Global Affairs (Graduate Certificate)

ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Thunderbird's global affairs certificate trains the next generation of global leaders and policymakers to meet the complex challenges of a globalizing economy. This program offers students and working professionals rigorous coursework taught by Thunderbird faculty members who are among the world's leading scholars of global affairs.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Global Affairs (Certificate)
The graduate certificate program in global affairs is designed to provide an in-depth study of the global political economy, global theory, global institutional environment, decision-making and global strategy.

The global affairs certificate provides a foundation for students to become globally-minded policymakers serving in national, regional or local government agencies; international or nongovernmental organizations; or multinational corporations. The school's innovative and practical curriculum (a strong core of global business management skills, international political economy and cross-cultural training) is delivered through a transdisciplinary approach.

Thunderbird School of Global Management has produced unique leaders for more than 70 years, leaders in every sector capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges. The alumni network comprises 45,000 graduates and 170 chapters around the globe.

At a Glance

- College/School: Thunderbird School of Global Management
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours including the required capstone course (TGM 598)

Required Core (12 credit hours)
SGS 501 Global Theory (3)
SGS 502 Global Institutions and Actors (3)
SGS 503 Methods: Global Decision Making Under Uncertainty (3)
POS 591 Seminar (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
TGM 598 Special Topics (Capstone Course)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00="A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00="A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GMAT or GRE test scores
4. one letter of recommendation
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.
Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Career Opportunities

Graduates who have combined the certificate in global affairs with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in government, nonprofit and social impact areas.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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