

2022 – 2023

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):

A sequence of three skills or methods courses approved by the Degree Director.

4. Specialization Area Requirement: 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 Korbelt 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 Korbelt MA Handbook.

Suggested specialization tracks include:

Climate Change

- INTS 4671: Climate, Science, and Society
- INTS 4909: Climate Justice
- INTS 4654: 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 4655 Negotiating Environmental Conflict and Policy
- INTS 4709 Environmental Peacebuilding

Energy and Resource Policy

- INTS 4654: Sustainable Energy
- INTS 4653: Political Economy of the Resource Curse
- BUS 4444/INTS 4459: Global Business, Governance, and Corporate Social Responsibility
- INTS 4655 Negotiating Environmental Conflict and Policy

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**.

Degree Director:

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