

2022 – 2023

Master of Arts in Global Economic Affairs

The Global Economic Affairs (GEA) program provides students with a multi-disciplinary, policy-focused examination of the global economy. *Emphasis is on political economy, not on the narrow field of economics as standardly taught in economics textbooks.* Courses within this degree focus on the complex changes underway in the global economy, including the emerging patterns of finance, trade, and investment flows and their effect on national economies; the effect of globalization on state capacity, policy autonomy, and national economic conditions; the relationship between economic, political, and social outcomes of policy choices; corporate governance, competition, and corporate social responsibility; and the politics of economic policy choices at the national and international levels, within multilateral agreements and organizations. All students within this degree receive training in advanced statistical methods, including econometrics. Students also select from a diverse collection of qualitative and quantitative skills courses.

Students pursuing the GEA degree are required to pursue a customized specialization that is tied to their intellectual and career aspirations. Students should meet with the degree director to discuss possible specializations that will meet their needs.

This degree is intended for students looking to pursue a diverse range of careers:

1. As international economic analysts for public sector agencies, such as the Department of Commerce, the International Trade Administration, Ministries of Finance, crime and security agencies such as the FBI, and state and municipal government;
2. As analyst for multilateral institutions and organizations, such as the World Bank, the US Trade and Development Agency, the World Trade Organization, United Nations agencies, the African Development Bank, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;
3. As researchers and analysts within non-governmental organizations, such as Oxfam, Action Aid, Accion, and Water for People;
4. As private sector economic policy consultants, political risk or international project analysts, ethical supply chain experts, and international project managers.

Students who seek a more specialized and technical training in portfolio allocation might consider creating their own “customized, flexible dual degree” with the Daniels College of Business (DCB) that allows them to earn an MS in Finance along with the GEA degree (for more information, see the “[Flexible Dual Degree Programs](#)” section of the Graduate Bulletin).

The GEA program is intended for economics majors and non-majors alike. The course “Economics: Fundamental Knowledge, Global Applications” (INTS 4536), offered each fall when enrollments warrant it, is designed for students who have not completed an undergraduate course in Introductory Macroeconomics & Microeconomics (or undergraduate Principles of Economics or undergraduate International Economics). INTS 4536 will prepare students who do not possess this basic economics background to enroll in INTS 4310 (International Trade) and INTS 4320 (International Monetary Relations). It is also sufficient for students without an economics background to take an undergraduate-equivalent course (in person or online—there are many options available) prior to matriculating at Korbel to prepare themselves for the GEA core classes.

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):

- INTS 4310 - International Trade*
- INTS 4320 - International Monetary Relations*
- One of the following:
 - INTS 4324 - International Political Economy
 - INTS 4370 – The Global Economy: Conflict, Crisis, and Cooperation**
 - INTS 4372 – Great Books in Political Economy

* Prerequisite for INTS 4310: grade of B- or better in undergraduate course in *Introductory Microeconomics, Principles of Economics (combining Introductory Micro and Macroeconomics), or International Economics*. Prerequisite for INTS 4320: grade of B- or better in undergraduate course in *Introductory Macroeconomics, Principles of Economics (combining Introductory Micro and Macroeconomics), or International Economics*. Students who have not completed the undergraduate prerequisites for INTS 4310 and INTS 4320 should first complete **PPOL 4200 - Microeconomics**. OR, as noted above it is also sufficient for students without an economics background to take an undergraduate-equivalent course (in person or on-line—there are many options available) prior to matriculating at Korbel to prepare themselves for the GEA core classes.

INTS 4310 and INTS 4320 are recommended prerequisites for **INTS 4370.

3. Specialization: Three courses (12 credits):

Specializations are sets of three courses full credit courses (12 credit hours) that a student takes within their degree that are centered on a common topic, region, or degree relevant methods and must be approved by the degree director. Korbel specializations are open specializations, which is to say that they are totally customizable and can be drawn from any and all eligible University of Denver graduate courses. The key is that they must be approved on submission for graduation by a student's degree director and students are encouraged to engage their degree director early in the process on what are approvable sets of courses. Specializations do not go on transcripts, so it is possible to organize courses into more than one set of three, but for completion of degree requirement purposes, only one specialization is submitted as such on your program statement. Students who participate in a Korbel Certificate will put three of their certificate courses in their specialization and the other three in electives to fit the certificate within the 60 credit hours associated with their degree requirements. For more information on Specializations, see the Specializations section of the Korbel MA Handbook.

4. Skills: Three courses **(12 credits):**

- INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II* *or* INTS 4057 - Statistics I & II **
- INTS 4303 - Econometrics for Decision Making I
- A third skills oriented course approved by the GEA Degree Director.

You can find more information on skills courses offered at Korbel [here](#).

While not an exhaustive list of options, the following skills-oriented classes are recommended:

- INTS 4052 – Statistical Methods III
- INTS 4059- Data Science with Python
- INTS 4060 - Data Visualization
- INTS 4210 – Global Value Chains Multinational Corporations, and Investment Sustainability
- INTS 4226 – Social Enterprise and Global Poverty
- INTS 4330 – International Business Transactions
- INTS 4339 – Microfinance, Financial Inclusion and Inclusive Markets
- INTS 4555 - Professional Communications
- INTS 4579 – International Futures
- INTS 4632 – Qualitative Research Methods
- INTS 4964 - Political Risk Analysis

** 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 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.*

5. Internship: Required (registered as INTS 4981, for 0 or 4 credits)

- Please see the Internship section of the Handbook for more details

6. Thesis (0-8 credits) or Substantial Research Paper (0-4 credits): Optional

7. Electives: quantity will depend on remaining number of credits needed to reach the minimum requirements of **60 credits**.

Note: MA in GEA candidates may enroll in a **maximum** of 12 credits at the Daniels College of Business. If a student wishes to take more than 12 credits, s/he must apply, and be accepted, to a graduate degree program at the DCB through the DU flexible dual degree program. No more than 12 credits completed prior to acceptance into such a program may be applied toward a DCB degree. Students currently enrolled in a dual or joint degree program are not impacted by this policy.

To request permission to register for DCB classes, please contact a Graduate Business Advisor at gradbus.advising@du.edu. Students who register without this permission risk disenrollment from the course. All non-DCB students will be registered on a space-available basis.

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