Degree Requirements: Peace Corps Master’s International

Peace Corps Master’s International (PCMI) students generally spend a full academic year in residence at Florida State University prior to their entry into Peace Corps training and to the commencement of their overseas service. In that time, they typically complete 24 semester hours of classes, or about 70% of the credits required for their degree.

Four more hours are then devoted to Directed Individual Study while PCMI participants are carrying out their service in the field and offer the opportunity for the student/volunteer to investigate topics that relate the courses they have taken to their actual job duties, while maintaining communication and exchange with support faculty back at FSU. They then only have one semester’s worth of work (usually 6-9 hours) to finish upon completion of their Peace Corps service in order to qualify for their degree.

Though there are requirements to fulfill both in the Sociocultural and International Development Education Studies (SIDES) major and in the relevant division of the School of Teacher Education, the exact mix will depend on the experience and training that the student may have already acquired.

Half of the coursework represents the core courses required for the master’s degree in English, Science or Mathematics Education and the other half is comprised of SIDES courses on education in developing countries and multicultural understanding. Core courses in the three alternative teaching specializations and in the companion SIDES curriculum are detailed below:

**English Education**
1. LAE 5064 Reader Response to Literature: Research and Practice (3)
2. LAE 5736 Written Composition in Secondary School: Theory and Research (3)
3. LAE 5637 Issues/Trends in Secondary English (3) OR
4. LAE 5932 Reading Instruction for Teachers of Secondary English (3)

**OR**

**Science Education**
1. SCE 5340 Teaching and Learning in Science (3)
2. SCE 5140 Curriculum in Science Education (3)
3. SCE 5545 Diversity in Science Education (3)
4. SCE 5895 Nature of Science and Science Education (3)

**OR**

**Mathematics Education**
1. MAE 5690 Ethnomathematics (3)
2. MAE 5691 Mathematics Learning & Teaching (3)
3. MAE 5146 School Mathematics Curriculum (3)
4. MAE 5865 Using History in Teaching of Mathematics (3)

**AND**

**Sociocultural and International Development Education Studies (SIDES)**
1. EDF 5850 International Development Education (3)
2. EDF 5935 Multicultural Education (3)
3. EDF 5612 Anthropology of Education (3)
4. EDF 5625 Education and Economic Development (3)
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**AND**
Thesis Credit (6 hours, if applicable) **OR** Comprehensive Exam