Peace Corps Prep Planning Sheet

This document is designed to help you gather the information you will need to complete the Peace Corps Prep online application. You are **not** required to fill out or turn in this form; it is simply a tool to show you what information will be requested in the online application. It may be useful to type up longer answers so that you can copy and paste them into the online form from a Word or Google Doc. Please refer to the MSU Peace Corps Prep Student Guide for complete information.

Personal Information

First Name *(formal)*	
Name you prefer to be called, if different from above	
Last Name	
Pronouns *(select all that apply)*	☐ he/him ☐ she/her ☐ they/them ☐ other pronouns: _____ ☐ prefer not to say
MSU email address (NetID)	
Alternate email address	
Phone number	

Demographic Information

These questions are optional. Answers are used to help us understand how successful we are in promoting Peace Corps programs across demographics and to identify areas where we can improve our outreach.

Gender identity	☐ Man ☐ Woman ☐ Nonbinary Person ☐ Other gender identity: _____ ☐ Prefer not to say
Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say
Race *(select all that apply)*	☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Multi-racial ☐ Prefer not to say
Ethnicity	☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Prefer not to say
Are/were you a first-generation college student?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say
Are/were you a transfer student? In other words, did you begin your undergraduate degree at a community college then transfer to MSU?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

Academic Information

Major 1	
College for Major 1	
Major 2 *(if applicable)*	
College for Major 2 *(if applicable)*	
Minors(s) *(if applicable)*	
Current year at MSU	☐ Undergrad – First Year ☐ Undergrad – Sophomore ☐ Undergrad – Junior ☐ Undergrad – Senior ☐ Other – please explain _____
Expected graduation month and year	
Cumulative GPA	
Are you in the Honors College?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Primary Academic Advisor	

Peace Corps Prep Program Planning

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!

Please select the Peace Corps sector in which you hope to serve:	☐ Education ☐ Health ☐ Environment ☐ Agriculture ☐ Youth in Development ☐ Community Economic Development

Summary of interest in Peace Corps Prep Program

You should write and save the statement in a format like Word or a Google Doc. You will be asked to **upload a PDF of the statement** when you complete the online Peace Corps Prep application. **Please include your name somewhere in the file name**, for example "Shana Lopez PC Prep Statement" or "interest statement David Hassan."

Please be thorough and thoughtful as you plan and write this statement. Your statement should be a minimum of 500 words (about a page single-spaced). When brainstorming and writing your statement, please include discussion about the following:

- Your motivations for participating in this program and your past experiences that inspired this motivation;
- Your goals for participation and what you hope to get out of this program;
- The reason for your choice in sector and how it relates to your program of study;
- Your career goals (if Peace Corps is included, be specific about where you might want to go and what work you might like to do; if other than Peace Corps, describe why the certificate is still relevant).

Competency I: Training and experience in a specific work sector

Coursework

List the subject codes, course numbers, and titles of **three courses** that you plan to take, the semester in which you plan to take them, and a justification for how they provide knowledge or skills relevant to your chosen sector (it is fine if you've already taken them).

Note: The courses you include on this application may change, but the process of looking through your choices and planning where they could fit in your course planning is helpful.

First Course *(e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)*	
Title *(as it appears in the MSU Course Description Catalog)*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	
Justification	*(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)*

Second Course *(e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)*	
Title *(as it appears in the MSU Course Description Catalog)*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	
Justification	*(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)*

Third Course *(e.g., HNF 150, SW 310, ANP 201)*	
Title *(as it appears in the MSU Course Description Catalog)*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	
Justification	*(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)*

Related Field Experience

Volunteer or work experience must total at least 50 hours to fulfil the requirement for this competency.

Describe what you plan to do to meet the requirement for volunteer or work experience related to your sector and explain how you will document the hours.	*(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)*

Competency II: Foreign language skills

Language requirements depend on your desired Peace Corps volunteer placement site.

Select the option you plan to pursue	☐ Latin America (two 200-level or above Spanish courses required) ☐ West Africa (one 200-level or above French course required) ☐ Everywhere else (no explicit requirement, but language study is strongly encouraged)

If you plan to pursue this requirement through coursework, complete the information below.

First Language Course *(e.g., SPN 202, FRN 204, AFR 101)*	
Title *(as it appears in the [MSU Course Description Catalog](#))*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	

Second Language Course *(e.g., SPN 202, FRN 204, AFR 101)*	
Title *(as it appears in the [MSU Course Description Catalog](#))*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	

If you plan to pursue this requirement by other means, complete the information below.

Describe your alternative language learning process (e.g., native speaker, education abroad program) and proficiency level.	*(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)*

Competency III: Intercultural competence

PC Prep students at MSU are required to take three approved classes, at least one of which must come from the core course list in the Student Guide. List the subject codes, course numbers, and titles of **three courses (core + two electives)** that you plan to take, the semester in which you plan to take them, and a justification for how they provide knowledge or skills relevant to your chosen sector (it is fine if you've already taken them).

Note: The courses you include on this application may change, but the process of looking through your choices and planning where they could fit in your course planning is helpful.

Core Intercultural Competence Course *(e.g., COM 310, GSAH 230, WS 403)*	
Title *(as it appears in the MSU Course Description Catalog)*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	

First Intercultural Competence **Elective** Course *(e.g., ANP 205, GSAH 310, IAH 204)*	
Title *(as it appears in the MSU Course Description Catalog)*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	

Second Intercultural Competence **Elective** Course *(e.g., ANP 205, GSAH 310, IAH 204)*	
Title *(as it appears in the MSU Course Description Catalog)*	
Semester and year *(e.g., Fall 2024)*	

If you hope to pursue the Intercultural Competence requirement by other means, complete the information below.

Describe your proposed alternative intercultural experience (e.g., internship, volunteer work, education abroad) and how it has provided you extensive opportunities to reflect on intercultural perspectives.	*(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)*

Competency IV: Professional and leadership development

Résumé Preparation

Where do you plan to have your résumé reviewed (e.g., Career Services Network, Peace Corps Recruiter)?	
When (appx. month and year) do you plan to have your résumé reviewed?	

Interview Preparation

Where do you plan to have your mock interview (e.g., Career Services Network, Peace Corps Recruitment Office)?	
When (appx. month and year) do you plan to have your mock interview?	

Leadership Experience

	(You can jot ideas here or cut and paste into the online form from a Word or Google Doc.)
Describe a leadership experience that you intend to pursue, including details such as its level of responsibility, time commitment, duration of service, and connection to other aspects of this application (outreach or service orientation, global focus, relevance to sector, etc.):	

When you have all the necessary information planned and noted on this sheet, please complete the [online application](), which exactly mirrors this planning document. Allow yourself plenty of time to complete the application in one sitting; while you can in theory return to it from the same device if you get interrupted, it is safer to finish and submit.

We look forward to working with you throughout the Peace Corps Prep process!