

REQUIREMENTS

Training in a specific work sector

Students should take at least 3 courses that build their capacity to work in one of the following sectors:

- Education
- Health
- Environment
- Agriculture
- Youth and Development
- Community Economic Development

Additionally, they should accumulate a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer or work experience in that same sector, preferably in a teaching or outreach capacity.

Foreign language skills

Students should hone their capacity to interact professionally using a non-English language. PC Prep minimum course requirements vary by desired placement region.

Latin America: Individuals wanting to serve in Spanish-speaking countries must apply with strong intermediate proficiency.

West Africa: Individuals wanting to serve in French-speaking African countries should be proficient in French or another Romance Language, having completed one 200-level course or learned the language through another medium.

Everywhere else: The Peace Corps recommends but has no explicit language requirements for individuals applying to serve in most other countries

Intercultural competence

Students should deepen their intercultural competence through a mix of three self-reflective courses focused on diversity and inclusion or the study of marginalized groups.

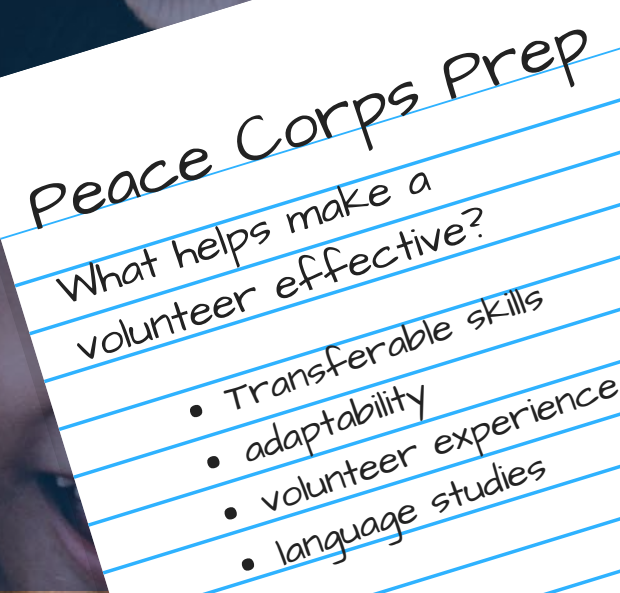
Prolonged intercultural experiences—such as studying/volunteering abroad, supporting new Americans/immigrants in the community, or teaching in diverse schools—may partially fulfill this requirement.

Taking part in PCP is not guarantee of getting into the Peace Corps, though it offers sound instruction toward a strong application to Peace Corps.

Professional Leadership Development

Students should hone their professional skills through at least three activities:

- Have their resume critiqued by someone in Career Services
- Attend a workshop or class on interview skills.
- Develop at least one significant leadership experience



Peace Corps Prep

What helps make a volunteer effective?

- Transferable skills
- adaptability
- volunteer experience
- language studies

Benefits of serving in the Peace Corps

- Language, cross-cultural, and technical training
- Travel costs covered to and from the country of service
- Stipend for overseas living and housing expenses
- Medical and dental coverage
- Student loan deferment
- Partial cancellation of some loans
- Transition funds following 27 months of work
- Career and transition assistance after service
- Graduate school opportunities through Peace Corps partners
- No fee to participate

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To join this program, students must enroll in the International Studies minor.

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