



Frequently Asked Questions about International Certificate

How Is an International Certificate Different from a Minor?

A minor is earned through meeting requirements in a particular area of study and its main goal is to expand your expertise in a particular area. The International Certificate (IC) is interdisciplinary—exposing you to faculty and ideas from multiple undergraduate schools and departments—and its primary purpose is the development and practical application of global competence. The international perspective you develop through the IC program will set you on a path to become a global citizen and help you in choosing your future career.

Why Should I Earn an International Certificate?

The practical skills you will gain through the IC Program are crucial in the increasingly competitive and globalized job market. The IC's interdisciplinary coursework and integrated international experiences will challenge you to become a more competent global citizen. You will acquire cultural experience and knowledge to prepare you for becoming a future leader with necessary skills to solve real world problems. Moreover, you will be better prepared to meet the challenges of globalization.

What is Global Competence?

- Knowledge of global and international social, political and economic systems and issues
- Excellent intercultural communication skills
- Learn through listening and observing
- Thrive in multicultural settings with a diverse range of personalities and learning styles
- Establish rapport quickly
- Able to work effectively as part of a multinational/multicultural team
- Effective and knowledgeable in working in cross-cultural settings

What Specific Skills Do Globally Competent College Graduate Have?

- Initiative
- Enthusiasm
- Inquisitiveness
- Interest in continuous learning
- Courage
- Independence
- Appreciation of Diversity
- Perseverance
- Creativity
- Flexibility
- Comfort with uncertainty

- Self-reliance
- Self-confidence
- Self-control
- Self-knowledge
- Positive outlook toward adversity
- Sense of humor
- Open-mindedness
- Language and communication skills
- Assertiveness
- Resourcefulness
- Adaptability

What Are the Main Components of the IC?

To earn this Certificate, you must complete 24 Credit hours of coursework from the qualified courses that have an international content, plus documented international experience and activities.

Who May Apply to the IC Program?

All undergraduates regardless of major are eligible to apply.

What Is the Application Process?

To apply, please complete the Application Form and submit it to the Center for International Education (CIE). The CIE will assign you a program advisor. The advisor will keep a profile about your progress in meeting all requirements.

Who Can I Ask about Course Selection, Portfolio Requirements, and International Experience options?

The CIE Director is Dr. Baogang Guo. He can be reached by email: bguo@daltonstate.edu or phone: 706-272-2678. His office is located at LIA 260.

Is There a Language Requirement?

There is currently no language requirement for the IC program. You will most likely find some foreign language skills useful preparation if you are considering working outside the country after graduation.

How will the International Certificate Be Noted on My Transcript?

There will be a milestone on your transcript that signifies you have successfully completed the Global Certificate.

*Reference: Jed Willard, "Global Competency," <http://www.nafsa.org>

