

2021 – 2022

Master of Arts in International Studies

The Master of Arts in International Studies combines a broad understanding of the field of international studies with an issue-oriented specialization, skills courses, and the opportunities for internships or advanced research. It is the traditional professional international studies curriculum, long favored by students pursuing career options in the government, private, and non-profit sectors, as well as those considering a PhD. It is also our most flexible degree, with ample opportunity to tailor a program to fit your specific needs and interests.

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; take as early in the program as possible*)
- INTS 4090 – Values-Based Leadership in International and Public Affairs (*offered each Winter quarter; take as late in the program as possible*)

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

- Any regionally focused course, to be approved by the International Studies Degree Director
- Choose **two** of the following:
 - INTS 4324 - International Political Economy
 - INTS 4370 – The Global Economy
 - INTS 4372 – Great Books in Political Economy
 - INTS 4501 - Comparative Politics in the 21st Century
 - INTS 4715 – Challenges Facing Democratization
 - INTS 4822 – Contemporary Political Theory
 - INTS 4900 - International Politics

3. Specialization - 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 International Studies degree director. Students choosing to complete a graduate Certificate may use three of those Certificate classes to form a specialization.

4. Skills - three courses (12 credits):

A package of three courses from the various methods and skills courses offered at the Josef Korbel School or, with permission from other units at the University of Denver (excluding University College). The list below contains examples of the types of courses that students may choose *but does not exhaust*

the possibilities. The best choices for each student will depend on that student's career goals and should be discussed with the degree director.

Quantitative Courses

- INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II*
- INTS 4052 - Statistical Methods III (*prerequisite: INTS 4051 or INTS 4057*)
- INTS 4057 - Statistics I & II **
- INTS 4333 - International Project Design and Monitoring
- INTS 4345 - The Art of Forecasting
- INTS 4575 - Systems Thinking for Social Scientists
- INTS 4633 - International Project Evaluation

** Students must complete INTS 4050 - Statistical Methods I (with a grade of C- or better) before they are eligible to register for INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II. Students will receive elective credit for completing INTS 4050, but it cannot be used to satisfy the methodology/ skills requirement for the degree.*

*** Students may take INTS 4057 - Statistics I & II, instead of INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II, if they have a strong quantitative background. This is a fast-paced course and combines what is taught in Statistics I and Statistics II, so only take INTS 4057 if you are confident in your ability to keep up in such an environment.*

Management and Communications Skills

- INTS 4342 - Project Management
- INTS 4391 - Financial Management and Fundraising of Non-Profits
- INTS 4394 - Non-Profit Management: Issues and Techniques
- INTS 4555 - Professional Communications
- INTS 4557 - Cross-Cultural Communications

Issue-Oriented Skills

- INTS 4423 - Introduction to Epidemiology
- INTS 4483 - Practical Applications in Global Health
- INTS 4735 - Defense and Security Methods
- INTS 4736 - Strategic Intelligence Data Collection and Analysis
- INTS 4739 – Defense and Security Quantitative Analysis (*Prerequisite: INTS 4735*)
- INTS 4954 – Human Rights Research and Design

Qualitative and Field Methods

- INTS 4010 - Epistemology
- INTS 4966 - Applied Field Methods

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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