

## Master of Arts in International Studies

The MA in International Studies will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the field of international affairs and the theoretical traditions scholars use to study our complex world. As our most flexible degree, the MA in International Studies affords you the opportunity to customize your program to fit special research interests and professional goals. The degree is favored by students pursuing careers in diplomacy, policy, academia and the private sector, as well as those interested in pursuing a PhD.

Time Commitment and Format	Start Dates	GRE	Credits	Thesis	Internship	Foreign Language Proficiency	Degree Director
2 years, full-time	September or January	Required	90	Optional	Optional	Required	Lynn Holland, Ph.D.

### *Degree Requirements\**

1. **International Studies Core:** Choose from a set of robust courses that provide a broad understanding of international politics, economy, and policy. *Examples of core courses include:*
  - Comparative Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - International Politics
  - Comparative Public Policy and Finance
  - Problems and Challenges of Democratization
  - Political Economy of Globalization
  - Revolutions and State Building
2. **Field Coursework:** You will specialize in one of the following disciplines which will provide you the knowledge necessary to succeed in your desired career field. Field specialization options are:
  - International Politics
  - Comparative Politics
  - International Political Economy
  - Political Theory
3. **Concentration:** Dive deep into a sequence of courses that matter most to you - designed by you, for you. With the ability to select a regional or topical concentration, the opportunities are endless. In addition to established concentrations students have the opportunity to customize their concentrations.
  - *Samples of past concentrations include:* geographic areas (i.e. Latin America, China, the Middle East, and Africa), global health, humanitarian assistance, homeland security, international security, conflict resolution and peacekeeping, gender issues, and international law.
4. **Methodology/Skills:** Select three skills-based courses that will provide you the expertise to effectively interpret data, skillfully communicate, and manage challenging issues that you will encounter throughout your career path.
  - Examples of Skills courses:
    - Project Management
    - Financial Management and Fundraising in Non-Profits
    - Cross-Cultural Communications
    - Methodology for Human Rights
    - The Art of Forecasting
5. Additional Information can be found at [www.du.edu/korbel](http://www.du.edu/korbel).

### ***Internships***

MA students register an average of 225 internships annually, with roughly ½ completed in Colorado, ¼ internationally, and ¼ in the U.S. outside of Colorado. Additionally, roughly ½ of internships occur during the summer and ½ during the academic year. While students intern in private, public, and multilateral organizations, the majority of internships occur in the nonprofit/NGO sector. Some examples of where International Studies students have interned are: InterAction, Atlantic Council of the United States (ACUS), American Red Cross, Newmont Mining, and Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC).

### ***Careers***

Graduates of the Josef Korbel School's MA in International Studies degree have pursued careers within the policy and academic fields. Examples of where our alumni are working include: National Democratic Institute, FBI, Booz-Allen Hamilton, Institute of International Education, and OECD.

### ***Graduate Admissions Requirements***

- Application
- Application fee (\$65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended (including English translations when applicable). Send transcripts in an official, sealed envelope bearing an official stamp from the Registrar's Office across the envelope's seal.
- Official GRE test scores (the University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
  - What is your career goal upon completing your graduate degree and what are your longer-term career goals?
  - Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree and how the degree program you have chosen will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
  - What skills and previous experiences have helped position you to reach your career goals and how will the Josef Korbel School help you achieve these goals?
- Resume
- Visa eligibility documents (I-20) (International students only)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers) (the University of Denver code is 4842)

### ***Class Profile***

- Average GRE Scores (new scoring system):
  - Verbal: 157
  - Quantitative: 151
- Average GPA: 3.41
- Average Age: 26 years
- Age Range: 21-54
- Average Class size: 20
- Females: 55%
- Males: 45%
- Non-US Students: 10.6%
- Citizenships represented: 27
- Each year, about 200 students enroll in the MA programs at the Josef Korbel School

\*Please visit the Korbel Handbook on Portfolio (<https://portfolio.du.edu/issta>) to view up-to-date degree requirements. Degree directors update the handbook through Portfolio throughout the year, so for a more extensive list of course requirements please visit the Portfolio site.