The PhD in International Studies is a rigorous, multidisciplinary program suited for those interested in a career in academia. Those awarded a PhD at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies have continued on to impressive careers at prestigious higher education institutions, academic journals, research centers and government organizations worldwide.

At the beginning of study at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, doctoral students take courses consisting of both master’s level students and fellow doctoral candidates. Independent study and research is also conducted during this period of time. All students must pass written and oral comprehensive examinations in two fields. These exams are not limited to the materials covered in courses but range across the entire field. Comprehensive exams may be taken only after 120 hours of graduate credit have been earned (including transfer credit), all field and concentration requirements are met, all grades of incomplete have been removed, all language and methods requirements have been met, and the admission committee has formally and in writing accepted the student into the program. Following the comprehensive examinations, a research prospectus is submitted, outlining a proposed doctoral dissertation. A doctoral dissertation draft is undertaken and then submitted before a formal academic review committee.

PhD Candidates have two submissions to have their draft dissertation accepted by the academic review committee. Once the draft is accepted, an oral dissertation defense will be held. In light of the oral argument, a PhD is awarded based on the merit of the final written dissertation.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

International Studies Core (Four courses – 20 credits):
- INTS 4324 International Political Economy
- INTS 4900 International Politics
- INTS 4501 Comparative Politics the 21st Century
PLUS one Political Theory course:
- INTS 4820 Democracy and War
- INTS 4821 Early Modern Political Theory
- INTS 4822 Contemporary Political Theory
- INTS 4601 Ethics and International Affairs
- INTS 4544 Classics in Comparative Politics
- INTS 4515 Nineteenth Century Political Theory and the Rise of Political Economy

Field Specialization: Five courses in a two fields, as specified below (Choose Two Fields—50 credits)

A. Comparative Politics
- INTS 4501 Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21st Century
PLUS four additional courses in Comparative Politics
(Consult with Martin Rhodes and Tim Sisk before selecting)

B. International Political Economy
- INTS 4310 International Trade
- INTS 4320 International Monetary Relations
- INTS 4324 Introduction to International Political Economy
- INTS 4327 Advanced Issues in International Political Economy
- INTS 4370 Political Economy of Globalization

**METHODOLOGY**
- INTS 4010 Epistemology
- INTS 4499 Philosophy of Social Science
- INTS 4500 Social Science Methodology
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY Native English speakers need to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language.

ELECTIVES To reach a total of 135 credit hours earned.

INTERNSHIP PhD students CANNOT register for internship credit.

PhD COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS Required—both written and oral for both field specializations.

RESEARCH PROSPECTUS Required

EXTENDED RESEARCH PAPERS PhD students are required to write two extended research papers during their period of fulfilling course work requirements. Each paper should be written in one of your two fields with each field attaching different requirements. These papers will be included in the student’s program statement.

PhD RESEARCH SEMINAR Required (0-5 credits)

DEGREE DIRECTOR(S) Erica Chenoweth, PhD and Martin Rhodes, PhD

CAREERS Graduates with a Doctorate in International Studies from the Josef Korbel School find themselves working primarily in higher education and academic research. However, many PhD graduates have also obtained positions in consulting, government organizations and NGOs.

FINANCIAL AID Accepted PhD applicants receive a full tuition scholarship and a living stipend for the first three years. For Information regarding departmental scholarships contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 303.871.2544 or email korbeladm@du.edu.

DEADLINES Applications received after this deadline will not be considered: January 15—Fall Quarter matriculation

PhD ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Ph.D. program at the Josef Korbel School is highly competitive. Serious applicants are invited to interact and meet with the Josef Korbel School faculty and admissions staff in order to better familiarize themselves with the program.

- Application
- Application fee ($65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each college and university attended
- Official GRE test scores (University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose: in 750-1,000 words, discuss the following:
  - Your career goals and objectives
  - A potential topic for your dissertation
  - The faculty from the Josef Korbel School with whom you wish to work, and why
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Twenty page writing sample
- Many PhD applicants submit their MA thesis, but any substantial academic writing sample will suffice

International Students
- Visa eligibility documents (I-20)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers ONLY); a minimum score of 95 (internet-based), 240 (computer-based) or 587 (paper-based) is required for admission

*This description is not binding. For the most comprehensive and updated program descriptions and requirements, please review the PhD Handbook on Portfolio (https://portfolio.du.edu/isst).