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Master of Arts in International Human Rights

The MA in International Human Rights provides students with the opportunity to explore issues of human dignity while critically examining the norms, historical processes, social movements, strategies, and institutions designed to promote and protect human rights in our globalizing world. The program is pioneering and unique among its peers for interdisciplinary study, rigor, and flexibility. It links human rights to law, security, gender studies, migration issues, economic development, health, security, human trafficking, humanitarian assistance, geographic areas, and other related themes. It emphasizes both theory and practice.

For practical experience, students can take skills courses, certificates, participate in educational trips, complete internships, and have opportunities for fieldwork in the U.S. and around the world. Through research centers, guest lectures, conferences, and film series, students participate in a wide range of human rights research and advocacy projects. Graduates typically seek and obtain positions in international nonprofits, international human rights advocacy organizations, international aid agencies, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, business sector, the human rights legal profession, and academia.

Degree Requirements (60 credit hours total):

1. Korbels 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):

a. INTS 4940 – Introduction to Human Rights

b. One of the following:

- INTS 4677 – Introduction to Law, Foreign Policy and Moral Theory in Human Rights
- INTS 4935 – International Humanitarian Law
- INTS 4936 – International Law and Human Rights

c. One of the following:

- INTS 4569 – Migration
- INTS 4649 – Human Rights and the Middle East
- INTS 4670 – Gender, Security and Human Rights
- INTS 4947 – Human Rights and Security

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. Korbels 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 Courses - three courses (12 credits):

a. INTS 4051 - Statistics II* OR INTS 4057 - Statistics I and II**

b. One Methods course:

- INTS 4010 – Epistemology
- INTS 4522 – Philosophy of Social Science
- INTS 4644 – Human Rights Research Methods
- INTS 4632 – Qualitative Research Methods
- INTS 4999 – Research Design

c. One additional skills-oriented course approved by the Human Rights Degree Director

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

- INTS 4333 – International Project Design and Monitoring
- INTS 4342 – Project Management
- INTS 4423 – Introduction to Epidemiology
- INTS 4497 – International Campaign Management
- INTS 4656 – Power, Institutions & Justice in Environmental Sustainability
- INTS 4666 – Civilian Protection Practicum
- INTS 4579 – International Futures
- INTS 4711 – Campaigns and Foreign Policy
- INTS 4966 – Applied Field Methods

** 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 quantitative requirement for the degree.*

*** Students may take INTS 4057 - Statistics I and 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). 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** as needed to reach the minimum degree requirement of **60 credits**.

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