

STUDENT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major(s): _____ Minors(s): _____

Expected Graduation (month and year): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

1. Training and experience in a specific [work sector](#)

Please check the box of the sector in which you would like to serve:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth in Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Economic Development |

Note: Actual Peace Corps assignments are based on local needs, and thus may or may not align seamlessly with your qualifications. Flexibility is key to the Peace Corps experience!

(1) Coursework. List the number and name of 3 courses in this same sector that you plan to take, and the semester in which you plan to take them (it is fine if you've already taken them).

Note: The courses you include on this application may change, but it's good to have a plan.

1. Course: _____ Semester and year: _____
2. Course: _____ Semester and year: _____
3. Course: _____ Semester and year: _____

(2) Hands-on experience in that same sector (must total at least 50 hours).

Describe what you plan to do:

2. Foreign language skills

Requirements depend upon desired Peace Corps volunteer placement site. (1) Latin America/ Spanish-speaking countries → two 200-level courses. (2) West Africa/ French-speaking countries →

one 200-level course in any Romance Language. (3) *Everywhere else* → no explicit requirements, but language skills are a plus.

If you intend to learn a foreign language, please list which one: _____

List the top 2 foreign language courses you plan to take:

Course 1: _____ Semester and year: _____

Course 2: _____ Semester and year: _____

Or describe your alternative learning process (e.g., native speaker):

3. Intercultural competence

List the core course and two approved electives you plan to take:

Core course: _____ Semester and year: _____

Elective 1: _____ Semester and year: _____

Elective 2: _____ Semester and year: _____

4. Professional and leadership development

1. **Professional resume feedback:** When do you plan to meet with the Office of Career Management for a one-on-one resume review? Month and year: _____
2. **Professional interview prep:** When do you plan to meet with the Office of Career Management for an interview workshop? Month and year: _____
3. **Describe a leadership experience that you intend to pursue:**
For example, leading a work or volunteer project, serving on the executive board of a student organization, or organizing a big campus event.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Academic Advisor

Date

Signature of Peace Corps Prep Coordinator

Date

RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

With your approval, the University of South Carolina Upstate Peace Corps Preparatory (PC Prep) program will release information on a regular basis to the Peace Corps, including details about the participants in this program and other relevant data that help the Peace Corps evaluate the effectiveness of PC Prep. These educational records are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's educational records. This Act prohibits college officials from disclosing any records, including grade reports, academic standings, transcripts of records, or any other records, which contain information directly related to the student and from which the student can be individually identified without the student's consent. Consistent with FERPA guidelines, University of South Carolina Upstate will not release records related to your performance in the PC Prep program, other than those enumerated in this disclosure agreement.

I hereby permit University of South Carolina Upstate to disclose personally identifiable information to Peace Corps regarding my participation in the PC Prep program for the purposes of evaluating PC Prep. This information will be limited to my name, date of admission to PC Prep, the coursework and other activities I pursued to satisfy PC Prep requirements, date of graduation, and whether I successfully completed the PC Prep upon graduation. If I do not ultimately enter the Peace Corps, University of South Carolina Upstate may report post-graduation career information to the extent that University of South Carolina Upstate has that information.

Student Name (printed) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____