Community Economic Development

Volunteers work with development banks, nongovernmental organizations, and municipalities to strengthen infrastructure and encourage economic opportunities in communities. They frequently teach in classroom settings and work with entrepreneurs and business owners to develop and market their products. Some Volunteers also teach basic computer skills and help communities take advantage of technologies such as e-commerce, distance learning, and more.

Relevant Coursework

Take three, 3 or 4 credit business related courses taken as part of an approved business major or minor at ISU, such as the following:

- Business
- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Communications
- Computer Science

For non-majors, speak with a PC Prep Advisor about relevant courses

Field Experience

Working with businesses, organizations, or cooperatives in accounting, finance, microfinance, management, project management, budgeting, or marketing – United Way volunteer options; Starting and running your own business or other entrepreneurial activity; Training others in computer literacy, maintenance, and repair; Website design or online marketing; Founding or leading a community- or school-based organization

Additional items to complete

- Two, 200 level Spanish or French courses or second language of choice
- Three intercultural/diversity courses or study abroad/away
- One significant leadership experience and resume critique at the Career Center

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