



# Peace Corps Prep Program

**Peace Corps Prep** is a certificate program available to undergraduate students interested in serving as Peace Corps Volunteers or elsewhere within the international development and service communities. Students in the program will gain skills that are an advantage in the competitive Peace Corps application process and in other international development work.

There is no cost to join the program, and most participants find that the requirements align with courses and experiences they already plan to include in their undergraduate years.

The Peace Corps Prep program also works closely with MSU's Peace Corps Recruitment Office to ensure a seamless transition to the application phase as students prepare to graduate.

## PEACE CORPS PREP COMPETENCIES

Peace Corps Prep participants **build three core competencies** during their undergraduate years through interrelated coursework, hands-on experience, and professional development support.

1. Sector-specific training and experience
2. Intercultural competence
3. Professional and leadership development

## DID YOU KNOW...

- The **Peace Corps was established** by President John F. Kennedy in **1961**.
- Over **240,000 Americans** have served in more than **140 countries** since the Peace Corps was founded, including over 2,200 Spartans!
- Peace Corps currently **operates in over 60 countries**, in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, North Africa and the Middle East, the Pacific Islands, and South America.
- The Peace Corps Prep program began in 2007 and is currently offered at over **150 colleges** and **universities** nationwide. MSU's program launched in 2021.

The six Peace Corps Prep work sectors are aligned with the sectors in which Peace Corps Volunteers currently serve.

1. Education
2. Health
3. Environment
4. Agriculture
5. Youth in Development
6. Community Economic Development

## WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Fill out the brief Peace Corps Prep interest survey here and we'll be in touch!

