

Peace Corps Prep, Certificate

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This certificate program is a great way to explore and prepare for potential Peace Corps service (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG0vkUPTmrU>) or other work abroad that is focused on cultural exchange and cooperative transformational change.

Description

The Peace Corps prep certificate program is designed to foster intellectual curiosity while building the competitiveness of Peace Corps applicants.

Six sectors (education, youth development, health, environment, community and economic development, and agriculture) comprise the program, unified by the mandatory course IDS 355 Peace Corps Seminar. To enhance the three core competencies of sector-specific skills, intercultural competence and leadership, students are encouraged to participate in service learning, internship opportunities and study abroad experiences.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [Polytechnic](#), [Tempe](#), [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Certificate Map](#)

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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

[OGL 358: Peace Corps Seminar \(G\)](#) (3)

[any 484 Internship course](#) or [IDS 401: Integration: Experiential Learning](#) or [OGL 484: Internship](#) (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.

Global Communities, Societies and Individuals (GCSI) courses -- 6 credit hours

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Students complete two additional "GCSI" (Global Communities, Societies and Individuals) courses, excluding OGL 358 and the nine credit hours of sector related electives. Sector electives in excess of nine credit hours may count toward this GCSI requirement. Courses 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 \(GCSI OR G\)](#) (3)

[AGB 425: Food Supply Networks](#) (3)

[AGB 452: Global Food and Agricultural Trade](#) (3)

[ASB 300: Food and Culture \(SOBE OR \(L or SB\) & 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 \(SUST OR HU\)](#) (3)

[BIO 434: People and Nature: Ecosystem Services](#) (3)

[ECN 360: Economic Development \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[GCU 364: Energy in the Global Arena](#) (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 \(CIVI OR L & C\)](#) (3)

[ECD 321: Foundations in Language, Literacy and Culture in Early Childhood \(SOBE OR L\)](#) (3)

[ECS 315: Classroom Organization and Child Guidance](#) (3)

[HCR 402: Advocacy for Health and Health Education](#) (3)

[SOC 421: Education and Society \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (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 \(SUST OR HU & G\)](#) (3)

[SOS 326: Sustainable Ecosystems](#) (3)

Health Sector

Examples of electives include, but are not limited to:

[ASB 301: Global History of Health \(HUAD OR SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[ASB 305: Poverty and Global Health \(CIVI OR \(L or SB\) & C\)](#) (3)

[ASM 345: Disease and Human Evolution](#) (3)

[EXW 450: Social Determinants of Health and Health Behavior \(CIVI OR \(L or SB\) & 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 \(SOBE OR SB & C\)](#) (3)

[NLM 300: Fund Raising and Resource Development](#) (3)

[NLM 310: Volunteer Management \(CIVI\)](#) (3)

[PRM 315: Creating Community Through Park and Recreation Systems](#) (3)

[SWU 456: Immigrants and Refugees \(CIVI OR C\)](#) (3)

Students will complete a three-credit hour internship and can do so by taking any internship course so long as their internship relates to their chosen sector. *** 484 or IDS 401 or OGL 484 (or approved 3-credit internship or applied learning experience).

Students from any major have permission to register for OGL 484 in order to complete an internship related to their sector. 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 participating in a study abroad program 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.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: None

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

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A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a non degree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Students can advance their career options with an undergraduate certificate. Those who have complemented their major program of study with this specialization in Peace Corps prep may be more marketable to employers.

Students who complete this undergraduate certificate along with their major often decide to pursue employment in the foreign services, nongovernmental agencies, relief organizations, community-based organizations and government positions. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Contact information

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