

GLOBAL ISSUES - UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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About This Program

The Global Issues undergraduate certificate program explores critical global issues and develops valuable skills to make a difference in our interconnected world. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State’s campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State’s English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students who have not attended another institution since Kent State and were not academically dismissed will complete the re-enrollment process through the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center. Former students who attended another college

or university since leaving Kent State must apply for admissions as a transfer or post-undergraduate student.

Transfer Students: Students who attended an educational institution after graduating from high school or earning their GED must apply as transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog’s Academic Policies.

Students may be required to meet certain criteria to progress in their program. Any progression requirements will be listed on the program’s Coursework tab

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
GEOG 43070	WICKED PROBLEMS: TACKLING GLOBAL ISSUES IN THE 21ST CENTURY	3
or POL 40540	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT	
or POL 43001	WICKED PROBLEMS: TACKLING GLOBAL ISSUES IN THE 21ST CENTURY	
POL 30820	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW	3
or POL 43003	GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	
POL 43499	CAPSTONE IN GLOBAL ISSUES (ELR)	1
Certificate Electives, choose from the following: ¹		9
ENVS 22070	NATURE AND SOCIETY (KSS)	
ESCI 21062	ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCE (KBS)	
ESCI 21080	ALL ABOUT THE OCEANS (KBS)	
ESCI 33025	WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOG 31070	POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOG 41066	GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE	
GEOG 41073	CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
GEOG 46060	FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY	
GEOG 46080	URBAN SUSTAINABILITY	
INTS 30101	WORLDS OF WEALTH AND POWER	
INTS 30301	HUMAN SECURITY	
INTS 30501	ORDER AND RESISTANCE	
INTS 40560	HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
or POL 40560	HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
PACS 31002	GENDER, POWER AND CONFLICT	
PACS 32030	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
PACS 35050	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
or POL 30350	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
POL 10500	WORLD POLITICS (KSS)	
POL 30810	POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY	
POL 40440	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICIES	
POL 40589	INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (ELR)	
POL 43002	THE POLITICS OF INEQUALITY	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		16

¹ Certificate electives must be from at least two different disciplines.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Communicate the basic concepts of sustainable development policy approaches to global issues and their relevance to the student's major field of study.
2. Articulate the importance of international cooperation for addressing global issues.
3. Articulate the importance of strong local, national and international public institutions for addressing global issues.

Full Description

The Global Issues undergraduate certificate examines a range of global issues through the framework of sustainable development, an approach to public policymaking that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Sustainable development policies seek to address the world's most pressing "wicked problems" through cooperative action as a global community. Examples include poverty, hunger, inequality, access to education, health and well-being, climate change and sustainable communities. The certificate is an excellent complement to any major and enables students to more fully understand how their major field of study can have a positive impact on the world around them.