



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

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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.

The following pages provide details on the BA Program in International Studies for prospective DU students considering a majors or minors in this field. For updates of guidelines or for further information about the program, we invite you to visit our web site at <http://www.du.edu/korbel/academic/degrees/ba/index.html>.

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## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

Total credit hours required in INTS: **55 minimum/60 maximum**. All courses must be completed with a C- or better in order to count toward the major.

1. **Required International Studies Core.** Three courses: INTS 1500 - Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy; INTS 1700 - Introduction to International Politics; and INTS 2975 - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Global Governance.
2. **Foreign Language Requirement.** Students must take the equivalent of 2 years in one foreign language, or satisfy the two-year proficiency requirement by placing out of the language via the DU language placement exam. This is not a credit bearing requirement and may require additional coursework beyond the required INTS curriculum. For further information regarding foreign languages at the University of Denver, please visit the Department of Languages and Literatures website at <http://www.du.edu/langlit/>.
3. **Study Abroad.** Students are required to study abroad and are limited to transferring and applying a maximum of 15 quarter credit hours toward the INTS major. Courses must be pre-approved by the BA Program office prior to the start of the study abroad program. In the event that approved courses exceed the total maximum credit allowed for transfer, credits may not be split or divided in order to apply towards the major.
4. **Concentration Requirement.** Students must choose at least one area of concentration and must successfully complete a minimum of three courses (15 credit hours) within that area. This allows students the opportunity to add depth to their studies and to develop an area of specialization within the field of international studies.

### CONCENTRATION AREAS

Culture, Society & International Politics  
Global Political Economy  
International Development, Gender & Health  
International Organizations, Law & Human Rights  
International Security & Conflict Resolution

5. **Electives.** In addition to core courses, study abroad, and concentration courses, students must fulfill the remainder of the credit requirement with INTS courses of their choosing. Though these are structured as electives, students are free to choose a second concentration area in order to satisfy the credit requirement.
6. **Methodologies:** A methodology course at the undergraduate level is not required for International Studies majors, but is strongly encouraged.

**NOTE: All Departmental Distinction and/or University Honors Program students are required to take a methodologies sequence (see below).**

7. **Departmental Distinction Program:** Students in the University Honors Program and/or students who wish to graduate with Distinction in International Studies are required to complete INTS 3000 - Research Methodologies in International Studies (4 credits, taken in Spring Quarter of junior year), INTS 3001 - Research Design (4 credits, taken in Fall Quarter of senior year), and INTS 3990 - Honors Seminar (2 credits, taken in Winter Quarter of senior year and culminating in a written thesis prior to graduation).
8. **Minor or Second Major:** Students pursuing a BA degree at the University of Denver must also declare a minor or a second major.
9. **Internship (optional):** INTS majors are strongly encouraged to complete an internship. INTS 3980 - Internships in International Studies can be taken for 0-5 credits. If you have questions, please contact the BA Internship Coordinator at [baints@du.edu](mailto:baints@du.edu) for information.

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## MINOR REQUIREMENTS:

Total credit hours required in INTS: **25 minimum**. All courses must be completed with a C- or better in order to count toward the minor.

1. **International Studies Core (5 credits)**. Students must choose at least one of the following core courses: INTS 1500 - Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy; INTS 1700 - Introduction to International Politics; or INTS 2975 - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Global Governance.
2. **Additional Coursework (10-20 credits)**. INTS minors are not required to take courses in a single concentration area. Instead, courses may be chosen from any concentration area.
3. **Study Abroad (maximum of 5 credits)**. Study abroad is optional for INTS minors. Students are limited to transferring and applying a maximum of 5 quarter credit hours toward the INTS minor. Courses must be pre-approved by the BA Program office prior to the start of the study abroad program. In the event that approved courses exceed the total maximum credit allowed for transfer, credits may not be split or divided in order to apply towards the minor.
4. **Foreign Language Requirement**: No additional foreign language requirement, beyond the general University requirement, is needed for a minor in INTS.
5. **Declare a minor**: Students may declare a minor in INTS either online at [www.du.edu/registrar](http://www.du.edu/registrar) (under the "Prospective Students" tab) or they may declare in person at the Office of the Registrar located in University Hall.
6. **Graduation**: At the time of graduation, minors are approved through the Office of the Registrar. The credentials evaluator will look for at least 25 credits in the INTS minor.

