Global Biodiversity Conservation and Leadership Graduate Certificate

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Admission

Graduate students enrolled in UMSL who intend to receive a Graduate Certificate in Global Biodiversity Conservation and Leadership must complete the Application for Graduate Certificate (G10) once completing the required coursework. Students not enrolled in a course of graduate studies at UMSL who have a baccalaureate degree or are enrolled in graduate work elsewhere must apply for admission to the UMSL Graduate School as graduate certificate-seeking students. The minimum admission requirements include: (1) completion of a baccalaureate degree and the prerequisites of the certificate program; 2) at least a 3.0 GPA for undergraduate course work or a 3.2 GPA for 12 credit hours of graduate course work. The minimum prerequisites are undergraduate courses in ecology, evolution and genetics.

Requirements

The certificate is awarded after completion of 18 credit hours of core courses and electives with a minimum of 12 credits at the 5000 or 6000 level. Electives must include a minimum of 3 credits outside biology with a maximum of 7 outside biology. A maximum of 3 credits may be taken at institutions other than UMSL. Students may simultaneously earn a graduate degree and count credits earned in their degree program toward the certificate when appropriate.

Required Core Courses

- BIOL 6250/POL SCI 6452 Public Policy of Conservation and Sustainable Development 3
- BIOL 6299 Internship in Conservation Biology 2-4
- BIOL 6222 Advanced Tropical Ecology and Conservation 3
- or BIOL 6270 Advanced Global Climate Change

Electives 10

Biology

- BIOL 4182 Population Biology
- BIOL 4402 Ornithology
- BIOL 4403 Ornithology Laboratory

Economics

- ECON 3500 The Economics of Government Spending and Taxation
- ECON 4160 Geospatial Analysis in the Social Sciences
- ECON 4170 Fundamentals of Cost-Benefit Analysis
- ECON 4550 Natural Resource Economics

History

- HIST 3000 Selected Topics in History

International Business

- INTL BUS 4281 Entrepreneurship in the Global Environment

Political Science

- POL SCI 3440 Public and NonProfit Budgeting
- POL SCI 3480 Environmental Policy
- POL SCI 3590 Women and Leadership Worldwide: Breaking the Glass Ceiling
- POL SCI 3710 NonProfits, Civil Society and Volunteerism
- POL SCI 3830 International Political Economy
- POL SCI 3850 International Organizations and Global Problem-Solving
- POL SCI 4850 International Law
- POL SCI 6448 Political Economy and Public Policy

Total Hours 18-20