The Schar School of Policy and Government offers certificate programs in conjunction with its master’s programs. The certificate in global health and security provides an introduction to the intersection of global public health and security, covering topics such as emerging infectious diseases, biosurveillance, the development of vaccines, and emergency response to public health disasters. Students already pursuing a master’s degree in the school may, in most cases, after admission to a certificate program, earn an additional six credits (two courses) in Schar to receive a certificate in addition to the master’s degree.

The graduate certificate in global health and security may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions
Applicants to all graduate programs must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Graduate Admission Policies section of this catalog. Participants must be admitted to a certificate program. Admission requirements are the same as those for the master’s programs and may be found on the Schar admissions web site (http://spgia.gmu.edu/admissions).

Policies
For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Termination from Program
Students admitted to a Schar program will be terminated from the program upon receiving one grade of F and are no longer eligible to take courses in the school. Per university regulation, students are terminated from the university after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses. See the Academic Policies section of the catalog for additional policies pertaining to graduate students.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements
Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a full- or part-time basis.