



Application for Peace Corps Prep Program

Peace Corps Prep is a program designed for students interested in post-graduate service with the Peace Corps or other international service organization. Over the two years in which students participate in the program they complete curricular, co-curricular, and international activities that will enhance their skills and knowledge and clarify their commitment to international service.

To apply for the Peace Corps Prep Program, a student must:

- Be a sophomore in good standing, in his or her second year of attendance at Newcomb-Tulane College. ALL majors are encouraged to apply.

To complete the Peace Corps Prep Program, students must:

- Successfully complete 4 semesters (or the equivalent) of coursework in a foreign language relevant to Peace Corps service
- Complete a summer, semester, or year-long study abroad program (including a service activity) in a country where your foreign language is spoken.
- Complete 3 courses, two of which must be at the 2000 level or above to complement their major field of study. These courses will be selected in consultation with the Peace Corps Prep Program Coordinator. Students majoring in area/international/cultural studies will selected these courses from sector-specific fields that will enhance the practical skills they can offer as Peace Corps volunteers. Students majoring in sector-specific fields will complement their majors with three courses in area/international/cultural studies fields that will enhance their cross-cultural knowledge and skills. (Please see the attached sheet for examples of courses to choose from).
- Participate in the planning of and regularly attend the Program's co-curricular activities to include discussions of important issues in international development and cross-cultural understanding, as well as opportunities to meet with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

If this program interests you, please answer the following questions in a separate document and return by email to spentzer@tulane.edu by the deadline indicated on the Tulane Peace Corps Prep web site.

Part I: General Information

- 1) Your name: _____
- 2) Your Student Identification Number: _____
- 2) Campus Address: _____
- 3) Tulane email address: _____
- 4) Major(s): _____
- 5) Minor(s): _____
- 6) Cumulative GPA: _____
- 7) How did you learn about the Peace Corps Prep Program?: _____

Part II: Curricular, Service and Study Abroad Plans***For all applicants:***

- 1) Please describe your plans with regard to foreign language study indicating which language you plan to study to meet the 4 semester Peace Corps Prep requirement, and any additional languages you have studied or plan to study:
- 2) Please describe your study abroad plans indicating where you plan to study abroad and your principle learning objectives for the program:
- 3) Please describe your plans for public service at Tulane. What field or fields of service interest you most?

For students majoring in cultural, area or foreign language studies:

Please list three courses from the “sector specific” section of the PCP course list that you would tentatively plan to take to complement your major with knowledge from fields relevant to Peace Corps service:

For students majoring in “sector-specific” fields (all majors in the School of Business, School of Science and Engineering, and social science disciplines in the School of Liberal Arts):

Please list three courses from the “cultural and area studies” section of the PCP course list that you would tentatively plan to take to complement your major with area/international/cultural studies knowledge:

Part III: Resume and Essays. Please attach to this application a resume and:

- a) A personal statement of roughly 1000 words that addresses how your personal experience and motivations, and your course of study at Tulane, relate to your interest in Peace Corps service after graduation.
- b) A short essay of roughly 500 words discussing which international issue or issues you think are insufficiently discussed on campus, why it should be better understood, and how it might be addressed as a part of the Peace Corps Prep Program’s co-curricular program.
- c) A transcript of your coursework at Tulane (official or unofficial is acceptable)

Part IV: Please identify one Tulane faculty member we may contact as a reference: