

Graduate Certificate in Global and International Studies

The Global & International Studies (GIST) certificate is a 12-unit/4-course certificate designed for KU graduate students from other disciplines and working professionals. The graduate-level certificate coursework allows students to gain expertise in globalization and international issues in approximately one year (or less) of study.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Admissions for Current KU Graduate Students

Current KU graduate students must submit the following materials:

1. Online application (<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application>) along with an application fee.
2. A letter of support from a departmental advisor.
3. A current copy of the student's KU advising report (DPR) showing a GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Admissions for Working Professionals

Working professionals seeking only the GIST certificate at KU must submit the following materials:

1. Online application (<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application>) along with an application fee.
2. An official transcript copy from their degree-granting undergraduate institution showing a 3.00 GPA or higher. (Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the admissions committee.)
3. A statement of purpose of 250-500 words describing the applicant's interest in Global & International Studies and their professional goals.
4. A current resume. (Optional)

Admission Deadlines

We recommend that domestic applicants apply by August 1 for the fall semester and January 1 for the spring semester. International applicants should apply by June 15 for the fall semester and November 15 for the spring semester.

For more information on admission to a graduate certificate program at KU, see the policy on Admission to Graduate Study (<http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study>). Applications may be submitted at <http://graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application>.

Questions? Please contact our graduate advisor, Clare Thoman, at larecay@ku.edu for more information.

The certificate requires the completion of one core course (either GIST 701 Approaches to International Studies or GIST 702 Globalization), an elective in a regional area, an elective in a topical area of focus, and one general internationally-focused elective. Students will work with the graduate advisor and graduate director to choose appropriate electives. You can view our certificate checklist here (<http://global.ku.edu/sites/global.ku.edu/files/docs/Grad%20Certificate%20Checklist.pdf>).