

PAAC GLOBAL ISSUES CERTIFICATE

*Certified by the United Nations CIFAL Honolulu Center at Chaminade University
and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)*

The Global Issues Certificate recognizes individual Hawai'i high school students who have expanded their understanding of global issues and international affairs to a degree worthy of recognition through active participation in PAAC's extracurricular High School Global Education Program.

Objectives

- 1) Gain an understanding of the breadth of issues that have a global connection through examining local, global, and intercultural issues related to implementing the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the local, Hawai'i framework, the [Aloha Plus Challenge](#).
- 2) Examine local and global issues from multiple perspectives.
- 3) Be able to research and analyze global components of issues of interest to students while seeking to understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others.
- 4) Develop an awareness of how various actors - including government, businesses, civil society, international institutions, non-government organizations, individuals, and others - can contribute in different ways towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 5) Research, develop, and implement a service project that responds to a global issue.
 - a) Take action for collective well-being and sustainable development.
- 6) Communicate their learnings in open, appropriate, and effective interactions across cultures.

Required Components

- Complete seven of the PAAC [UN SDG Curriculum Suite lessons](#)
 - [See details here](#)
- Participate in one [Academic WorldQuest Competition](#)
 - [See details here](#)
- Develop a Global Action Project that explores one of the UN SDGs they have studied
 - [See details here](#)
- Submit the Global Issues Certificate Application after completing all requirements

- Work with PAAC staff to ensure all elements of the certification process are in place
- **OPTIONAL:** [Use this template](#) to organize your written reflections
- Total estimated time commitment: 100 +/- hours

More information

- Free and open to all Hawai'i high school students
- All requirements must be completed before the student graduates from high school
- Only one certificate per student
- Students keep track of their own progress
- Students can complete this [intent form](#) to start the process. The intent form helps PAAC know who is working on the certificate and allows us to follow up with students on their progress.
- [Use this timeline](#) to consider how long this process will take for you.
- **OPTIONAL:** [Use this template](#) to organize your written reflections
- After a student submits the [Global Issues Certificate Application](#), PAAC will confirm all requirements have been met and issue the certificate.

Still Have Questions?

Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions here](#) or reach out to Max Malmud at hs@paachawaii.org with your questions or to set up a time to meet.