

## WELCOME TO THE BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

From weapons of mass destruction to new infectious diseases, from climate change to borderless trade and investment, from terrorism to the Internet, modern issues require international cooperation and collective solutions. Undeniably, the world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century has become globalized; rapid expansion of markets and the explosion in human migration means that no country or individual exists as an island isolated from international trends and challenges. The interdependence of nations, and of people, is a fact of life.

The BA Program in International Studies offers undergraduate students at the University of Denver critical knowledge and skills for succeeding in a world that, for better or for worse, has gone global. Whether your interests lie in business, law, environmental studies, social work, communications, or information technology, every student today needs to adapt to global issues, to grasp how the world works, and to have an international approach to their professional development. DU's innovative International Studies curriculum encourages students to learn about international events that directly affect their lives, and it gives them a foundation to enable their success in a rapidly changing world. The program has three principal objectives:

- First, we work to **provide a broad-based undergraduate education that inspires critical evaluation of a globalized world**, employing an interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of economic, political, social, environmental, and cultural issues in the international arena. Our courses highlight the underlying values that support a global perspective, the realities of international injustice and justice, the dilemmas of U.S. engagement, and the ways and means to create a more livable and peaceful world.
- Second, the program seeks to **provoke student reflection on the ways in which the problems, challenges, and opportunities of global interdependence** can be addressed by the international community more effectively, and the ways individual, community, and national goals can be realized. We promote local and global citizenship for our common future.
- Third, we seek to **give students practical foreign language, experiential, technological, and service-learning skills** that will help them make the most of a rapidly changing workplace and prepare them to succeed beyond their university training. DU's Cherrington Global Scholars program – whereby qualified students spend their quarter studying abroad at no additional cost beyond that of a term at the University of Denver—facilitates our students' practical understanding of world societies and cultures.

Our faculty, staff, and students firmly believe that today and throughout the coming century, a global perspective is indispensable. Simply put, we endeavor to provide an unsurpassed opportunity for learning about international affairs, and for shaping them, in today's interdependent world.

Students pursuing a major or a minor in International Studies are encouraged to review the BA handbook for additional program details. Likewise, for updates and further information on the BA Program in International Studies, we invite you to visit our web site at <http://www.du.edu/korbel/academic/degrees/ba/index.html>.

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