



PEACE CORPS PREP PROGRAM STUDENT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major(s): _____ Minors(s): _____

Expected Graduation (month and year): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

1. Choice of Peace Corps Work Sector

Please check the box of the sector in which you would like to serve:

☐ Education

☐ Environment

☐ Youth in Development

☐ Health

☐ Agriculture

☐ Community Economic Development

Note: Actual Peace Corps assignments are based on local needs, and thus may or may not align seamlessly with your qualifications. Flexibility is key to the Peace Corps experience!

- (1) Coursework. List the number and name of 3 courses in this same sector that you plan to take, and the semester in which you plan to take them (it is fine if you have already taken them).

Note: The courses you include on this application may change, but it's good to have a plan.

1. Course: _____ Semester and year: _____
2. Course: _____ Semester and year: _____
3. Course: _____ Semester and year: _____

- (2) Hands-on experience in that same sector (must total at least 50 hours).

Describe what you plan to do:

2. Foreign Language Skills

Requirements depend upon desired Peace Corps volunteer placement site. (1) *Spanish-speaking countries*→ two college-level courses. (2) *French-speaking countries*→ one college level course in any Romance Language. (3) *Everywhere else*→ no explicit requirements, but language skills are a plus.

If you intend to learn a foreign language, please list which one: _____

List the number and name of the top 2 foreign language courses you plan to take:

Course 1: _____ Semester and year: _____

Course 2: _____ Semester and year: _____

Or describe your alternative learning process (e.g., native speaker):

3. Intercultural Competence

List number and name of 3 approved Intercultural Competence courses you plan to take and semester you plan to take them (it is fine if you have already taken them):

Course 1: _____ Semester and year: _____

Course 2: _____ Semester and year: _____

Course 3: _____ Semester and year: _____

4. Professional and leadership development

1. Professional resume feedback: When do you plan to meet with Campus Recruiter for a one-on-one resume review? Month and year: _____
2. Professional interview prep: When do you plan to meet with Campus Recruiter for an interview workshop? Month and year: _____
3. Describe a leadership experience that you intend to pursue:
For example, leading a work or volunteer project, serving on the executive board of a student organization, or organizing a big campus event.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of PC Prep Program Coordinator

Date

The University of Arizona, Peace Corps 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.

Agreement

Please sign below to verify that you understand the administrative requirements of the Prep Program, and that you will adhere to them while enrolled as a Prep student:

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

With your approval, the University of Arizona Peace Corps Preparatory (PC Prep) program will release information on a regular basis to the Peace Corps, including details about the participants in this program and other relevant data that help the Peace Corps evaluate the effectiveness of PC Prep. These educational records are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's educational records. This Act prohibits college officials from disclosing any records, including grade reports, academic standings, transcripts of records, or any other records, which contain information directly related to the student and from which the student can be individually identified without the student's consent. Consistent with FERPA guidelines, University of Arizona will not release records related to your performance in the PC Prep program, other than those enumerated in this disclosure agreement.

I hereby permit University of Arizona to disclose personally identifiable information to Peace Corps regarding my participation in the Peace Corps Preparatory program for the purposes of evaluating PC Prep. This information will be limited to my name, date of admission to PC Prep, the coursework and other activities I pursued to satisfy PC Prep requirements, date of graduation, and whether I successfully completed the PC Prep upon graduation. If I do not ultimately enter the Peace Corps, University of Arizona may report post-graduation career information to the extent that University of Arizona has that information.

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PHOTO USE RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant and authorize the University of Arizona, Peace Corps Prep Program the right to take, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, distribute and make use of any and all pictures or video taken of me to be used in and/or for legally promotional materials including, but not limited to, newsletters, flyers, posters, brochures, advertisements, fundraising letters, annual reports, press kits and submissions to journalists, websites, social networking sites and other print and digital communications, without payment or any other consideration. This authorization extends to all languages, media, formats and markets now known or hereafter devised. This authorization shall continue indefinitely, unless I otherwise revoke said authorization in writing.

I understand and agree that these materials shall become the property of the University of Arizona, Peace Corps Prep Program and will not be returned.

I hereby hold harmless, and release the University of Arizona, Peace Corps Prep Program from all liability, petitions, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representative, executors, administrators, or any other persons may make while acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate.

Student Name (Printed): _____

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