2022 - 2023 Certificate Map
Peace Corps Prep

School/College: College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
Location: Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, Tempe, West

Program Requirements

The Peace Corps prep certificate requires a minimum of 21 credit hours as outlined below. However, students are able to double count credits from their current major, minor, general studies requirements, or other certificates where applicable. Students are encouraged to take courses that develop breadth within their sector rather than limiting their selection to courses in one particular subject area.

Applicants should contact an academic advisor in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, or the Peace Corps liaison at ASU by emailing pcprepcoordinator@asu.edu.

Required Courses -- 6 credit hours

IDS 355: Peace Corps Seminar (G) (3)
IDS 401: Integration: Experiential Learning or USL 402: Service Learning: Education & Youth (C) or USL 410: Service Learning: Diverse Community Issues (L & C) or any 484 Internship course (3)
Internship hours may be completed locally, out of state or through an international study abroad program. The internship must be completed in the same program sector as the affiliated program sector electives completed for a minimum of 3 credit hours.

Cultural Diversity in the U.S. or Global Awareness Course(s) -- 6 credit hours

Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C) or Global Awareness (G) (6)
Students complete two additional "C" (Cultural Diversity in the U.S.) or "G" (Global Awareness) courses, excluding IDS 355 and the nine credit hours of sector related electives. Sector electives in excess of nine credit hours may count toward this C or G requirement. Classes can be either lower or upper division.

Electives (Choose one of the six sectors below) -- 9 credit hours

Program Sector Electives (9)
Students will select nine upper-division credit hours from one of the six program sectors of agriculture, community and economic development, education, environment, health, or youth development. Students should see their academic advisor for a complete list of sector specific courses.
Agriculture Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

AGB 302: International Management and Agribusiness (G) (3)
AGB 425: Food Supply Networks (3)
AGB 452: Global Food and Agricultural Trade (3)
ASB 300: Food and Culture ((L or SB) & C) (3)

Community and Economic Development Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

ABS 364: Urban Forestry (3)
BIO 324: Environmental Ethics (HU) (3)
BIO 434: People and Nature: Ecosystem Services (3)
ECN 360: Economic Development (SB & G) (3)
GCU 364: Energy in the Global Arena (SB & G) (3)
SOS 327: Sustainable Food and Farms (3)

Education Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

AFR 350: Inequality and Diversity in Education (L & C) (3)
ECD 321: Foundations in Language, Literacy and Culture in Early Childhood (L) (3)
ECS 315: Classroom Organization and Child Guidance (3)
HCR 402: Advocacy for Health and Health Education (3)
SOC 421: Education and Society (SB) (3)
SPF 301: Culture and Schooling (L) (3)

Environment Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

ASB 375: Humans and the Environment: What's the Connection? ((L or SB) & G) (3)
BIO 320: Fundamentals of Ecology (3)
BIO 322: Conservation of Biodiversity (3)
GPH 314: Global Change (HU & G) (3)
SOS 326: Sustainable Ecosystems (3)

Health Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

ASB 301: Global History of Health (SB & G & H) (3)
ASB 305: Poverty and Global Health ((L or SB) & G) (3)
ASM 345: Disease and Human Evolution (3)
EXW 450: Social Determinants of Health and Health Behavior ((L or SB) & C) (3)
HSC 310: Health Communication (3)

Youth Development Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

ASB 346: Marriage and Family Diversity (SB & C) (3)
An internship in the student's affiliated program sector is required. Students may complete a three credit hour internship (*** 484) or a service learning internship experience (USL 402 or USL 410). Students should visit the Service Learning Web Page for questions regarding placement and enrollment. Students may also meet the internship requirement by completing an internship experience through a study abroad program.

Study abroad or international experience is encouraged but not required. Consider IDS 394 "A Taste of Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic" during spring break as a substitute for any required certificate course.

Foreign language study to at least the 200-level is encouraged but not required.

For Peace Corps placements in Spanish or French-speaking countries, foreign language proficiency at the 200-level is often required.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.