



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 paper 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

This section will ask for basic contact information:

- First Name
- Name you prefer to be called, if different from above
- Last Name
- Pronouns
- 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
- Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Are/were you a first-generation college student?
- Are/were you a transfer student?

Academic Information

Major 1	
College for Major 1	
Major 2 (if applicable)	
College for Major 2 (if applicable)	
Minors(s) (if applicable)	
Current year at MSU	☐ Undergrad – First Year ☐ Undergrad – Sophomore ☐ Undergrad – Junior ☐ Undergrad – Senior ☐ Other – please explain _____
Expected graduation month and year	
Cumulative GPA	
Are you in the Honors College?	☐ Yes ☐ 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
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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 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 in the MSU Course Description Catalog)	

Second Course (e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)	
Title (as in the MSU Course Description Catalog)	

Third Course (e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)	
Title (as 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.

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

You will ultimately need to list three courses (and/or experiences) demonstrating intercultural competence as part of Competency II. 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.

Up to two of these three classes can be substituted with an intercultural experience (e.g., education abroad, volunteering abroad or in a different cultural context) or demonstrated proficiency in a foreign language.

First Intercultural Competence Course (e.g., COM 310, GSAH 230, WS 403)	
Title (as in the MSU Course Description Catalog)	

Second Intercultural Competence Course (e.g., ANP 205, GSAH 310, IAH 204)	
Title (as in the MSU Course Description Catalog)	

Third Intercultural Competence Course (e.g., ENG 449, ISS 210, SSC 399)	
Title (as in the MSU Course Description Catalog)	

If you hope to pursue the Intercultural Competence requirement by other means, complete the information in one or both of the tables below.

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.	(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)
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Describe your foreign language proficiency and how you will demonstrate it to fulfill part of this competency.	☐ I have taken/will take language courses at MSU to demonstrate proficiency. ☐ 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.
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Competency III: 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.):	<i>(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)</i>
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When you have all the necessary information planned and noted on this sheet, please complete the online application, 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.

All PC Prep resources and forms, including the online application form, can be found here or by using the QR code.

<https://www.isp.msu.edu/international-centers-units/student-scholar-programs/peace-corps/peace-corps-prep/pc-prep-documents/>



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