

2022 – 2023

Master of Arts in International Security

The International Security curriculum provides education and practical training on issues related to the causes and consequences of foreign policies pursued by states plus the goals of non-state actors to advance their position and status in world political dynamics through violent confrontation and war or through cooperative moves towards peace. The Security Program combines traditional issues (state level threats, sovereignty, armament policies) and foundational theoretic perspectives (realism, liberalism, International law) with emerging twenty-first century problems (e.g. human security, climate change, health pandemics, humanitarian assistance, global governance) with exposure and appreciation for updated research and policy perspectives on contemporary topics to enable students to understand continuities and major shifts in the evolving global system, to foresee new threats, and imagine threat responses.

We focus on developing skill-sets: written and oral communications; technical tools (graphic displays, statistical analysis) and clear, logical arguments, that are essential for our graduates to be marketable practitioners in the security field—whether working in government, private industry, or the non-profit sector. We expect everyone to keep current in scholarship and policies presented in mainline journals. By completing the Security program, students will have a sufficient sense of basic concepts, theories, and approaches associated with the field with the confidence to apply this knowledge to real-world problems.

Curriculum Overview:

Candidates must complete sixty (60) quarter-hour graduate-level credits.

All Korbel MA students enroll in INTS 4091, Great Issues, during their first year of enrollment. All International Security students must register for INTS 4735 and complete INTS 4051 or INTS 4057 also during their first year (i.e. first three academic terms of enrollment). INTS 4090, Values-Based Leadership, and Advanced Topics Courses are taken during the second year in the master's program—they are designed as capstone, culmination courses, sometimes requiring prerequisites.

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):** *(take all 3 during first year)*
 - INTS 4700 - U.S. Foreign Policy
 - INTS 4702 – Emerging Issues in International Security
 - INTS 4703 – Foundations of Security
3. **Skills Courses** - three courses **(12 credits):** *(take first 2 during first year)*

- INTS 4051 – Statistical Methods II* or INTS 4057 – Statistics I & II**
- INTS 4735 - Defense and Security Methods
- INTS 4676 or 4675 – Advanced Topics in Security (*take during second year*)
* Prerequisites: INTS 4735

** 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.*

4. 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.

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

- Please see the Internship section of the M.A. Handbook for more details

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

- Please see the Thesis and SRP section of the M.A. Handbook for more details.

7. Electives: the number of courses and credits needed to reach the minimum requirements of 60 quarter-hours of graduate credit for the degree.

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