Do you want to gain hands-on experience while earning a master's degree?

Do you want to gain global experience while earning a living?

Peace Corps Master's International offers all of these things and more...

Colorado State University and the Peace Corps participate in five cooperative master's degree programs giving students the opportunity to earn a master's degree and hands-on experience in:

- English
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Natural Resources
- Agriculture
- Public Health

A minimum of 30 credits (35 for TEFL/TESL program) is required for the master's degree; 16 of those credits must be at the 500 level or above. Of the 16 credits, at least 12 must be in regular course work.

The program of study is designed within departmental parameters to meet your needs, taking into consideration the needs of the Peace Corps host country.

Components of the program may include:
- An interdisciplinary seminar in international development and service.
- CSU credit for Peace Corps field experience under the guidelines of the university and the supervision of the advisor.
- An independent study course for which the returned volunteer writes a professional paper based on the field experience.

The PCMI program offers the following benefits:
- Approximately three months of intensive language, cross-cultural, and technical training in the host country prior to service.
- Free medical and dental care.
- Free transportation to and from the host country.
- Deferment of student loans (some restrictions apply)
- A monthly living allowance that will enable you to live in a manner similar to those in the country of service. This stipend covers housing, meals, and incidental expenses.
- A payment of approximately $7,425 as a readjustment allowance when you return home at the end of your service.
- One year of non-competitive eligibility for federal jobs upon completion of the program.
Grad School or Peace Corps? Why not do both!

Requirements and Financial Aid

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants to Colorado State University must meet the requirements of the CSU Graduate School and the selected college or department. At a minimum, students must have:

• A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. In some cases, experience in a program-related discipline may be necessary.
• An undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (A=4.0)
• A completed Graduate Record Exam (GRE), if required by the chosen department.
• A completed Colorado State University application (Public Health students do not apply through CSU; please see application requirements at http://publichealth.ucdenver.edu).
• For specific course pre-requisites, please check with the specific department.

If you are currently enrolled in one of the participating graduate programs, you may already be eligible to apply for the PCMI program. Please contact the Office of International Programs.

PEACE CORPS REQUIREMENTS
• You must be at least 18 years of age
• You must be a U.S. citizen
• You must be in good health

For more information, please visit the Peace Corps website at: www.peacecorps.gov

FINANCIAL AID
Financial aid may be available based on student need and academic merit. You may apply for financial aid through Student Financial Services at (970) 491-6321 or by visiting www.sfs.colostate.edu for more information.

Merit-based scholarships and assistantships may also be available through the academic departments.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
A graduate school bulletin outlining programs and requirements is available at: www.graduateschool.colostate.edu

The application process:

1. Contact the appropriate college liaison to discuss your program interests and application details. College and department liaisons are listed on the back page.

2. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) aptitude test is required for most applicants. Test scores can be sent directly to the Graduate School from Education Testing Services. Please allow adequate time for the graduate school to receive your test scores from ETS.

3. Apply to Colorado State University. The online application can be accessed at www.admissions.colostate.edu. Please contact your department for specific application information.

4. Apply to the Peace Corps. Applications may be submitted approximately one year before anticipated departure. The online application may be accessed at www.peacecorps.gov.

Transfer Students:
CSU now has a website that calculates transfer equivalency and verifies pre-requisites. Contact the Transfer Office at: transferoffice@colostate.edu for more information.

Special Opportunities for Natural Resource Students:
Peace Corps Ethiopia and CSU have created an ongoing partnership that may provide special opportunities for a natural resources related assignment in Ethiopia. Students applying for this program have the benefit of knowing which country they will be servicing and the type of project that will be completed. Positions in Ethiopia may also be available to students in other departments. If you are interested in working in Ethiopia, please inquire at the Office of International Programs located at Laurel Hall on the main CSU Campus or by calling 970-491-5917.
Department Contacts & Info

**Warner College of Natural Resources:**
The Warner College of Natural Resources offers the most comprehensive natural resources program in the country with a focus on critical environmental management problems. Special assignments in Ethiopia are available (see page 3).
- Contact: Melinda Laituri
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**College of Agricultural Sciences:**
Our diverse majors and concentrations include strong traditional disciplines such as agronomy, animal science, equine science, horticulture, landscape architecture, and agribusiness.
- Contact: Jessica G. Davis
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**Department of English:**
The English Department is a vibrant and diverse place. We share a passion for exploring the many ways the English language is used in creative and communicative ways, through writing and now increasingly through other forms of expression. (minimum 35 credits for TEFL/TESL)
- Contact: Gerald P. Delahunty
- Phone: (970) 491-1108 or 491-2403
- Email: Gerald.Delahunty@colostate.edu

**Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition:**
The mission of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition is to illuminate the role of food and nutrition in the health of society through education, research, outreach, and service.
- Contact: Paula Coleman
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**Public Health:**
The Colorado School of Public Health offers a Master’s of Public Health degree which is the primary professional degree in the field of public health. The MPH degree is intended for students who plan careers as practitioners and leaders in one or more of the public health fields. Core academic public health areas include behavioral health, biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, and health services administration.
- Contact: Lorann Stallones
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Peace Corps:
You may call the Peace Corps’ toll free number or contact the CSU recruiter directly.

**CSU Recruiter:**
(970) 491-7706
pcorps@colostate.edu

**Dallas Recruiting Office:**
If calling from AK, CO, KS, LA, NE, NM, TX, UT or WY
(800) 424-8580
All other states
(214) 253-5400
Any location
dallas@peacecorps.gov

**Peace Corps Headquarters:**
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www.peacecorps.gov

**PCMI Universities:**
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