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The program is affiliated with the International Institute (http://www.intl-institute.wisc.edu) and the Integrated Liberal Studies Program (ILS) (http://www.wisc.edu/ils). Whereas ILS focuses on Western culture and offers its own set curriculum, the Global Cultures Program focuses on comparisons between cultures, both Western and non-Western, and offers courses drawn from more than 30 departments.

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There are four components to the certificate: the foundations course, language requirement, global cultures electives, and the capstone seminar.

The foundations course initiates students into themes of cross-cultural contact as a result of globalization. Students may then choose from introductory courses about a specific culture or about cultures that transcend traditional boundaries and upper-level courses focusing on comparative cultures to fulfill 12 credits of electives. In lieu of these introductory and upper-level courses, students may count up to 12 credits from UW study abroad coursework toward these areas. See below for specific guidelines. The capstone senior seminar helps integrate the knowledge gained by students during their comparative coursework and/or overseas study.

Students who complete 21 credits in the program are eligible for the certificate.

Note that the foundations course may not be taken concurrently with the capstone seminar.

**Requirements for the certificate include:**

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**Language Requirement**

Fifth-semester college-level foreign language course 1 3

**Global Cultures Electives**

Select one of the following:

- Global Cultures elective courses with a minimum of 6 cr of the electives must be upper-level (300 level or above) 2

**Study Abroad courses (see specifics below about study abroad courses)**

**Capstone Seminar**

Select one of the following Cross-Cultural Capstone Senior Seminar:

- LCA 615 Writing Travels (fall)
- ILS 401 Global Cultures Capstone Seminar (spring)

Approved substitution (see advisor)

Total Credits 21

1 For students whose native language is not English, this requirement may be waived.
2 Choose from introductory courses or upper-level (300 level or above) comparative courses.

**STUDY ABROAD COURSES**

Study abroad courses will count toward the certificate. The length of stay will determine how many credits may be counted toward the certificate. Students should keep in mind that at least 6 of the 12 global cultures elective credits must be at the 300 level or above.

**LENGTH OF STAY / MAXIMUM CREDITS**

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