Peace Corps Master's International Program highlights

» The U-M School of Social Work Peace Corps Master’s International Program allows students interested in working with children and youth to incorporate 27 months of Peace Corps service into their MSW program.

» Students earn a MSW degree from U-M in four years including 27 months of significant international professional experience in a country overseas addressing youth development.

Program Funding

Nonresident Student:
» $10,000 Total Award (Advanced Standing/45 Credit Hour Program)
» $20,000 Total Award (20 Month/60 Credit Hour Program)

Resident Student:
» $5,000 Total Award (Advanced Standing/45 Credit Hour Program)
» $10,000 Total Award (20 Month/60 Credit Hour Program)

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In 2011, Colleen Huysman was one of two students in the inaugural cohort of the Peace Corps Master’s International Program, a joint venture with U-M SSW and the Peace Corps. The program allows students interested in working with children and youth to incorporate 27 months of Peace Corps service into their MSW program and earn their degree in four years.

Benefits of the Peace Corps program include: language training, travel costs to and from the country of service, overseas living and housing expenses, medical and dental coverage, vacation time and transition funds of approximately $7,000 upon completion of service.

“The Peace Corps isn’t for everyone. There are stresses and frustrations that I’ve encountered along the way here, but despite the challenges, I wouldn’t change a thing. If you have an open mind and are up for an adventure, you will learn more about yourself, about others and about the world we live in than you could ever learn in a classroom,” Colleen says.