

There are [six sectors](http://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/what-volunteers-do) (www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/what-volunteers-do) in which Peace Corps Volunteers serve detailed below. **Choose one sector to focus on** then complete at least 3 courses + 50 hours of related experience in that sector. C C

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Math

Engineering

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And build 50 hours of related field experience through an activity such as:

- o Working with a large-scale or family-run business involving vegetable gardening, farming, nursery work, tree planting or care, urban forestry, landscaping, livestock and management, or fish cultivation and production
- o Teaching or tutoring the public in environmental or agricultural issues/activities
- o Working on the business management or marketing of a commercial farm
- o Volunteering with 4H, Future Farmers of America, Ag Ambassadors, or related clubs

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Empower the next generation of changemakers / volunteers work with youth in communities on projects that promote engagement and active citizenship, including gender awareness, employability, health and HIV/AIDS education, environmental awareness, sports programs and info technology.

If you choose Youth in Development take three courses from one of the following areas:

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basic computer skills and help communities take advantage of technologies such as e-commerce, distance learning, and more.

If you choose Community Economic Dev., take three courses from one of the following

- o Entrepreneurship
- o Accounting
- o General Business
- o Finance
- o Mass Communication
- o Economics

Recommended courses (substitutes will be considered)

- o ECON: 2000, 2010, 2030, 2035
- o ACCT: 2001, 2101, 3101, 3121, 3122
- o ENTR: 2000, 3111, 3012, 4040
- o FIN: 3716, 3826, 3717, 4850
- o MC: 2000, 2010, 2015, 2035, 3001, 3010, 3333, 3020, 4005

And build 50 hours of related field experience through an activity such as

- o Working with businesses, organizations, or cooperatives in accounting, finance, microfinance,

% Latin America Students indicating an intention to serve in Spanish-speaking countries must build strong intermediate proficiency, having completed two 200-level courses or learned Spanish through another medium.

% West Africa Students indicating an intention to serve in French-speaking African countries must build proficiency in French or another Romance language, having completed one 200-level course or learned the language through another medium.

% Everywhere else Students indicating an intention to serve anywhere else do not have explicit language requirements to complete the Program, but they should still be encouraged to study a foreign language.

Note: If you are a strong native speaker and hope to serve in a country that speaks your same language, you can skip this requirement!

3. Intercultural competence

3 approved courses or 1 2 courses+ substantive intercultural experience

With this learning objective, you will open your cultural agility through a mix of three **introspective courses** in which you learn about others while reflecting upon your own self in relation to others. The goal is for you to build your capacity to shift perspective and behavior around relevant cultural differences. Some example courses:

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x ANTH 1003
x ANTH 2051
x INTL 3001

x SOCL 3401
x SOCL 4551

¾ Completing a longer experience abroad, such as studying or volunteering abroad, not only fulfill the intercultural competence requirements but also provide valuable experiences that can be used in the sector courses if applicable. Students wishing to study abroad should meet with Dr. Schafer to discuss what courses they plan to take, how to add this to their application, and if any additional assignments should be done upon completion of the study abroad experience for Peace Corps Prep.

- o For a comprehensive list of LSU faculty study abroad opportunities, the national and international institutions students can exchange to, the subjects supported at these institutions, and the financial aid available to students.
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- o The Academic Programs Abroad office is housed in 103 Hatcher Hall, and it is directed by Dr. Harald Leder, who is always happy to get more students studying abroad.

Peace Corps Tip!

Prolonged intercultural experiences such as studying or volunteering abroad, supporting new immigrants or refugees acculturate to the United States, or volunteering in diverse schools should also strengthen your Peace Corps candidacy significantly.

4. Professional and leadership development

Resume and interview support+ leadership experience

Peace Corps service and similar international development work opportunities are highly professional and selective. PC Prep requires **three specific activities** that will strengthen your candidacy for the Peace Corps (or any other professional endeavor):

1. Have your **resume** critiqued by someone in the Olinde Career Center in the LSU Student Union.
2. Attend a workshop or class **interview skills** at the Olinde Career Center in the LSU Student Union.
3. Develop at least one significant **leadership experience** and be prepared to discuss it thoughtfully. For example, organizing a campus event, leading a work or volunteer project, or serving on the executive board of a student organization.

