PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Training and Experience in a Work Sector

- Complete three courses that align with one of the following specific work sectors: Education, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Youth in Development, and Community Economic Development. These courses can — but do not need to — come from your academic major or minor.
- Accumulate 50 hours of volunteer or work experience in that same work sector.
- **Note:** See attached descriptions of Work Sectors, required courses and volunteer experience.

Foreign Language Skills (Requirements Vary by Linguistic Region)

- Latin America: Students wanting to serve in Spanish-speaking countries must apply with strong intermediate proficiency. This typically means completing two 200-level courses.
- West Africa: Students wanting to serve in French-speaking African countries should be proficient in French (or, in some cases, any Romance Language) usually through one 200-level course.
- Everywhere else: The Peace Corps has no explicit language requirements for individuals applying to serve in most other countries. However, you will still likely learn and utilize another language during service, so it is helpful to have taken at least one foreign language class.
- **Note:** If you are a strong native speaker and hope to serve in a country that speaks your same language, you can skip this requirement.

Intercultural Competence

Students will deepen their cultural agility through a mix of introspective courses. Students should complete three courses from the following list.

- Humanities (HUMS) 372: Intercultural Competence: Culture, Identity, Adaptation, and Intercultural Relations
- Global Studies (GLS) 251: Dimensions of Globalization: Language, Literature and Culture
- Global Studies (GLS) 250: Dimensions of Globalization: States, Societies and Institutions
- Anthropology (ANTH) 170 C 1: Human Variation in the Modern World
- Anthropology (ANTH) 195 B: Cultural Anthropology
- Anthropology (ANTH) 310: Culture and the Individual
- Geography (GEOG) 210: The Political and Cultural Geography of Globalization
- Gender and Women’s Studies (GWS) 240: Gender in a Transnational World

**Note:** If there is another course in the catalog that you feel meets this requirement, please discuss it with the Prep Program Coordinator. Studying/volunteering abroad for a semester in a country that has at some point hosted Peace Corps Volunteers may substitute for one course. ([https://www.peacecorps.gov/countries/](https://www.peacecorps.gov/countries/))

Professional and Leadership Development

- Have your resume critiqued by the Peace Corps Campus Recruiter.
- Work with the Peace Corps Campus Recruiter to prepare for your Peace Corps interview.
- Develop at least one significant leadership experience and be prepared to discuss it thoughtfully. For example, organizing a campus event; leading a work or volunteer project; or serving on the executive board of a student organization.

Prep Program Administrative Requirements

In addition to the course requirements, volunteer hours, leadership activities, and professional development activities, enrolled Prep Students will be required to complete the following:
Event Attendance
The Prep Program hosts several events throughout the year. Prep students are strongly encouraged to attend as many of these events as possible. Events are organized to provide students exposure to Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, networking opportunities among their peers, and more knowledge about Peace Corps Service.

Yearly Check-Ins
Students are required to check in each Fall with the Program Coordinator. Students will be reminded of this requirement and are asked to set up a meeting either virtual, on the phone, or in person.

Semesterly Reporting in BOX
Each student, once enrolled, is set up with a BOX account and a template for reporting their progress within the program. The student is expected to report within 2 weeks of the end of each semester until completing all program requirements and submitting their Exit Checklist. If no requirements were completed during the semester, the student will indicate that in BOX.

The semester report contains the following elements:

1) REQUIRED COURSES: Report each semester on progress with required course completion
2) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Report if professional development activities were completed during the semester
3) LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: Describe any leadership experience completed during the semester
4) SECTOR SPECIFIC VOLUNTEER HOURS: Report volunteer hours by date/hours worked for the semester and the location(s) where volunteer hours were completed; Please note that these hours should be directly related to the same Peace Corps sector as required courses
5) PEACE CORPS APPLICATION ACTIVITY: If you apply for Peace Corps service during a semester, report it
6) OTHER: Opportunity to report any additional noteworthy activities, such as volunteer work outside of the Peace Corps sector, awards, honors, study abroad experiences, etc.

Changes to Courses
If at any time, the student wishes to make changes to their selected courses, they need to contact the Program Coordinator to discuss the changes and receive approval.