INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AND PEACE CORPS PREP PROGRAM
Shawnee State University
Course Descriptions and Schedules

REQUIRED COURSES

**ISPC 1100 International Service Seminar I: Basic Cross-Cultural Skills** (1 credit)
This course is designed to familiarize students with cross-cultural differences they may encounter in study abroad experiences, international service trips, or international work situations. Students will participate in exercises and activities to increase self-awareness of their own cultural biases, and help them identify and adapt to cultural values and norms they may encounter overseas.
Instructor: Tracey Henderson, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered annually in fall semester

**ISPC 2100: International Service Seminar II: The Service Role in Cross-Cultural Context** (1 credit)
This seminar course is designed to introduce students to ethical dilemmas and practical issues associated with working in a service role in a different culture.
Instructor: Tracey Henderson, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered annually in spring semester

**ISPC 3100: International Service Seminar III: The Peace Corps Application Process** (1 credit) (Required ONLY for students who plan to apply to the Peace Corps)
This seminar course is designed to guide students through the Peace Corps application process and prepare them to enter Peace Corps service.
Instructor: Tracey Henderson, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered annually in fall semester

**ISPC 2200: Global Poverty and International Development** (3 credits)
This introductory course surveys fundamental issues in international development, including food security, public health, environmental resource management, education, population, and gender issues. We will explore “poverty traps” and root causes of hunger and poverty, and assess various development strategies to address these problems.
Instructor: Tracey Henderson, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered annually in spring semester

**Language Requirement:** (6-8 credits)
Two college language courses in the same language, Spanish or French preferred. See ISPCPP coordinator for other options for meeting language requirement.

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CORE COURSE OPTIONS  (Choose TWO of the following:)

**ANTH 2250 – Principles of Cultural Anthropology** (3 credits)
An introduction to the basic concepts, principles and problems of cultural anthropology as it fits into the four field approach to anthropology. Students will be introduced to anthropology as a holistic way of understanding culture and cultural change, with specific focus on the problems of small scale, non-Western societies and the impact of globalization on these societies.
Instructor: Clifford Poirot, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered every semester.

**ISPC 4300: Global Food Security and Agricultural Development** (3 credits)
This course examines issues and trends in international agriculture and rural development in low-income countries. Topics include world food demand/production forecasts, constraints to global food security, and controversies such as “high-input” vs. “sustainable” agriculture, the use of genetically-modified organisms for food production, and the efficacy of participatory approaches to rural development.
Instructor: Tracey Henderson, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered every other year in fall semester

**ISPC 4400: Global Public Health Issues** (3 credits)
This course examines important issues and trends in global health, with a focus on health in low-income developing countries. Students will learn about the global disease burden and constraints to health. Development strategies to improve public health will be explored through case studies.
Instructor: Rita Haider, M.S.N., CRNP
Schedule: Offered every other year in spring semester

**LING 4460 – Teaching English as a Second Language** (3 credits)
This course will introduce the most important ideas of the theory and practice of Second Language Acquisition and how they relate to teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language.
Instructor: Leila Lomashvili, Ph.D.
Schedule: Check with the English/Humanities department.

**NTSC 3860: Environmental Science: A Regional and Global Perspective on Sustainability** (4 credits)
This course examines important local and global environmental issues and their impact on society. Students will learn about different views of sustainability and explore the relationships between poverty, inequality, and environment. Strategies to enhance environmental sustainability at the local level will be examined through case studies.
Instructor: Jon Bedick, Ph.D.
Schedule: Offered every other year in fall semester (odd years)