AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY AND FOOD DEFENSE GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code: AGBIO
Campus(es): World Campus

This 12-credit graduate certificate program is designed to provide students with broad training in the field of agricultural biosecurity. Courses cover animal and plant health, and food defense aspects of agricultural biosecurity and food defense. Content is both theoretical and applied but with an emphasis on practical application of knowledge gained. A distance education format is used to accommodate the needs of professionals already active in this area.

The certificate program is an attractive option for those who desire advanced graduate training but do not require the full Master's degree program. It is also ideal for students who wish to move into the degree program once all admissions requirements are fulfilled (e.g., GRE); however, successful completion of a certificate program neither implies nor guarantees admission to a graduate degree program at Penn State.

Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a graduate degree, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit.

Effective Date: Fall Semester 2017
Expiration Date: Fall Semester 2022

Admission Requirements
Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students) for more information.

Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher undergraduate grade-point average.

Certificate Requirements
Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs).

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Total Credits: 12

Courses
Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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