

**Undergraduate Certificate Programs.** An undergraduate Certificate is an integrated group of courses that is designed to have a focused academic topic or competency as its subject area. A Certificate may meet a clearly defined educational need for a constituency group: 1) continuing education or accreditation for a particular profession; 2) response to a specific state mandate; 3) to meet workforce needs; to provide students with life/career skills and knowledge; 4) or to provide a basic competency in an emerging, usually interdisciplinary area. A Certificate is not an undergraduate degree; it provides the student with formal recognition of basic exposure to a clearly defined academic topic. A Certificate may specify a fixed set of courses or a combination of specifically required courses and approved electives in one or more categories. To provide a minimum core content, an undergraduate Certificate must be at least 9 upper division semester hours and should encompass no more than 15 semester hours and be clearly distinguishable from a minor or major. Students are responsible for all prerequisites specified in course requirements. All hours for the undergraduate Certificate must be completed at Auburn University. Students must earn a minimum overall grade average of a C (2.0) on all course work taken for the Certificate. Individual colleges, schools, or departments may have higher requirements. Course work taken for a Certificate may not count toward a major or minor. Post-baccalaureate students are eligible to pursue an undergraduate academic Certificate. Students should consult with an academic advisor in the appropriate college for the specific Certificate requirements.