

Certificate in Great Plains Studies

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

Admission

Graduate students must meet requirements for admission to the WSU Graduate School in a degree program or nondegree status. They must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.000 for all courses comprising the graduate certificate program with no grade below C. The Graduate School does not accept transfer credit for certificate programs.

Program Requirements

By the end of the student's final semester, the student should submit to the coordinator at least three works that demonstrate the application of the concepts, issues and topics of Great Plains studies. Examples of these works may be a thesis, a conference paper or poster, a novel, a play, a work of nonfiction, a historic tour, historic performance, museum exhibit, policy paper, fieldwork notes, or collaborative event with a community or scholarly organization.

Students complete 15 credit hours of coursework.

Course	Title	Hours
Course Requirements		
Select 15 credit hours from the following courses, including at least two courses in each area		15
<i>Physical</i>		
GEOL 560	Geomorphology and Land Use	
GEOL 640	Field Geology	
BIOL 503	Field Botany	
BIOL 560	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 640CB	Field Vertebrate Zoology	
BIOL 890	Research	
<i>Cultural</i>		
HIST 519	Introduction to Local and Community History	
HIST 528	History of Wichita	
HIST 535	History of Kansas	
Total Credit Hours		15

Courses whose content may emphasize the Great Plains, depending on instructor and semester, may be counted toward the certificate provided they meet the proposed distribution requirements.

Any substitution of the listed course must be approved by the coordinator and must meet the subject domain distribution requirement.

Courses that do not meet the learning outcomes of the certificate will be taken off the approved course list.

In addition to these requirements, students must meet the Graduate School's requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/academic-information/types-programs-courses/certificate-residency-badge-programs/>) in order to earn this certificate.

For information and application procedures, please contact: Jay M. Price, coordinator, Great Plains Studies, 316-978-7792.