

**Peace Corps Prep Program**

**Intercultural Competency Requirement Update**

**March 2021**

UH Global made the following program updates to the 'Intercultural Competency' requirement of the Peace Corps Prep program effective March 12, 2021. Students who registered for the Peace Corps Prep program prior to this date, are eligible to complete the program with the original requirements listed on the website from Aug 2019-Mar 2021, but are encouraged to meet the new requirements for this section to be more competitive during the Peace Corps application process. Any students who register for the Peace Corps Prep program after March 12, 2021 will need to meet the updated requirements outlined below.

**Original Intercultural Competency Requirements: Aug 2019 - Mar 2021**

**Intercultural Competence:** There are multiple ways students can fulfill this requirement. Students must complete one of the options below:

- Complete the [Global Citizens Credential \(GCC\) Program](#) OR
- Complete three global courses from the [approved global course list](#)
  - Students may substitute a learning abroad experience for two global courses. For more information, visit the [Learning Abroad website](#).
  - Students may substitute two intercultural activities for one global course. Students must submit proof of attendance. Visit the GCC website above to learn more and join the GCC listserv to find out about upcoming intercultural activities.

**Intercultural Competence COVID Accommodations:**

- For global courses, students can continue to earn points for any approved global course regardless of the method of delivery (online classes included) since points are given based on course completion and final grade. For courses taken with a pass/fail or a pass/NCR grade during this period, only courses with a passing grade will be accepted.
- For learning abroad, a student can earn points for a learning abroad trip that was cancelled due to COVID-19 if the student is unable to register for another learning abroad trip for a future semester due to their graduation date. Students must submit learning abroad registration documentation and proof of cancellation. Students may also earn credit for a virtual learning abroad program through an approved affiliated provider as listed on the UH Learning Abroad website.
- In lieu of in-person intercultural activities/events, students may earn points for completing any of the following online activities but also must submit a one-page reflection paper of the activity: Watch a foreign film or online cultural performance, read a novel or nonfiction book by a foreign author or on a global or multicultural topic, engage in an online cultural activity or a similar activity that allows the student to learn about another culture.

## **Updated Intercultural Competency Requirements: March 2021 onward**

### **Intercultural Competence:**

- Complete three courses from the [approved global course list](#)
  - Students may substitute a [learning abroad](#) experience if was in one of the [Peace Corps Countries](#).
    - Programs one week to a summer in length may substitute for one global course and those lasting one semester may substitute for two global courses.
  - Students may substitute a prolonged (40 hrs.+) intercultural activity (such as working, interning, or volunteering with a global organization or diverse populations) for one global course.
    - Depending on the intercultural activity, it may also count towards the hands-on experience or leadership requirement.

Peace Corps Prep students are also encouraged to complete the [Global Citizens Credential](#) (GCC) as completing the above will qualify you to earn points towards the program.

### **Intercultural Competence COVID Accommodations:**

- For global courses, students can continue to earn points for any approved global course regardless of the method of delivery (online classes included) since points are given based on course completion and final grade. For courses taken with a pass/fail or a pass/NCR grade during this period, only courses with a passing grade will be accepted.
- For learning abroad, students are encouraged to delay their learning abroad experience and if not possible, fulfill through global courses or virtual prolonged intercultural activities during the COVID pandemic. Students cannot get credit for a cancelled learning abroad experience or by participating in virtual learning abroad.
- For intercultural activities, students may fulfill this through activities performed online, such as a virtual internship or volunteer experience with a global organization, with written documentation.