Undergraduate Certificates

A certificate is a credential that you earn by taking a group of related classes. It's similar to a minor, but unlike a minor, the classes may be in different departments.

A certificate is a great way to become proficient in a field that complements your major or that you feel passionate about. In addition, it can really make you stand out to an employer.



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The certificate in women's leadership offered by the Women's Institute at Chatham University is a multidisciplinary program designed to equip students with the theory, skills, and practice of leadership. Students will be prepared to take on leadership roles in their chosen fields and beyond, from business, politics, science, and the arts to healthcare, education, non-profits, NGO's, and more. In addition to 18 credits of coursework, students are required to participate in two signature programs offered by the Women's Institute, the Center for Women's Entrepreneurship, or the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics.



CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Students can enhance their degree with a certificate in international studies in one of five major global regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. The certificate includes a language requirement, history and culture courses, and an international field experience. Certificate students are eligible for additional study abroad funding. The certificate can be earned in 18 credits.



CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL WORK

The certificate in environmental social work is a multi-disciplinary certificate designed to equip students with social work principles within the context of environmental justice, food access, and sustainability. It is intended for students who are interested in exploring environmental justice in social work. It does not prepare a student for professional social work practice. Instead, it can be used to understand environmental justice and the value of sustainability to social work. The certificate requires 18 credits to complete.



CERTIFICATE IN FORENSIC SOCIAL WORK

The certificate in forensic social work equips students with social work knowledge and skills within the contexts of the American criminal justice, mental health, and child welfare systems. The program fosters graduates committed to social justice who can become change makers with their organizations, communities, and in society at large. It requires 18 credits to complete, including an internship and capstone.



CERTIFICATE IN MODERN LANGUAGES

The certificate in modern languages is designed to allow students to add a significant global component to their degree programs and a mark of distinction to their official Chatham transcripts, as well as recognizing a commitment to life-long language learning. Students earning this certificate will be prepared to use their language skills in their chosen fields and beyond, from business, politics, science, and the arts to healthcare, education, public service, and more. The certificate requires 19 credits to complete.

It was incredible to win the Vira Heinz scholarship—such a life-changing experience. I think my work for the women's leadership certificate was helpful in helping me get it, because I was able to talk about women in global leadership, which is what the scholarship is meant to encourage.

- KELLY O'DONNELL '19