
Human activities are affecting Earth’s life support systems and threaten services essential to society. To address these challenges, the GLOBES program takes a comprehensive approach that integrates rather than shields human interactions with nature.

GLOBES is based in the Reilly Center for Science Technology and Values, maximizing cross-disciplinary research, education, and training opportunities; and engaging faculty and graduate students across the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Engineering, and Science in common problem-solving.

Training the next generation of graduate student

The GLOBES Certificate in Environment and Society complements a traditional graduate program of study by integrating new skill sets, methodologies, and interdisciplinary scholarship. Immediate goals are:

• Create graduates with strong interdisciplinary education and experience pursuing research across disciplines
• Prepare graduate students to lead, engage, and communicate about environmental research, policy, and management.

The GLOBES mission is to train a new breed of students capable of developing and implementing comprehensive strategies that combine science and an understanding of society and public policy. These students will be the innovators and difference makers for our future and the future of the planet.

Creating an interdisciplinary community of scholars

The GLOBES Certificate in Environment and Society is open to students with environmental research interests currently enrolled in doctoral programs at Notre Dame. Students in terminal master’s degree programs are also welcome to apply.

Join the GLOBES community, earn a valuable credential for today’s professional marketplace, and take concrete steps toward solving the daunting challenges facing the planet and mankind.

What students say about GLOBES training:

“The experience working across disciplinary boundaries has helped me not only to obtain an excellent post-graduate placement, but I also feel well prepared to succeed in that placement.”

Adam Bee, GLOBES Cohort 1, now employed as an economist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

“My GLOBES training has allowed me to develop a very unique set of skills. I have completed lab work and fieldwork—both unusual for an historian, and I have been immersed in the language used by ecologists and epidemiologists.”

Mary Swanson, GLOBES Cohort 4, Department of History

“It has broadened my thinking about ways in which my research interests can be applied to diverse human concerns. I’ve received training in communication of science to the public, the media, and policymakers.”

Cameron Turner, GLOBES Cohort 4, Department of Biological Sciences
The GLOBES Certificate program requirements are:

1. Coursework from the approved course listing to build expertise in a field(s) outside of the student’s primary discipline. (8 credits)
2. The GLOBES Seminar on Interdisciplinary Research, a one-credit course that builds a shared, interdisciplinary experience through in-depth exploration of a topic. (2 required, count toward coursework credits)
3. Short course training modules that instill communications, teaching, and leadership skills as well as introduce concepts in environmental genomics, economics, and other topics in demand. (3 modules required)
4. Interdisciplinary member of the student’s thesis committee: a faculty member from outside the primary discipline sits on a student’s committee to mentor and advise in a secondary area of concentration.
5. A component of the dissertation is devoted to interdisciplinary research. A published paper or presentation at an academic conference may also fulfill this requirement.
6. Students agree to be active in the GLOBES Community of Scholars by participating in seminars, discussion groups, formal and informal GLOBES gatherings.

How to apply:

1. Complete the one-page application form (available through the GLOBES office)
2. Submit a one to two-page personal statement that describes how your interests and background intersect with the interdisciplinary approach and major themes of GLOBES.
3. Have your major advisor sign the application form and return to GLOBES c/o Ginna Anderson, g.anderso@nd.edu.

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