The certificate in international engineering provides recognition for a student’s efforts to prepare for an international career by learning about one or more countries outside the United States. An undergraduate student in the College of Engineering or the Department of Biological Systems Engineering can earn the certificate by completing at least 16 credits in courses with a primary focus on the language, culture, history, geography, society, or institutions of a particular country or region of the world.

**HOW TO GET IN**

The application and list of advisors are available on the Certificate in International Engineering website (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-academics/certificate-in-international-engineering). Only students with a GPA of at least 2.75 who have met progression requirements may apply.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**CERTIFICATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of 16 credits is required.

**LANGUAGE COURSES (0–9 CREDITS)**

Although not required, a maximum of 9 credits may be devoted to courses in a foreign language. Only foreign language courses beyond the initial 8 credits in that particular language may be used to satisfy this requirement. A maximum of 3 credits from Independent Study or Directed Study may be counted toward either the language requirement or the area studies requirement. Advanced Placement credits, foreign language retroactive credits, and transfer credits are accepted.

**AREA STUDIES COURSES (6–15 CREDITS)**

A minimum of 6 credits must be devoted to courses with a major emphasis on the culture, history, geography, society, or institutions of one country or the countries in a geographically identifiable region of the world. These courses must be selected from at least two departments. A maximum of 3 credits from Independent Study or Directed Study may be counted toward either the language requirement or the area studies requirement. Advanced Placement credits, foreign language retroactive credits, and transfer credits are accepted.

**INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

A documented minimum stay of five weeks for study or work (including internship and co-op) in the designated country or region is required.

**INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COURSE**

After one’s international experience, successful completion of the 1-credit course INTEREGR 413 Current Issues in International Engineering is required.

Students may not elect the pass/fail option for any course that is used to satisfy the requirements for the certificate. However, courses taken on a study abroad program through International Engineering Studies and Programs (IESP) (http://international.engr.wisc.edu) are exempt from this grading requirement. Successful completion of certificate requirements will be noted on the student’s official transcript. For additional information, contact International Engineering Studies and Programs (http://international.engr.wisc.edu) (Room 1150 Engineering Hall, 1415 Engineering Drive; international@engr.wisc.edu).

**CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT**

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student’s undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Study the language and/or culture of a specific area of the world.
2. Obtain a significant international experience in that same area of the world (meaning spending at least 5 weeks in the area).
3. Understand and be able to articulate specific insights about the international dimension of engineering as a profession.