



Graduate Certificate in Great Plains Studies

Graduate certificates are awarded to students who desire interdisciplinary course work to compliment their graduate degree program or to students who, for academic, personal, or professional reasons, desire graduate-level education not leading to a graduate degree.

Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers a graduate certificate program in the area of Great Plains Studies, an interdisciplinary program for professional or personal enrichment. This certificate is for students interested in taking a concentration of courses focusing on a common topic, the Great Plains.

Certificate Requirements:

Students complete 20 hours of coursework, including three required courses (LASI 501, 510, and 800), with the remaining courses selected from these designated courses: ANTH 612, ANTH 613, BIOL 503, BIOL 575, ENGL 860, GEOL 562, GEOL 570, HIST 535, and HIST 536. Great Plains Studies students enrolled in LASI 800 work with the instructor and the Great Plains Studies coordinator to develop an appropriate focus.

Completion process:

1. Students pursuing a graduate certificate must notify the program coordinator (in a written memo) that they wish to complete the certificate. This notification must occur before half of the required hours are completed.
2. In the semester the certificate requirements are met students must:
 - Prepare (with graduate advisor) and submit (to the Graduate School) a Plan of Study (for the certificate).
 - Submit an Application for Graduate Certificate form, along with the \$15.00 filing fee, to the Graduate School no later than the 20th day of classes for the fall or spring semester or the 10th day of classes for the summer semester.
3. A cumulative grade point average of 3.000 must be maintained for all courses comprising the certificate program with no that generates fewer than 2.00 credit points per credit hour.

Admission Requirements:

Students seeking this graduate certificate program must be admitted to the Graduate School in either degree bound status, or non-degree Category A status. International students will not be issued an I-20 for pursuing a certificate program only. They may obtain a certificate only while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree. Students should contact the Graduate School to determine if they need to apply for admission to this status, or need to reactivate their enrollment file. Students who have not completed graduate coursework at Wichita State University will need to apply for admission to Category A status in any program area, by submitting an application and the application fee to the Graduate School. Two official transcripts from all schools attended must be sent directly to the Graduate School from the institutions issuing the transcript. Hand carried, issued to student, or faxed/scanned transcripts will not be accepted.

Degree Admission – The student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

Non-Degree, Category A – Students who hold a bachelor's degree and do not wish to pursue a graduate degree, OR who already possess a graduate degree and who do not wish to pursue a second graduate degree, should apply for non-degree, category A admission. The student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

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