

2021 – 2022

Master of Arts in Global Environmental Sustainability

A defining issue of the 21st century will be international challenges posed by a changing environment, population growth, and increased demands on our food, water, and energy resources. Given the complexity and magnitude of these challenges, we need innovative approaches to meeting needs while promoting just and equitable development and a sustainable path for future generations. The Korbel School is poised to assume a position of leadership in research, teaching, and outreach around issues related to our changing climate and global environment. The Global Environmental Sustainability (GES) MA will stimulate, facilitate, and coordinate these activities in a sustaining manner. Our location in the Front Range puts us at the center of practical discussions about water, agriculture, and energy (both conventional and renewable). Our advantage comes in taking a human-focused approach to understanding the consequences of global change for human well-being.

Curriculum Overview:

Candidates must complete sixty (60) credit hours.

Degree Requirements:

1. Korbel Core - two courses (8 credits):

- INTS 4091 - Great Issues in International Relations
(offered each Fall quarter; to be taken as early in the program as possible)
- INTS 4090 – Values-Based Leadership in International and Public Affairs
(offered each Winter quarter; to be taken as late in the program as possible)

2. Degree Core- three courses (12 credits):

- INTS 4642 – Environmental Security
- INTS 4972 – Global Environmental Governance
- A course focused on other features of environmental sustainability, approved by the degree director.

3. Skills Courses - three courses (12 credits):

- INTS 4342 – Project Management
- Two other skills courses approved by the degree director

4. Specialization Area Requirement: three courses (12 credits):

Each student creates a specialization area by completing at least three courses that are linked thematically. Specializations may center on an issue, region, or skill set. Students are required to complete at least one specialization but may also choose to complete a second specialization. Students have considerable latitude in the design of their selected specialization area, but must have it approved by the Global Environmental Sustainability degree director. Students choosing to complete a graduate Certificate may use three of those Certificate classes to form a specialization.

Suggested specialization tracks include:

Climate Change

- INTS 4671: Climate, Science, and Society
- INTS 4909: Climate Justice
- INTS 4xxx: Sustainable Energy

Food & Water Security

- INTS 4110: Food and Nutrition Security for Sustainable Development
- INTS 4539: Food Security in the United States and the World
- INTS 4484: Agriculture and Sustainable Development

Environmental Security and Conflict Resolution

- INTS 4653: Political Economy of the Resource Curse
- INTS 4909: Climate Justice
- INTS 4706 Negotiating Environmental Conflict and Policy

Energy and Resource Policy

- INTS 4xxx: Sustainable Energy
- INTS 4653: Political Economy of the Resource Curse
- BUS 4444/INTS 4459: Global Business, Governance, and Corporate Social Responsibility

5. **Foreign Language:** Optional, but strongly recommended
6. **Internship:** Required (registered as INTS 4981, for 0 or 4 credits)
 - Please see the Internship section of the Handbook for more details
7. **Thesis (0-8 credits) or Substantial Research Paper (0-4 credits):** Optional
8. **Electives:** quantity will depend on remaining number of credits needed to reach the minimum requirements of **60 credits**.

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