



MU GLOBAL CONNECT (MGC)

Undergraduate Certificate in DIGITAL GLOBAL STUDIES

University of Missouri



What is the MGC Certificate in Digital Global Studies?

[MU Global Connect \(MGC\)](#) is a new 15 credit-hour project-oriented interdisciplinary undergraduate certificate program in Digital Global Studies. It is offered by the [Center for the Digital Globe \(CDiG\)](#) at the [University of Missouri \(MU\)](#). The MGC certificate is designed to prepare students from any discipline for our new global reality, and equip them with knowledge and skills needed to be successful in today's highly competitive global job market.

What can the MGC Certificate do for me?

While working on the certificate, students will examine the phenomenon of globalization from different viewpoints, most of them interdisciplinary and outside their immediate field of study. Students will gain better understanding of the nature of the transformational impact of process of globalization and innovative digital technologies on the society and modern life and develop understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity, life in an interconnected world and accompanying challenges and opportunities. MGC certificate will enhance students' scholarship and graduate school applications, strengthen their resumé and engage prospective employers.

How do I earn a MGC Certificate?

Requirements: Students are required to complete a [coherent 15 credit hour program](#), which will focus, explore and critically evaluate such pressing global issues, as: identity and security, media and technology, international trade and regulations, climate and food security, health and other key contemporary topics. [Components of the MGC program](#) are:

- [Two core MGC courses](#) serve as a framework of the certificate, provide common basis for students from various disciplines and give them a great opportunity to get to know professors and students outside of their departments and to share common interests, networks and connections with them.
- [Two elective courses](#) will be selected from a list of approved course options and must emphasize **global** and/or **digital** issues.
- [Experiential learning component](#) will consist of a "hands-on" learning experience. It will vary depending on the student's field of study and interest, but an emphasis on global relations, cultural awareness, or media and technology is required. This can be [study abroad](#) and/or service learning or internship [within MU](#), or with an outside [local, national](#) or [international](#) organization.

With the approval of MGC program advisor, appropriate courses from student's existing academic plan for their major or minor can be incorporated in the certificate program as electives and/or "hands-on" experiential learning credits. Students will work closely with the program advisor to make the right selection of courses needed to complete their certificate program based on their field of study and interest.

Who are we?

MGC is guided by the [Advisory Committee](#), which plays a crucial role in advancing the mission and vision of the certificate program and ensures its interdisciplinary and global nature.

The program is led by Professor Monika Fischer, [Associate Director](#), Honors College and [Associate Teaching Professor](#), Department of German and Russian Studies, with the support of Giorgi Topouria, Doctoral Candidate at the Missouri Journalism School. The certificate will be administered under the auspices of MU [Center for the Digital Globe \(CDiG\)](#) with the [Co-directors](#): Professors [Randy Smith](#), Donald W. Reynolds Endowed Chair in Business Journalism and [Antonie Stam](#), Leggett & Platt Distinguished Professor of Management Information Systems.

The project was funded by the [Mizzou Advantage program](#), which reflects MU's major strengths and collaborative culture in four interdisciplinary areas: Food for the Future, Sustainable Energy, Media of the Future and One Health/One Medicine.

- MGC Certificate website: <http://globalconnect.missouri.edu>
- MGC Certificate brochure: http://cdig.missouri.edu/globalconnect/MU_G_C-Brochure.pdf.

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