INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Person-in-Charge	Mitchell Smith
Program Code	INTLAF
Campus(es)	University Park World Campus

This program provides students, professionals, and others with an accessible, professional education in the rapidly evolving field of international affairs. The certificate builds career options in international relations, public policy, intelligence, defense policy, military affairs, counterterrorism, diplomacy, international organizations, law enforcement, international business, international law, international education, economic development, international environmental policy, and international energy policy.

Effective Semester: Summer 2023
Expiration Semester: Summer 2028

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

All applicants submit an application (including payment of the nonrefundable application fee), two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement addressing their reasons for pursuing a certificate in international affairs and discussing their plans and goals.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/).

The 12-credit program offers a unique balance of academic study, hands-on training, and professional development; it includes 6 credits of core courses, 3 credits in additional core courses or SIA electives, and 3 credits in additional 500 or 800 level courses. In some cases, at the discretion of the certificate program head, substitution of a relevant course from an appropriate unit may be possible.

All courses must be taken for a letter grade with at least 3.0 grade-point average maintained; no grades below a C will be counted toward the certificate.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
INTAF 506	International Economics: Principles, Policies, and Practices	
INTAF 801	Actors, Institutions, and Legal Frameworks in International Affairs	
INTAF 802	Foundations of Diplomacy and International Relations Theory	
INTAF 803	Multi-sector and Quantitative Analysis	
INTAF 804	Global Cultures and Leadership	
INTAF 890	Colloquium	
Select an additional 3 credits in Core Courses or SIA Elective Courses		3
Select an additional 3 credits in 500 or 800 level courses		3
Total Credits		**12**

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to identify key issues in the field of international affairs.
2. Students will be able to apply the knowledge they obtain to real-world examples.

Contact

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