



## Master's International Declaration Form

Thank you for your interest in the Master's International program. SIT Graduate Institute and the United States Peace Corps have been partnering to provide the Master's International (MI) program to SIT students since 1991. Through this partnership, students completing an approved SIT master's degree program may fulfill their practicum or TESOL portfolio requirement by serving in the Peace Corps.

Below are the steps you will need to take in order to confirm your enrollment in the Master's International program, as well as an overview of the structure of the program. Students in the MI program must be able to meet the requirements of both Peace Corps and the SIT degree program in which they enroll.

### Required steps to enrolling in the MI program

- ◇ Speak with your on-campus advisor to determine whether Peace Corps service would align with your academic and career goals.
- ◇ Students should begin an application to the Peace Corps as soon as possible after deciding to enroll in the Master's International program. Please keep in mind that the Peace Corps application process can take as long as one year or more before receiving an assignment, so start this process early.
- ◇ All students will need to submit a copy of their SIT Graduate Institute letter of acceptance to the Peace Corps during the application process. The SIT acceptance letter should indicate acceptance to the "Master's International program." If your initial acceptance letter did not indicate "Master's International," please request a revised letter of enrollment from the registrar.
- ◇ All students will need to provide a copy of their letter of invitation from the Peace Corps (once received) to the registrar and the off-campus coordinator.
- ◇ Students in most SIT Graduate Institute master's degree programs\* are required to enroll in three terms of Reflective Practice (RP) over the duration of the 27-month Peace Corps service period. These RP terms are the periods when students should submit their RP written assignments.
  - The terms for which a student is enrolled in RP need not be consecutive.
  - Students should avoid enrolling in RP terms while in the initial Peace Corps training period.
  - Participation in the on-campus Capstone Seminar may occur during OR after Peace Corps service.
  - Students will receive a combined 12 credits for successful completion of the RP phase and Capstone Seminar.

\*Students in the Washington, DC-based MA in Sustainable Development program are not eligible to participate in the Peace Corps Master's International program.

- ◇ MAT students (Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) should register for their TESOL portfolio or thesis at the beginning of their Peace Corps service. They should submit their portfolio or thesis electronically when it is complete.
  - MAT students will receive 3 credits for the successful completion of the portfolio or thesis.
- ◇ Students will receive a 50% reduction in tuition for the off-campus/portfolio (or thesis) phase.
- ◇ Student loans can be deferred during Peace Corps service.
  - Students will need to complete the loan deferment paperwork through the Peace Corps.
- ◇ Submit a signed copy of this Master's International Declaration Form to the Registrar's Office.

*Note: Should you decide at any time to discontinue enrollment in the Master's International program, please inform the registrar and your advisor. You will still need to identify a suitable field position to satisfy your practicum or TESOL portfolio requirement.*

**Please submit a signed copy of this form to the Registrar's Office.**

*I have read and understand the process for registering for the Master's International program. I understand that I must register online for my off-campus phase, and will work with my advisor to create an enrollment plan that works for my academic and Peace Corps schedules. I assume responsibility for deferring any student loans during my Peace Corps service.*

*If at any time I decide not to fulfill Peace Corps service as my practicum or internship requirement, or if my service ends early, I will communicate these changes to my advisor and the Registrar's Office at my earliest convenience.*

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Name: LAST, First Middle (please print)	ID number
Degree Program/concentration	SIT Email address
Signature of Student	Date

**Please keep a copy of this form for your records.**