

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 Category A 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 |
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| Select 15 credit hours from the following courses, including at least two courses in each area | | |
| <i>Physical</i> | | |
| GEOL 560 | Geomorphology and Land Use | |
| GEOL 640 | Field Geology | |
| BIOL 503 | Field Botany | |
| BIOL 532 | Entomology | |
| BIOL 560 | Plant Ecology | |
| BIOL 610 | Topics in Botany | |
| BIOL 640CB | Field Vertebrate Zoology | |
| <i>Cultural</i> | | |
| ANTH 612 | Indians of the Great Plains | |
| ANTH 613 | Archaeology of the Great Plains | |
| HIST 528 | History of Wichita | |
| HIST 535 | History of Kansas | |
| HIST 519 | Introduction to Local and Community History | |
| 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/certificates-graduate-programs/>) in order to earn this certificate.

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