

**Graduate Certificate Global Biodiversity Conservation and Leadership**

**Program Requirements:**

A minimum of 18 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- The Graduate Certificate in Global Biodiversity Conservation and Leadership is intended for students who wish to pursue a career in conservation biology or ecology from either a research or practical standpoint.
- Cooperating institutions include the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Saint Louis Zoo, the Center for International Studies at UMSL, and the Departments of Economics, History, and Political Science, and the Business School.
- The certificate is awarded after completion of 18 credit hours of core courses and electives with a minimum of 12 credits at the 5000 or 6000 level.
- Electives must include a minimum of 3 credits outside biology with a maximum of 7 outside biology.
- A maximum of 3 credits may be taken at institutions other than UMSL.
- Students may simultaneously earn a graduate degree and count credits earned in their degree program toward the certificate when appropriate.

**Application Requirements:**

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
4. Entrance examinations:
  - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
5. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
6. Letters of Recommendation: 2 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.

**Application Deadlines:**

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

**Application Fees:**

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

**Graduate Program Director:**

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