# DESCRIPTION OF CONCENTRATION AREAS

The BA Program offers several concentration areas so that students may structure their curriculum based on specific aspects of international studies. Within the various concentrations, students not only gain depth of knowledge and perspectives within the field of international affairs, but they also acquire diverse skill sets with which to view and analyze the world. The narrowing of interests and lenses through which students study international affairs proves useful within our degree program and also translates into concrete skills that are vital in a globalized job market.

## **Culture, Society & International Politics**

One of the most important and the overlooked aspects of modern international affairs is the interplay of socio-cultural factors and international politics. This concentration area provides students with critical perspectives on society, culture and international politics so that they may use this knowledge to further understand the complexities of international relations. From an analysis of how culture (such as art and film) shapes societies, to a look at the modern Olympic movement, these innovative courses explore how society's norms, attitudes and beliefs help mold international relations and are in turn shaped by global trends and organizations.

*Skills and Perspectives: Sociology; Anthropology; Political Science*

## **Global Political Economy**

Today's economy is rapidly integrating across international boundaries, and students of contemporary global affairs must have a clear appreciation for how this new integration affects economic prosperity, development, and social welfare. The courses in this concentration area prepare students to understand the complexities of the contemporary international economic environment and the ways in which societies, cultures, politics, and people shape the current world. From theoretical perspectives on globalization to policy analysis, this concentration area provides students with a well-rounded background of major economic debates and concerns.

*Skills and Perspectives: Political Science; Political Economy; Global Economics*

## **International Development, Health and Gender**

In recent years, no set of issues has emerged on the international agenda with more urgency than international health and development. In little more than a decade, the AIDS pandemic threatens nearly 50 years of progress in human development. Protracted conflict and complex humanitarian crises have shown that development, health and political stability go hand and hand and seldom respect national boundaries. Further, gender has become an area of increasing concern within international affairs. Because of the vital roles women play in the development of societies and the particular health issues that women face, an intersection of development, health and gender is undeniable in the contemporary world. This concentration area offers an in-depth look at 21st century development, health and gender issues from both practical/policy-oriented and theoretical perspectives.

*Skills and Perspectives: Anthropology; Political Science; Sociology; Public Health*

## **International Organizations, Law, and Human Rights**

Since 1948 with the founding of the United Nations, the world has had a universal global organization to help create and enforce international law and to "end the scourge of war." The creation of international organizations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, International Criminal Court and the World Trade Organization bear witness to the fact that new problems in the international society demand treatment in law and coordination in world forums. This concentration area provides students with an understanding of how contemporary international relations are shaped by norms, institutions, customs, and laws.

*Skills and Perspectives: Political Science, Law*

## **International Security & Conflict Resolution**

Though concerns about international conflicts and security are not novel in international politics, some have argued that the 20<sup>th</sup> century was the most bloody and strife-ridden period in all of human history. In addition to two major world wars, other forms of violence including civil wars and ethnic conflicts have come to inform the age-old search for peace and stability. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the international community will continue to confront these concerns, along with new and evolving challenges such as terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, which often pose barriers to lasting international peace. This concentration area explores the problems of violence on the world stage and the myriad ways in which states, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations seek to respond to the challenges of promoting peace and security, both domestically and internationally.

*Skills and Perspectives: Political Science, Security, Conflict Resolution*

# THE DUAL BA-MA DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## Why a Dual Degree in International Studies?

The Dual Degree BA/MA Program allows exceptional, undergraduate INTS majors at the University of Denver, the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts degree in only one year beyond the traditional four-year Bachelor of Arts. As the job market becomes more competitive, advanced degrees are increasingly important and advantageous for students. A Masters degree in International Studies provides students with the advanced skills and knowledge that offer a competitive edge in today's global market.

## Admission to the Josef Korbel School of international studies as a dual degree BA/MA student:

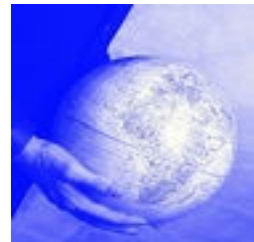
Admission to the dual degree program follows standards similar to those in effect for traditional MA applicants. Applicants must be current and declared INTS majors at the Josef Korbel School, with a minimum recommended GPA of 3.75. Formal applications to the dual degree program are due by May 15 of a student's junior year, and include the following:

- A \$65 application fee.
- Two **official** transcripts from any postsecondary institutions where you completed two or more hours of course work, including study abroad.
- GRE scores (Graduate Records Exam, [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)).
- Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a professor at the Josef Korbel School (see admissions website for proper form).
- A Statement of Purpose.
- A resume/CV.
- Additionally, an interview may be required for dual degree BA/MA applicants.

