

## Peace Corps Fellows and Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) Fellows

Master's Degree in Anthropology  
Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence  
*Department of Sociology & Anthropology*  
Plan of Study

Peace Corps Fellows and ACED Fellows in Anthropology fulfill requirements for a sequence in applied community and economic development and a concentration in cultural anthropology. Required courses are listed below. This list is subject to change. The application deadline is March 1 for fall admissions.

For more information contact the Anthropology Department's Graduate Advisor: Dr. Katie Sampeck at [ksampec@illinoisstate.edu](mailto:ksampec@illinoisstate.edu).

### **First Fall Semester**

ANT 380 – Key Concepts	3
ANT 460 – Research Design	3
POL/SOC 470 – Seminar in Community Development	3
POL/SOC 477 – Community Project Design and Management	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>

### **First Spring Semester**

ANT 302 – Ethnography	3
ECO 490.04 – Seminar in Local Economic Development (Prerequisite: at least one course in economics)	2
ANT 383 – Selected Cultures	3
ANT 400 – Independent Study or elective	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11</b>

### **First Summer Semester**

ECO/POL/SOA 478—Topics in Administration and Planning	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2</b>

### **Second Fall/Spring/Summer Semester**

ANT 499 – Thesis	6
ANT 498 – Professional Practice	6
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>

### **TOTAL CREDITS**

**37 credit hours**

See the Illinois State University Graduate Catalog for a full listing of offerings and course descriptions: <http://www.grad.illinoisstate.edu>. Candidates may present no more than 9 hours total credit from 498 and 400 toward their degrees.

**From:** Cleeton, David  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 1:27 PM  
**To:** Skibo, James  
**Cc:** Beyer, Beverly  
**Subject:**

After consultation with our graduate program director and the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development, the Economics Department is in agreement with the proposal to add the interdisciplinary Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) sequence to the master's degree program in anthropology. Adding the sequence should not require any new courses because the target is one or two anthropology students in each ACED cohort.

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Dear Professor Skibo:

In consultation with our graduate coordinator and the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development, Department of Politics and Government fully concurs with the proposal to add the interdisciplinary Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) sequence to the master's degree in anthropology. Adding the sequence will not require any new courses because the target is one or two anthropology students in each ACED cohort.

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December 21, 2014

Dr. James M. Skibo, Distinguished Professor and Chair  
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Dear Dr. Skibo:

In support of the submission to the Graduate Curriculum Committee, the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development fully concurs with the proposal to add the interdisciplinary Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) sequence to the master's degree in anthropology. Adding the sequence will not require any new courses.

As you know, the Stevenson Center coordinates this applied sequence in four degree programs (applied economics, kinesiology and recreation, political science, and sociology) and works closely with faculty to manage the related Peace Corps Fellows Program and ACED Fellows Program. As a result of the Program Review process and in consultation with our advisory board (composed of chairs, graduate coordinators, and other faculty), we are expanding to existing master's degree programs. Fellows bring at least a year of experience in Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or similar contexts to campus. Faculty report that Fellows are better prepared for the master's workload than non-ACED-sequence students and motivated to perform well. They praise Fellows particularly for their maturity, their sense of purpose, and their intellectual curiosity.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Stevenson Center already work closely in support of the ACED sequence in sociology. By adding the sequence to the anthropology degree program, we advance the goal of equipping graduate students with the skills needed to be effective development professionals in a variety of nonprofit, government, and business settings requiring cross-cultural understanding, research methods, project management, and community outreach. The goal is to bring up to two well-qualified cultural anthropology Fellows to campus per cohort.

In this our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we look forward to continued close collaboration with you, Dr. Katie Sampeck, Dr. Gina Hunter, and others to ensure that the ACED sequence in anthropology is a success. We welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Frank D. Beck, Ph.D.  
Director

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Beverly A. Beyer  
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