational partners who work in the alcohol prevention field or health promotion more broadly. Our key collaborator, the Makerere University is a flagship university in Eastern Africa. The university is considered highly prestigious and is very research active with substantial research funding from the U.S.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Participants will stay in comfortable, double-occupancy hotel rooms near our partner organizations and the city center of Kampala, Uganda. Final hotel selection has not been made yet.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

Tentative Itinerary
• Travel to Kampala, Uganda
• Participate in coursework on the global epidemiology of alcohol use in vulnerable populations
• Examine the structural drivers of alcohol use and alcohol-related harm including injuries, violence and HIV
• Interact with professors at Makerere University
• Engage with local Non-Governmental Organizational partners who work in prevention
• Guided tours of cultural sites
• Safari and visit to Equator
• Visit to a rural village and Uganda National Museum
• Boat ride on Lake Victoria and River Nile

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2016
ELIGIBILITY
No prerequisites required. Students from all disciplines are welcome to participate in the course, especially given that we will focus on cross cutting topics that include adolescent health, substance use, violence prevention, injury prevention, infectious diseases, sexual and reproductive health, health disparities, social determinants of health, geographic mapping, urban health, built environment, marketing, policy development and working with NGOs. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program’s courses will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students from all majors and degree programs are encouraged to apply. Non-Georgia State participants must first apply for transient student status through Georgia State. Following application, Georgia State and non-Georgia State students must meet with the program director, Prof. Monica Swahn for a 15-minute interview. Students must also meet with financial aid to ensure necessary funding. Students are encouraged to apply for the International Education Fee (IEF) and Global Experience Scholarships (GES) before February 14, 2017. Scholarship eligibility requirements may be found at the Georgia State study abroad website.

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST
Program cost may vary according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $4,500 PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

Program Cost Includes
- Round-trip airfare
- All ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Hotel/ Accommodation
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
- Georgia State University tuition and fees
- Passport and Visa fees
- Immunizations and health clearance
- Personal transportation
- Personal expenses and excess baggage

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
December 15, 2016: $500 Deposit with application
March 1, 2017: $2000 First Payment
April 15, 2017: $2000 Remaining balance
All payments are non-refundable upon receipt.

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance:
Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments-along with the remaining program balance-will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

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