The Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Graduate Certificate prepares students for working as an AI Engineer who will analyze, identify, architect, design, and implement AI systems using various techniques. Students master the following skill set essential to this industry role:

- Identifying AI related problems
- Designing AI-based solutions based on machine learning, computer vision, natural language understanding, search and planning, agent systems, reinforcement, and deep learning techniques
- Identifying ethical concerns
- Specifying accountable AI
- Developing proof of concepts for AI solutions

Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a master’s degree in Artificial Intelligence, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

Effective Semester: Spring 2024
Expiration Semester: Spring 2029

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://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 (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

1. The successful applicant is generally expected to have a minimum combined junior/senior grade-point average of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale.
2. Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward Master of Software Engineering degree, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards the Master of Software Engineering must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the Master of Software Engineering graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

Certificate Requirements

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

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Total Credits: 12

All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C or better and an overall GPA of 3.0.

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.

Learning Outcomes

1. KNOW - Demonstrate proficiency in identifying disciplines in the AI landscape and mastering foundational concepts in machine learning, intelligent agents, search and planning techniques.
2. APPLY/CREATE - Demonstrate mastery of concepts and methods for modeling, designing, developing, and testing data-centric AI systems.

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