



APRU Certificate in Global Climate Change Leadership 2026

August 20 - September 11, 2026

KEY PARTNERS



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An experiential activity where students play the role of delegates to the UN climate change negotiations.

The APRU Certificate in Global Climate Change Leadership is a roleplaying exercise in which students will form multi-disciplinary teams to play the role of delegates to the UN Climate Change Negotiations. Students will be assigned to international teams (students from various universities) representing one of six economies/regions.

We will begin the activity with a "kickoff event" of 2 1/2 hours to welcome and orient students. The second week will be scheduled for students to meet with their teams individually. Then, the last two sessions of 2 1/2 hours each (one week apart) will be the main event where we will hold an online simulation activity using materials from the [World Climate Interactive](#) and the C-ROADS simulation model. Over two rounds of discussions and negotiations, teams will participate in breakout rooms facilitated by international experts in climate science.

In addition, teams will hear perspectives from experts on topics such as coastal habitats, deforestation, clean energy, trading and offsets, and diplomacy and negotiation skills. Teams will discuss the human and environmental effects of climate change, as well as the economic impact that economies/regions consider in determining their position and global commitments. The live sessions will be supplemented with short lectures and other materials developed and curated by the APRU experts, which will be available on a shared Canvas website.

To express your university's interest in the 2026 APRU Certificate in Global Climate Change Leadership Program, please complete this form.

Partnership

The APRU Certificate in Global Climate Change Leadership is co-organized by APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Program housed at the University of Oregon and APRU Global Health Program housed at the University of Southern California.

Learning Objectives

- Describe what contributes to climate change, and its impact on planetary health;
- Explain global climate change efforts, such as the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNCCC), and the Conference of Parties (COP);
- Explain how/why climate change affects the most vulnerable populations and why it is an issue of social justice;
- Identify adaptation and mitigation strategies and which will have the most impact on global temperatures;
- Practice global teamwork and cross-cultural collaboration and communication skills
- Discuss the complexity involved in economies' decisions, including consideration of factors such as economic impact and negotiating power; and
- Describe the challenges of negotiations among economies on climate change and the importance of global collaboration.

Date & Time

Day 1: Opening ceremony/KICKOFF

August 20, 6-8:30pm (PDT) / August, 21 at 9-11:30 am (UTC+8)

Day 2: Delegation Group meetings

August 27, 6-8:30pm (PDT) / August 28, 9-10:30 am (UTC+8)

Day 3: 1st Negotiations

September 3, 6-8:30 pm (PDT) / September 4, 9-11:30 am (UTC+8)

Day 4: 2nd Negotiations

September 10, 6-8:30 pm (PDT) / September 11, 9-11:30 am (UTC+8)

Other key dates

- November 1, 2025 – Confirm your institution's participation in the 2026 Simulation.
- April 1, 2026 – Submit the names of 1-2 facilitators who will support the program on behalf of your institution.
- June 1, 2026 – Deadline to submit the list of selected students who will participate in the simulation.

Program & Additional Information

Program

Coming soon

Commitment

The total course time of about 15 hours includes 10 hours of online live sessions, combined with approximately 3 hours of self-paced online homework and approximately 2 hours of group homework. Students must be present at all live sessions, as well as reserve time for group meetings and homework.

Certificate

Students who successfully complete the course will be given a certificate of participation in the APRU Certificate in Global Climate Change Leadership 2026.

Resources

Read a news article about the 2025 program published by University of Southern California [here](#).

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Participating Universities



Guest Universities



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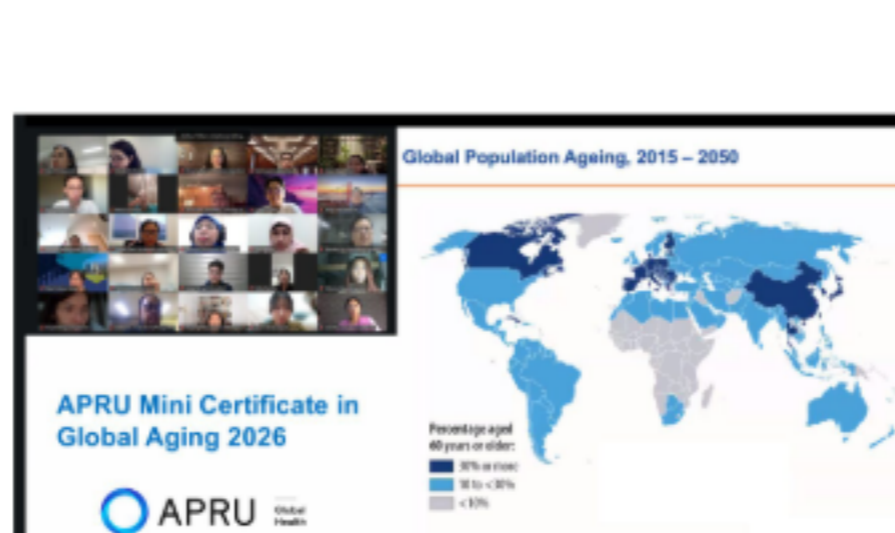
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For **student-related** inquiries, contact Prof. Ely Vandegrift at elyvan@uoregon.edu

If you are a **faculty member interested** in participating in a **facilitator or expert** role, contact Prof. Mellissa Withers at mwithers@usc.edu

Enquiry

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