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Overview

Certificate Coordinator: *Associate Vice-President International or delegate*

Domestic undergraduate students at the University of Waterloo are encouraged to become globally engaged learners and citizens by completing the three (3) components of the Global Experience Certificate.

More information is available at www.international.uwaterloo.ca/certificate.

Certificate Requirements

To encourage University of Waterloo domestic students to become globally engaged learners, the University offers undergraduate students the opportunity to obtain a Global Experience Certificate (GEC). By not later than their third academic term (2A), students are required to complete an online Global Experience Certificate Plan outlining how they will complete the following three GEC components:

1. three for-credit courses (1.5 units) – see first bullet below
2. an international experience
3. cross-cultural volunteer experience

All three of the following components will be completed during the undergraduate degree program:

- successful completion of two first year, modern, sequential [language courses](#) (other than students' native language) plus one course from the [Global Studies Course Requirements](#)*
- an international experience – exchange, study abroad, work term or volunteer position outside Canada and the US for a minimum of six consecutive weeks
- a volunteer experience in a cross-cultural context, on campus or in the Waterloo Region community, with a minimum duration of 20 hours in one term, during an academic term in which the applicant is registered at Waterloo as a full or part-time student

Once the GEC Plan form has been completed, it must be submitted to the Associate Vice-President International or designate for approval. Successful completion of the certificate components will result in the awarding of a Global Experience Certificate upon graduation. The Global Experience Certificate will be coordinated by Waterloo International. Students are responsible for notifying Waterloo International of any changes to their certificate plan.

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*With the approval of the Associate Vice-President International or designate, courses other than those on the approved list may be used to complete the course component of the certificate.

Course Requirements

ECON [231](#) Introduction to International Economics
 ECON [332](#) International Finance
 ECON [335](#) Economic Development
 ECON [461](#) Comparative Economic Systems
 ENVS [220](#) Ecological Economics
 ERS [404](#)/PSCI [432](#) Global Environmental Governance
 GBDA [102](#) International Business and Cross-Cultural Management
 GBDA [206](#) Issues in Contemporary Global Ethics
 GBDA [301](#) Global Digital Project 1
 GBDA [302](#) Global Digital Project 2
 GBDA [305](#) Global Development and Business
 GBDA [306](#) Comparative Ethics in a Globalized World
 GBDA [401](#) Cross-Cultural Digital Business 1
 GBDA [402](#) Cross-Cultural Digital Business 2
 GEOG [323](#)/REC [383](#) Perspective on International Tourism

GEOG [426](#) Geographies of Development
GEOG [429](#) Global Food Systems
GEOG [459](#) Energy and Sustainability
INDEV [100](#) Introduction to International Development
INDEV [200](#) The Political Economy of Development
INDEV [202](#) Accounting for Development Organizations
INDEV [212](#) Problem-solving for Development
INTST [101](#) Introduction to International Studies
INTTS [301](#) Institutions of International Trade and Finance
PACS [201](#) Roots of Conflict, Violence and Peace
PACS [202](#) Conflict Resolution
PACS [390](#) Field Studies in Peace and Conflict (International internship)
PHIL [224](#) Environmental Ethics
PHIL [237/RS 261](#) Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
PSCI [252](#) Global South: Introduction to International Development
PSCI [281](#) World Politics
PSCI [283](#) International Political Economy
PSCI [350](#) Political Economy of Development
PSCI [387](#) Globalization
PSCI [453](#) Democracy and Development
PSCI [454](#) Advanced Topics in Third World Politics and Development
PSYCH [222R](#) Cross-Cultural Psychology
RS [100](#) Religions of the East
SCI [250](#) Environmental Geology
SCI [462](#) Biology of Food Production
SDS [370R](#) International Learning Experience
SOC [256](#) Ethnic and Racial Relations
SOC [286](#) Environment and Behaviour
SOCWK [322R](#) International Perspectives in Community Organization
SPCOM [226](#) Introduction to Intercultural Communication

Language Requirements

CHINA [101R](#) First-Year Chinese 1
CHINA [102R](#) First-Year Chinese 2
CROAT [101](#) Elementary Croatian I
CROAT [102](#) Elementary Croatian II
DUTCH [101](#) First-Year Dutch
DUTCH [102](#) First-Year Dutch
FR [151](#) Basic French 1
FR [152](#) Basic French 2
FR [192A](#) French Language 1: Module 1- An Intensive French Language course
FR [192B](#) French Language 1: Module 2- An Intensive French Language course
GER [101](#) Elementary German I
GER [102](#) Elementary German II
ITAL [101](#) Introduction to Italian Language 1
ITAL [102](#) Introduction to Italian Language 2
JAPAN [101R](#) First-Year Japanese 1
JAPAN [102R](#) First-Year Japanese 2
JAPAN [111R](#) Japanese for Business 1 (Language skills required for business environment will be stressed)
JAPAN [112R](#) Japanese for Business 2 (Language skills required for business environment will be stressed)
KOREA [101R](#) First-Year Korean 1
KOREA [102R](#) First-Year Korean 2
POLSH [101](#) Elementary Polish 1
POLSH [102](#) Elementary Polish 2
PORT [101](#) Introduction to Portuguese 1

PORT [102](#) Introduction to Portuguese 2
RUSS [101](#) Elementary Russian I
RUSS [102](#) Elementary Russian II
SI [101R](#) Introduction to Arabic 1
SI [102R](#) Introduction to Arabic 2
SPAN [101](#) Introduction to Spanish 1
SPAN [102](#) Introduction to Spanish 2