



Track Four: Agriculture

Lead grassroots efforts to fight hunger in a changing world. Agricultural Volunteers work with small-scale farmers and families to increase food security and production and adapt to climate change while promoting environmental conservation practices. They introduce farmers to techniques that prevent soil erosion, reduce the use of harmful pesticides, and replenish the soil. They work alongside farmers on integrated projects that often combine vegetable gardening, livestock management, agroforestry, and nutrition education.

If you choose Agriculture, take 3 courses in the following two areas:

1 natural science course on agriculture:

- Ecology (BIOL 228)
- Environmental Plant Physiology (BIOL 245)
- Photosynthesis (BIOL 323)

2 courses on social, political, or cultural aspects of agriculture:

- Anthropology of Food (ANTH 320)
- Sustainable Agriculture (ENVS 253)
- Seminar in Environmental Studies (ENVS 461)
- Corn, Farming and the Roots of American Cultures (HIST 360)
- Feast, Fast, Famine (HIST 428)
- Sociology of Food (SOCY 233)

And build 50 hours of related field experience through an activity such as:

- Working with a large-scale or family-run business involving vegetable gardening, farming, nursery work, tree planting or care, urban forestry, landscaping, livestock care and management, or fish cultivation and production
- Teaching or tutoring the public in environmental or agricultural issues and activities
- Working on the business management or marketing side of a commercial farm
- Volunteering or working on the Kenyon Farm



Peace Corps Prep work can be done at any point during your four years at Kenyon. Students can apply at any time in their college career, but it is heavily encouraged that students begin no later than their first semester of junior year in order to complete all coursework in a timely manner.