APPLICATION FOR AUSTIN COLLEGE

PEACE CORPS PREPARATORY PROGRAM

(For Spring term Freshmen, Sophomores, and Fall term Juniors)

Since its founding in 1961, the Peace Corps has worked to 1) help the people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women; 2) promote a better understanding of America in those countries in which volunteers serve; and 3) promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. The Peace Corps seeks students with strong leadership skills and liberal education backgrounds who wish to make a difference overseas while increasing their understanding of the world beyond our shores.

The Peace Corps Preparatory Program (PCPP) is a program for Austin College students who are interested in serving as Peace Corps Volunteers after graduating. Students who apply may major in any field but they must be in good academic standing at time of application and remain in good academic standing thereafter.

Requirements to fulfill program:

PCPP Curriculum: The curriculum focuses on preparation for students that enriches their understanding of the context in which Peace Corps Volunteers operate and prepares students for the demands of the Peace Corps’ interview and selection process.

A. Coursework

1. Foreign language study – 2 years of the same language at the college level (or the equivalent).
2. Area studies/international studies – 4 courses chosen from the PCPP Course List (see list, below). Courses must be from at least two different disciplines.
3. Students interested in teaching English will take a minimum of 3 courses from the TESOL program at our institutional partner, The University of Texas at Arlington, including LING 4353: Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language; LING 4354: Methods and Materials to Teach English as a Second or Foreign Language; and, LING 4395: Internship in Linguistics and ESL.

B. Enhancements (a minimum of 1 of the following)

1. Study abroad (January Term or semester)
3. Experience in agriculture and/or construction / skilled trade.
4. Tutoring / teaching / mentoring / coaching experience.
5. Health care / HIV-AIDS / outreach experience
6. GO Fellowship/international internship

C. Volunteer service/internship in a community service development project (a minimum of fifty hours by the end of the junior year, with at least 100 hours by graduation). This project must be approved by the Coordinator of the Austin College PCPP and by the Austin College Service Station.
PCPP COURSE LIST

The list below is an extensive but not entirely comprehensive list of the courses accepted by the PCPP. Please see this as a representative list and recognize that it evolves with the College’s course offerings. Additional courses, including ones transferred from other institutions or overseas programs, may be presented for possible approval.

CHOOSE AT LEAST FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PREP PROGRAM.

African Studies
- AFST 121 African History and Cultures

Anthropology
- ANTH 236 Anthropology of the City
- ANTH 263 Whose Amazon? Environment, Society, and Development in the Amazon River Basin
- ANTH 265 Latin American Societies and Culture
- ANTH 315 War and Peacemaking
- ANTH 362 Immigration Policy and the Immigrant Experience
- ANTH 365 Race and Ethnic Relations

Asian Studies
- ASST 250 Intermediate Topics in Asian Studies
- ASST 350, 450 Advanced Topics in Asian Studies

Biology
- BIO 101 Influenza – From 1918 until 2009
- BIO 101 Microbes and Society
- BIOL 354 Human Infectious Diseases

Business Administration
- BA 371 Non Profit Accounting
- BA 368 International Business

Chinese
- CHIN 355 Studies in the Culture and Civilization of China

East Asian Languages and Cultures
- EALC 251 Pre-modern Chinese Culture
- EALC 253 Modern Chinese Culture
- EALC 250: Topics in East Asian Languages and Cultures
- EALC 350: Advanced Topics in East Asian Languages and Cultures
Education
- EDUC 225 Schools and Society
- EDUC 250 Topics in Education
- EDUC 351 The Learner-Teacher Interaction
- EDUC 475 The Learner, the Teacher, and the Curriculum

Economics/International Economics and Finance (INEF)
- ECO 234 Development Economics
- ECO 242 Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
- ECO 280 Health Economics
- ECO 481 International Trade and Policy

English
- ENG 255 World Literatures
- ENG 364 Studies in Postcolonial Literatures

French
- FR 235 Explorations in French Literature
- FR 250 Intermediate Topics in French

Global Science, Technology, and Society
- GSTS 250 Intermediate Topics in Global Science, Technology, and Society
- GSTS 350-450 Advanced Topics in Global Science, Technology, and Society

Environmental Studies
- ENVS 235 Fundamentals of Environmental Studies
- ENVS 250 Topics in Environmental Studies
- ENVS 230, 330 Globalization
- ENVS 350, 450 Advanced Topics in Environmental Studies
- ENVS 479 Environmental Policy

History
- HIST 113 East Asian Civilization
- HIST 123 Survey of Latin American History
- HIST 221 Red, White, and Black: Race and Culture in Colonial Latin America
- HIST 225 Latin America in the 21st Century
- HIST 320 Mexico and Central America
- HIST 322 Andean Nations
- HIST 327 Latin American Social Revolutions

International Relations/Political Science
- PS 220: Survey of Comparative Politics
- PS 222: Introduction to Latin American Politics
- PS 227: Women and Latin American Politics
PS 301: Democracy and Globalization
PS 323: Comparative Politics of the Middle East

Leadership
LEAD 240 Studies in Leadership
LEAD 250, 350 Special Topics in Leadership

Philosophy
PHIL 207, 307 Environmental Philosophy

Political Science
PSCI 130 Contemporary International Politics
PSCI 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics
PSCI 240 Introduction to Asian Politics
PSCI 230/330 Globalization
PSCI 235 Model United Nations
PSCI 236 Model United Nations
PSCI 241 Chinese Politics
PSCI 242 Comparative Asian Politics
PSCI 332 International Human Rights
PSCI 345 African Politics
PSCI 430 International Relations Theory
PSCI 432 U.S. Foreign Policy
PSCI 434 International Law
PSCI 440 Advanced Comparative Politics

Psychology
PSY 340 1 Cultural Psychology

Religious Studies
REL 110 The Life and Teachings of the Buddha
REL 115 Hinduism
REL 220 1 Illness, Medicine, and Healing in Asian Religions
REL 405 Indian and Tibetan Philosophies

Spanish
SPAN 250 Intermediate Topics in Hispanic Civilization and Culture
SPAN 350 Advanced Topics in Hispanic Literature
SPAN 355 Peninsular Literature
SPAN 356 Spanish-American Literature

Speech
SPCH 455 Intercultural Communication
AUSTIN COLLEGE PEACE CORPS PREP PROGRAM APPLICATION

[answers may be completed on an attached sheet]

1. Name of Applicant ____________________________________________________________

2. College Address – Box__________ Expected graduation date____________(month and year)
   E-Mail ________________________________________________________________

3. Second language (two years required) Courses taken ________________________________
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4. Major (s) ________________________________________________________________
   Minor (s) ______________________________________________________________

5. Tentative PCPP courses (see attached list) _________________________________________
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6. Are you interested in teaching as a Peace Corps Volunteer?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

7. Current study abroad plans (if any)______________________________________________

8. Volunteer service – in high school _____________________________________________
   In college: ______________________________________________________________
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9. Do you have or plan to have business/accounting coursework or experience?
   ☐ Yes (please describe)_____________________________________________________
   ☐ No
10. Do you have or plan to have experience with agriculture, forestry, construction or a skilled trade?

☐ Yes (please describe)____________________________________________________________
☐ No

11. Do you have or plan to have experience tutoring or teaching?

☐ Yes (please describe)____________________________________________________________
☐ No

12. Do you have or plan to have health care/health/HIV-AIDS education/health outreach experience?

☐ Yes (please describe)____________________________________________________________
☐ No

13. How do you plan to develop your leadership skills in the coming years? ________________

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Applicant Signature _____________________________________________________________

Date___________________________________________________________