Master’s International Peace Corps Program

Dive into a curriculum that will prepare you for your Peace Corps Service by becoming an expert in international administration, development, or finance, trade and economic integration. You’ll be able to apply and expand upon what you learn through Josef Korbel School coursework, during your volunteer experience abroad. Reap the benefits that a Josef Korbel School Master’s degree has to offer by: learning from world-renowned faculty, as well as other Master’s International students, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, and other students with a variety of experiences; attending an assortment of speaker and networking events both on and off-campus; customizing your degree to fit the needs of your desired career path; and much more. This program enables you to develop the skills necessary to excel in the Peace Corps and the career of your choice after serving.

The Master’s International Program requires that you complete your coursework prior to your Peace Corps Service. You will then enter the 27 month Peace Corps Service and upon completion of your service and the submission of a substantial research paper, you will then receive the final 18 credits toward the degree and can apply to graduate.

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<td>Credit reduction (18 credits)</td>
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**Benefits:** In cooperation with the United States Peace Corps, the Josef Korbel School of International Studies offers incentives for Master’s International students, accepted into both the Peace Corps and the Josef Korbel School, to join the Korbel School prior to their Peace Corps service. These benefits are:

- 18 hour credit reduction in the 90 credit hour program
- Foreign language requirement waived
- Internship requirement waived

**Degree options:** Master’s International Peace Corps students are invited to enroll in the following MA degree programs:

1. Global Finance, Trade and Economic Integration
2. International Administration
3. International Development

**Peace Corps Community Student Group:** With a remarkably large returning and potential Peace Corps volunteer student population, this student group is one of the largest student groups in the college. Get together with other Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and Master’s International students to discuss the benefits of Peace Corps service and how it applies to your education in international studies.

**What current Master’s International students say about the Program:**

“When I entered into the MI program at the Korbel School I knew that we had the largest RPCV group of any university, but I didn’t know that I was walking into a family. The instantaneous solidarity, the sincere concern and connectedness of the professors, the advice, the stories, and the gatherings have been more valuable than I could’ve possibly imagined. I am humbled by the lifelong friendships I’ve made, in tandem with the international connections. Also, an 18 credit reduction! After being accepted into the school, I didn’t think I could get any more stoked about merging my international experience/ambitions with the opportunities that a degree from the Korbel School would provide me, but with Peace Corps as a launchpad, the world is truly my oyster.”

-Moriah Lee, MA Global, Finance, Trade and Economic Integration, 2014

Additional Information can be found at [www.du.edu/korbel](http://www.du.edu/korbel).

Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions by calling 303.871.2544 or emailing korbeladm@du.edu for more information.
Graduate Admissions Requirements

- Application
- Application fee ($65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended (including English translations when applicable). Send transcripts in an official, sealed envelope bearing an official stamp from the Registrar’s Office across the envelope’s seal.
- Official GRE test scores (the University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-700 words)
  - What is your career goal upon completing your graduate degree and what are your longer-term career goals?
  - Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree and how the degree program you have chosen will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
  - What skills and previous experiences have helped position you to reach your career goals and how will the Josef Korbel School help you achieve these goals?
- Resume
- Visa eligibility documents (I-20) (International students only)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers) (the University of Denver code is 4842)

Class Profile

- Average GRE Scores (new scoring system):
  - Verbal: 159
  - Quantitative: 154
- Average GPA: 3.45
- Average Age: 25 years
- Age Range: 21-54
- Average Class size: 20
- Females: 54%
- Males: 46%
- Non-US Students: 14%
- Citizenship represented: 27
- Each year, about 200 students enroll in the MA programs at the Josef Korbel School

*Please visit the Korbel Handbook on Portfolio (https://portfolio.du.edu/issta) to view up-to-date degree requirements. Degree directors update the handbook through Portfolio throughout the year, so for a more extensive list of course requirements please visit the Portfolio site.*