



Peace Corps Prep at The College of Wooster

Curriculum

The Peace Corps Prep curriculum at The College of Wooster allows students significant flexibility in choosing academic and outside the classroom experiences. Students majoring in most disciplines can participate in the program. For specifics on class choices, students should consult with a member of the Peace Corps Prep committee and their academic advisor.

1. **Foreign language** - Peace Corps Prep participants must attain proficiency equivalent to the fifth semester of college-level language study.

2. **International understanding relating to the developing world** – Peace Corps Prep participants seek to better understand the developing world by selecting at least four courses that relate to a particular **theme**. We invite you to construct a **thematic concentration** that will reflect your interests and goals. Below are some examples (this is only an indicative list; please feel free to propose other themes).
 - a. Culture, religion and identities
 - b. International Economics. Development. Poverty, resource inequalities, international trade. Multi-national corporations
 - c. Globalization. Movements of peoples and ideas. Migrations, diasporas. Communications. Technological revolutions
 - d. Conflict and Security: Wars and diplomacy, terrorism, peace studies, international organizations.
 - e. Colonization, decolonization, post-colonialism
 - f. Human rights and social activism
 - g. Non-governmental organizations and international aid
 - h. Health and disease
 - i. Environmental change, climate, ecology
 - j. Other themes...

3. **Sector Specific Knowledge:** Students must complete at least three courses in one of the areas listed below. These are areas in which many Peace Corps volunteers go on to work. One of the courses taken as part of your thematic concentration can “double-count” towards this requirement.
 - o Education
 - appropriate courses offered by the departments of Education, Sociology and Anthropology, English, etc.

- Environmental and /or agricultural studies
 - appropriate courses offered by the Environmental Studies Program, the departments of Geology, Biology, Chemistry, Sociology and Anthropology, etc.
- Business, entrepreneurship, development economics
 - appropriate courses offered by the Department of Economics, the Urban Studies Program, etc.
- Public health, health, nutrition
 - appropriate courses offered by the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Sociology and Anthropology, Psychology, etc.

4. Practical Experience and Community Engagement: Peace Corps Prep participants should complete *at least one* of the following experiences:

- Off-campus study in an international program or in a local urban education program
- Volunteer service in a community development project
- Management or accounting internship
- Agriculture, forestry, construction, or skilled trade work experience
- Tutoring/teaching experience
- Health care / health education experience