

Pittsburg State University Program Guide

Department: Interdisciplinary and Pre-Professional

Certificate

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International Knowledge and Experience (IKE) Certificate

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The International Knowledge and Experience (IKE) Certificate promotes international knowledge and encourages student international experiences. The IKE certificate consists of three components of international experience – Study Abroad, Academic Courses, and Co-Curricular programming. A student may complete any two of the components to fulfill the certificate requirements. Students completing IKE by choosing to include the Academic Courses component will also receive a notation on their academic transcript. All students who complete the program receive a detailed listing of the activities they have fulfilled to achieve this certificate. The completion of each component will be accounted as follows:

Study Abroad: Earning credit through a Pittsburg State University Study Abroad program, or any approved partner study abroad program. International students taking credit courses at Pittsburg State University will fulfill this component.

Academic Courses: This component has two areas, language study and international coursework, and both must be completed to fulfill the component. The foreign language area is fulfilled by completion of a second-semester language course with a grade of C or better, or the equivalent. (Equivalencies may be considered with the approval of the English and Modern Languages department). The international coursework area is fulfilled by completing three courses in three different disciplines with a grade of C or better. Courses are selected from a list approved by the International Studies program.

International students may fulfill the foreign language area by meeting the English proficiency for international students set by the University. They may also meet the international coursework area by taking one course (two with permission) with a significant modern US focus.

Co-curricular: This component is fulfilled by participating in a number of intercultural activities, lectures, meetings, student organizations, etc. equaling 60 units. The units are calculated from an approved list maintained by the International Programs and Services office.

Notes

NOTE: The information contained herein is intended to be used for the planning of a student's academic program and does not constitute a contract. While this guide was prepared with the latest information, courses, graduation requirements, and curricula are subject to change.

When a student attains 85 semester hours of credit (including current enrollment) the student must apply for a degree check in the Office of the Registrar (Degree Checking Section), Room 102 Russ Hall.

MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The minimum requirements for graduation include 124 semester hours of which 60 hours must be from a four year university. In addition, 45 semester hours must be upper division and 30 hours in residence at PSU (including 24 of the last 30). Minimum GPA for non-education degree is 2.0 overall [2.0 in major], secondary education degree is 2.5 overall [2.75 in major], and early/late childhood/unified degree is 2.80 overall [3.0 in major]. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any minor and in residence coursework is required. General Education and all degree requirements are provided in the online catalog. Refer to individual departments for specific requirements.