

GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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Overview

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) offers a post-baccalaureate certificate in Global Affairs and Leadership (GAL), complementing existing programs within the departments of CALs and across campus. The goal of the certificate program is to provide interested students with a previously completed baccalaureate degree a pathway to develop and enhance their leadership skills both nationally and globally. The certificate is available for Starkville Campus and Online Campus students.

Admission Criteria

Prerequisites for admission include a bachelor's or higher in any discipline and a minimum 3.00 overall grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale is required for normal admission. A student who has not fully met the requirements stipulated by the University and the program for admission (i.e., students with 2.50 to 2.99 GPA) may be granted provisional admission to the Global Affairs and Leadership program on a case-by-case basis. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required for admission. A paper-based (PBT) TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) of 575 (84 iBT) or an IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) score of 7.0 or better is required of all international applicants. Letters of recommendation are required of all applicants.

Provisional Admission

An applicant who has not fully met the GPA requirement stipulated by the University may be admitted on a provisional basis. The provisionally admitted student is eligible for a change to regular status after receiving a 3.00 GPA on the first 9 hours of graduate courses at Mississippi State University (with no grade lower than a C). The first 9 hours of graduate courses must be within the student's program of study. Courses with an S grade, transfer credits, or credits earned while in Unclassified status cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. If a 3.00 is not attained, the provisional student **shall** be dismissed from the graduate program.

Academic Performance and Continuous Enrollment

An overall GPA of 3.00 is required for graduation. To be eligible for the preliminary/comprehensive examination, a graduate student must maintain an overall B average in all graduate courses attempted after admission to the program. Continuous enrollment in the Global Affairs and Leadership program is dependent upon satisfactory evaluation of academic performance and progress toward the completion of the respective research degrees. A student will be recommended for dismissal if he/she receives more than two grades of C or any grade below a C in courses taken for credit.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Global Affairs and Leadership Requirements

Required Courses		6
GA 8203	Principles of Global Leadership	
GA 6710	Study Tour	
Elective Courses (Choose 2)		6
AEC 6623	Global Marketing of Agricultural Products	
AN 6163	Anthropology of International Development	
EC 6323	International Economics	
FO 8443	International Forest Resources and Trade	
GA 8213	Global Leadership for Food Security	
PS 6323	International Organization	
Total Hours		12

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