



SCHOOL of INTERNATIONAL SERVICE  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • WASHINGTON, DC

## Peace Corps Master's International Program



The Master's International (MI) program integrates graduate study at the School of International Service (SIS) and United States Peace Corps service into a single program. Participants are able to pursue a graduate degree at SIS while in the Peace Corps. The Master's International program is open to all students who have been admitted to a master's degree program in SIS and who are also admitted to the Peace Corps.

MI students begin their first year of graduate course work at SIS. After receiving a Peace Corps placement, students travel to their respective sites and begin training. While in service, MI students draw on their graduate experience while focused on Peace Corps service and earn 6 credits (the tuition of which will be waived) towards their master's degree requirements during their 27-month service. During service, students complete a few short reflective assignments that assist in connecting their Peace Corps experience to their academic interests and future international affairs careers. After completing their Peace Corps service, MI students return to SIS to finish their graduate course work.

### Eligible Master's Programs

- Comparative and Regional Studies
- Development Management
- Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs
- Global Environmental Policy
- Global Governance, Politics, and Security
- International Communication
- International Development
- International Economic Relations
- International Economics
- International Media
- International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- International Service (Executive)
- Social Enterprise
- U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security

**In 2014, the Peace Corps ranked American University tenth in its annual list of top Master's International programs.**



## Benefits

### ■ Programmatic

By combining Peace Corps service and an SIS graduate degree, MI students are able to combine theory and practice in unprecedented ways. SIS enhances volunteer impact and the experience of Peace Corps, as MI students have the benefit of close mentorship by SIS faculty and staff throughout their academic and overseas experiences.

### ■ Financial

MI participants reduce the cost of their graduate degree program through the 6 credit tuition waiver earned while performing their Peace Corps service.

### ■ Professional

As both SIS Alumni and RPCVs (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers), MI graduates will have access to the professional networks, organizations, and career enhancement/advising services of both American University and the Peace Corps.



**Sarah Colten**  
 International Economic Relations  
 RPCV, Paraguay, '12-'14

“The most important aspect of my Master's International experience was being able to complete my Peace Corps service knowing that I had not

only friends and family supporting me back home, but also the constant encouragement of my university.”

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