



Peace Corps Prep Planning Sheet

This document is designed to help you gather the information you will need to complete the Peace Corps Prep online application. You are not required to fill out or turn in this form; it is simply a tool to show you what information will be requested in the online application. It may be useful to type up longer answers so that you can copy and paste them into the online form from a Word or Google Doc. Please refer to the MSU Peace Corps Prep Student Guide for complete information.

Personal Information

First Name (formal)	
Name you prefer to be called,	
if different from above	
Last Name	
Pronouns (select all that apply)	 □ he/him □ she/her □ they/them □ other pronouns: □ prefer not to say
MSU email address (NetID)	
Alternate email address	
Phone number	

Demographic Information

The following questions are optional; this information is internal to the Peace Corps Prep Program (protected by required device and Qualtrics login credentials) and will *never* be shared in any way that identifies you to the Peace Corps as an agency, MSU, or elsewhere. Your responses are used to help us understand how successful we are in promoting Peace Corps programs across demographics and to identify areas where we can improve our outreach and connect applicants to additional resources as appropriate.

Gender identity	 □ Man □ Woman □ Nonbinary Person □ Other gender identity: □ Prefer not to say
Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?	☐ Yes☐ No☐ Prefer not to say
Race (select all that apply)	 □ American Indian or Alaska Native □ Asian □ Black or African American □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander □ White □ Multi-racial □ Prefer not to say
Ethnicity	☐ Hispanic or Latino☐ Not Hispanic or Latino☐ Prefer not to say
Are/were you a first- generation college student?	☐ Yes☐ No☐ Prefer not to say
Are/were you a transfer student? In other words, did you begin your undergraduate degree at a community college then transfer to MSU?	☐ Yes☐ No☐ Prefer not to say

Major 1	
College for Major 1	
Major 2	
(if applicable)	
College for Major 2	
(if applicable)	
Minors(s)	
(if applicable)	
	☐ Undergrad – First Year
	☐ Undergrad — Sophomore
Current year at MSU	☐ Undergrad – Junior
	☐ Undergrad – Senior
Expected graduation month	Other – please explain
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and year	
Cumulative GPA	
Are you in the Honors	☐ Yes
College?	□ No
Primary Academic Advisor	
Peace Corps Prep Program	Planning
Please select the (one) Peace Corps sector in which you hope to serve. This is the sector that will be used to determine the appropriateness and "fit" for your sector coursework and 50 hours of related work or volunteering. If there is overlap, for example between ENV and AGR, you can choose up to two.	
Please select the Peace Corps sector in which you hope to serve:	☐ Education ☐ Health ☐ Environment ☐ Agriculture ☐ Youth in Development ☐ Community Economic Development

Academic Information

Summary of interest in Peace Corps Prep Program

You should write and save the statement in a format like Word or a Google Doc. You will be asked to **upload a PDF of the statement** when you complete the online Peace Corps Prep application. **Please include your name somewhere in the file name**, for example "Shana Lopez PC Prep Statement" or "interest statement David Hassan."

Please be thorough and thoughtful as you plan and write this statement. Your statement should be a minimum of 250 words (about half a page single-spaced). When brainstorming and writing your statement, please include discussion about the following:

- Your motivations for participating in this program and your past experiences that inspired this motivation;
- Your goals for participation and what you hope to get out of this program;
- The reason for your choice in sector and how it relates to your program of study;
- Your career goals (if Peace Corps is included, be specific about where you might want to go and what work you might like to do; if other than Peace Corps, describe why the PC Prep certificate is still relevant).

Competency I: Training and experience in a specific work sector

Coursework

You will need ultimately need to list three courses related to your chosen sector to fulfill part of Competency I. You can talk through these courses with the Program Coordinator if you are not sure what to count.

If you have an idea of the classes you would like to count, you can list them here, including subject codes, course numbers, and titles. You can opt to leave this section blank and go over your transcript with the Program Coordinator if you want to brainstorm a bit. Courses you list on this application may change, but the process of thinking through your choices and planning where they could fit in your course planning can be helpful.

First Course (e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)	
Title	
(as it appears in the MSU Course	
<u>Description Catalog</u>)	

<u>Second</u> Course	
(e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)	
Title	
(as it appears in the MSU Course	
Description Catalog)	
<u>Third</u> Course	
(e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)	
Title	
(as it appears in the MSU Course	
Description Catalog)	

Related Field Experience

Volunteer or work experience must total at least 50 hours to fulfil the requirement for this competency.

	(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)
Describe what you plan to do	
to meet the requirement for	
volunteer or work experience	
related to your sector and	
explain how you will	
document the hours.	

Competency II: Foreign language skills

Language requirements depend on your desired Peace Corps volunteer host country.

Select the option you plan to	☐ Planned service in Latin America (two 100-level or
	above Spanish courses required)
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	☐ Planned service anywhere else (no explicit
	requirement, but language study is strongly
pursue	encouraged)
	☐ I have no foreign language experience and will not be
	pursuing this optional competency.
If you plan to pursue this competency, select all applicable options.	☐ I have taken/will take language courses at MSU to
	fulfill the language requirement.
	☐ I have already tested out of a language at MSU and
	will use my score to demonstrate proficiency.
	☐ I have had/will have an education abroad experience
	that provided language immersion.
	☐ I speak a language other than English at home and
	have native-like proficiency.

Competency III: Intercultural competence

You will need ultimately need to list three courses demonstrating intercultural competence as part of Competency III. You can talk through these courses with the Program Coordinator if you are not sure what to count.

If you have an idea of the classes you would like to count, you can list them here, including subject codes, course numbers, and titles. You can opt to leave this section blank and go over your transcript with the Program Coordinator if you want to brainstorm a bit. Courses you list on this application may change, but the process of thinking through your choices and planning where they could fit in your course planning can be helpful.

<u>First</u> Intercultural	
Competence Course	
(e.g., COM 310, GSAH 230, WS 403)	
Title	
(as it appears in the MSU Course	
<u>Description Catalog</u>)	
Second Intercultural	
Competence Course	
(e.g., ANP 205, GSAH 310, IAH 204)	
Title	
(as it appears in the MSU Course	
<u>Description Catalog</u>)	
<u>Third</u> Intercultural	
Competence Course	
(e.g., ANP 205, GSAH 310, IAH 204)	
Title	
(as it appears in the MSU Course	
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If you hope to pursue the Intercultural Competence requirement by other means, complete the information below.

	(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a
	Word or Google Doc.)
Describe your proposed	
alternative intercultural	
experience (e.g., internship,	
volunteer work, education	
abroad) and how it has	
provided you extensive	
opportunities to reflect on	
intercultural perspectives.	

Competency IV: Professional and leadership development

You will need to prepare a Peace Corps-specific résumé and have it reviewed as part of this competency. You will also have a mock interview to prepare you for a potential Peace Corps interview. PC Prep students typically do both of these activities in the Peace Corps Recruitment Office on campus.

The Program Coordinator will share materials about both of these activities and provide information about how to make an appointment to fulfill the résumé and interview requirements.

Leadership Experience

Describe a leadership experience that you intend to pursue, including details such as its level of responsibility, time commitment, duration of service, and connection to other aspects of this application (outreach or service orientation, global focus, relevance to sector, etc.):

(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)

When you have all the necessary information planned and noted on this sheet, please complete the <u>online application</u>, which exactly mirrors this planning document. Allow yourself plenty of time to complete the application in one sitting; while you can in theory return to it from the same device if you get interrupted, it is safer to finish and submit.

We look forward to working with you throughout the Peace Corps Prep process!