For additional information or to access the online application, please visit the Josef Korbel School Admissions website at: <http://www.du.edu/gsis/admissions>.

Upon matriculation to the MA program, students may choose which graduate degree they would like to pursue, including:

- MA in International Studies
- MA in International Administration
- MA in International Development
- MA in Global, Trade, Finance and Economic Integration
- MA in Human Rights
- MA in International Security Studies (NB: This degree may require additional coursework)



## Requirements for Dual Degree Students:

Dual degree requirements are similar to those of the stand-alone BA major in INTS, with a few significant additions:

- 35 total credit hours will double-count and apply toward both the BA and MA degrees. This consists of five 3000 level courses completed during the BA Program and two 4000 level (graduate) courses completed after matriculation into the program. . In the fifth and final year of the program, students must complete an additional 55 hours of graduate-level course work, in order to satisfy the remaining requirements of the MA component.
- Students are required to meet with both BA and MA Program advisors for appropriate course selection and planning well in advance of applying to the program.
- Students must satisfy the graduate language proficiency requirement.
- Dual degree students are required to complete an approved internship for the program. Students may receive 0-5 credits prior to matriculation in the program, or may pursue an internship for no credit after matriculation.



# CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## **General Information:**

A degree in International Studies provides students with a strong background in international affairs, which makes them competitive in a global market and qualified for an array of career possibilities. Not only do students gain a broad understanding of international studies, they also gain specialized skills through a concentration focus, both of which are transferable to different types of careers. Though all of our majors complete their degree with similar knowledge and skills, they have the ability to tailor these competencies accordingly in preparation for various professional opportunities in the field. As a result, graduates of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies have found employment in a diversity of sectors based upon their commitments, interests, academic training, and professional goals.

## **How a degree in International Studies prepares students for the global workforce:**

A degree in International Studies affords students a greater understanding of the world and the interconnectedness we share with those around the globe. With a curriculum that provides core knowledge and skills, our students will find that they are well prepared for many different work environments and employment sectors. Skills gained with a degree in International Studies at the Josef Korbel School include:

- Foreign language skills: A major in International Studies requires at least two years of proficiency in a foreign language.
- Theoretical understanding: Students not only learn core theories that apply to international affairs, but also come to understand how these theories inform international political activity and how they are applied to global events.
- Analytic skills: Students are trained to critically examine international events by learning different perspectives and approaches that foster a deeper understanding the world today.
- Research skills: Students gain these skills through our research and writing intensive program.
- Knowledge-based skills: our curriculum strives for both breadth and depth of understanding in the field of international affairs, fostering knowledge in areas ranging from international politics, economics, security and diplomacy, to environmental, developmental and global health issues
- Interpersonal skills: In all professional sectors, strong interpersonal skills are essential. The INTS major and the study abroad requirement promote these competencies by exposing students to different cultures and societies. Through this exposure, students gain an appreciation of diverse views, which better prepares them to work with people from various socio-political and cultural backgrounds, in addition to potential employment abroad.

## **Employment opportunities for graduates:**

With the knowledge and skills gained with a degree in International Studies, graduates of the Josef Korbel School are well equipped to find employment in a number of professional sectors. For example, graduates of our program often seek careers in the following fields:

- State, Local and Federal Government: Jobs in this sector include employment for local and state political offices and campaigns, the U.S. Congress, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, and Peace Corps.
- Intergovernmental Organizations: Employment in this sector includes work with organizations like the United Nations, World Health Organization, and the World Trade Organization.
- International Non-governmental and Non-Profit Organizations: Jobs in this sector include positions with groups such as Amnesty International, Greenpeace, and the Red Cross.
- International Education: Jobs in this sector range from teaching general education abroad to teaching English as a second language in foreign countries.
- Private Sector Employment (including international banking, trade, and marketing): Employment opportunities in this sector include work with corporations such as Lockheed-Martin and American Express.
- International Communications and the Media: Jobs in this sector include journalist positions for publications such as *The Economist* and investigative research work for other media outlets including CNN.
- General: Other jobs available to those holding a degree in International Studies may include positions such as political analyst, researcher for various governments or organizations, and translator/interpreter.