

My Spartan Story and Peace Corps Prep

While Peace Corps Prep is not a transcriptable certificate, the four competencies are integrated with the [Spartan Experience Record](#), providing an official MSU record of your involvement in the program.



Peace Corps

The Spartan Experience Record documents student learning and engagement in non-credit bearing experiences and can be requested from the Registrar along with your transcript. The work and volunteer experiences, language acquisition, intercultural exploration and reflection, and leadership and professional development opportunities you undertake as a Peace Corps Prep participant can all appear on this record, along with other validated MSU co-curricular activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to these FAQs appear on the [SER website](#):

1. What is the Spartan Experience Record?
2. How do I get started with the Spartan Experience Record?
3. I am involved in a co-curricular experience that I would like to have on my Spartan Experience Record. How do I add it?
4. What is the difference between an experience and a role?
5. What does “verified” mean?
6. What would I use the Spartan Experience Record for?
7. How do I request my Spartan Experience Record?
8. Do I have access to the Spartan Experience Record after graduation?
9. How is the Spartan Experience Record different from a resume?
10. Who might want this information?
11. How do I talk about/discuss the experiences I have on my Spartan Experience Record?

Learn all about the Spartan Experience Record:

<https://ser.msu.edu/>

What does a Peace Corps Prep Spartan Experience Record look like?

Each of the four PC Prep competencies is a separate “position” in the Spartan Experience Record, all falling under the activity title “Peace Corps Prep Program Competencies.” This means that even if for some reason you do not complete the full requirements to obtain the PC Prep certificate, you may be able to validate one or more of the individual competencies and still have those sections appear on your SER. Here is an example of how two competencies appear on the SER:

INTERCULTURAL

2021-2022

SECTOR-SPECIFIC SKILLS COMP.
Peace Corps Prep Program Competencies International Studies and Programs
9/1/2021-8/31/2022

POSITION DESCRIPTION
Participants completed training and experience related to their Peace Corps sector. Requirements included three academic courses and fifty documented hours of related volunteer or work experience.
100 hours per year

AS A RESULT I LEARNED TO...

- Apply knowledge and skills to develop purpose
- Apply knowledge to solve real world problems
- Effectively engage in community
- Work effectively in a diverse environment

Each position has an overarching category. All four PC Prep competencies are in the “Intercultural” category.

The position description contextualizes what you did during the experience. PC Prep positions describe the requirements for that competency.

This section focuses on the learning that took place through participating in the experience. Experiences can have from one to five learning outcomes.

Each record on the SER appears by academic year. You may complete your PC Prep competencies in different years.

Each position lists an estimated number of hours you committed to the experience.

The Registrar and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education both sign the SER, making it an official MSU-approved document.

INTERCULTURAL

2021-2022

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS COMP.
Peace Corps Prep Program Competencies International Studies and Programs
9/1/2021-8/31/2022

POSITION DESCRIPTION
Participants completed the language proficiency requirements for their proposed region of service. Requirements may have included courses, volunteer or work experience, or proficiency testing.
100 hours per year

AS A RESULT I LEARNED TO...

- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication
- Effectively engage in community
- Facilitate and support course learning
- Work effectively in a diverse environment

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