



SIUE selected as Peace Corps site

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is now a Peace Corps Prep site. This partnership agreement, signed by Chancellor Randy Pembroke on behalf of SIUE and the U.S. Peace Corps, is available only to students at participating partner schools.

“This program provides an opportunity for students at SIUE to contribute to international peace, social justice and the development of full human potential,” said Mary Weishaar, executive director of International Affairs. “It supports and helps develop the SIUE values of citizenship, excellence, inclusion, integrity and wisdom.”

[Peace Corps Prep](#) helps prepare undergraduate students in four core competencies – sector specific skills, foreign language competency, intercultural competence, and professional savvy and leadership – that are key to fieldwork as a Peace Corps

volunteer. Beginning fall 2017, undergraduate students can apply for the program through the study abroad advisor in the SIUE Office of International Affairs.

Peace Corps Prep creates an individualized map for students to build these competencies within existing coursework and with additional hands-on experiences. After completion of the program, students receive a certificate from the Peace Corps, which could add a competitive edge when applying for Peace Corps service.

“Students with an interest in the Peace Corps will find that many of the requirements for the certificate can be met by courses they are already taking or service work they are already doing,” said Kim Browning, study abroad advisor.

Completion of the program does not delay student progress toward graduation. Sorin Nastasia, program director for International Studies, and Huaibo Xin, program director for Public Health, will serve in the faculty advisory committee for the program.

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[Southern Illinois University Edwardsville](#) provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River’s rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 14,000.