**Doctorate of Philosophy in International Studies**

The Ph.D. in International Studies is a rigorous, multidisciplinary program suited for those interested in a career in academia. Those awarded a Ph.D. 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 exams 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.

Ph.D. 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 Ph.D. is awarded based on the merit of the final written dissertation.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **International Studies Core:** Four courses (20 credits)
   - INTS 4900 International Politics
   - INTS 4501 Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21st Century
   - INTS 4324 Intro to International Political Economy
   - One Political Theory course:
     - INTS 4820 Ancient Political Theory
     - INTS 4821 Early Modern Political Theory
     - INTS 4822 Contemporary Political Theory, or
     - INTS 4601 Ethics and International Affairs
     - INTS 4515 Nineteenth Century Political Theory and the Rise of Political Economy
   - PLUS Ints 4324 Introduction to International Political Economy
   - INTS 4327 Advanced Issues in International Political Economy
   - INTS 4370 Political Economy of Globalization

2. **Field Specialization:** Five courses in a single field, as specified below (Choose two fields—50 credits)
   - **A. International Politics**
     - INTS 4900 International Politics
     - INTS 4903 Social Construction of International Society
     - PLUS three additional courses in International Politics
   - **B. Comparative Politics**
     - INTS 4501 Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21st Century
     - PLUS four additional courses in Comparative Politics
   - **C. International Political Economy**
     - INTS 4310 International Trade
     - INTS 4320 International Monetary Relations
   - **D. Political Theory**
     - INTS 4820 Ancient Political Theory
     - INTS 4821 Early Modern Political Theory
     - INTS 4822 Contemporary Political Theory
     - INTS 4515 Nineteenth Century Political Theory and the Rise of Political Economy
     - PLUS two additional Political Theory courses

3. **Methodology:**
   - INTS 4010 Epistemology
   - INTS 4499 Philosophy of Social Science
   - INTS 4500 Social Science Methodology

4. **Foreign language proficiency:** Native English speakers need to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language.

5. **Electives:** Electives to reach a total of 135 credits

6. **Internship:** Ph.D. students CANNOT register for internship credit

7. **Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations:** Required – both written and oral for both field specializations

8. **Research Prospectus:** Required

9. **Dissertation & Oral Defense:** 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 DIRECTORS
Jack Donnelly, Co-Chair/Director & Andrew W. Mellon Professor, Ph.D. (Political Science), University of California - Berkeley, 1983

Martin Rhodes, Co-Chair/Director and Professor
D. Phil., University of Oxford, 1985

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

DEADLINES
Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

January 15 – fall quarter matriculation

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 korbelm@du.edu.

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*This description is not binding. For the most comprehensive and updated program descriptions and requirements, please review the Ph.D. Handbook on our website.

Ph.D. ADMISSION 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)
- An official transcript from each college and university attended
- Official GRE test scores
- 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 Ph.D. applicants submit their MA thesis, but any substantial academic writing sample will suffice
- Visa eligibility document (I-20) (International students ONLY)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers ONLY; minimum score of 95 (internet based), 240 (computer based) or 587 (paper based) required for admission)