

2022 – 2023

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. Korbelt 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 4301 – Intro to Political Theory
 - INTS 4324 - International Political Economy
 - INTS 4370 – The Global Economy: Conflict, Crisis, and Cooperation
 - 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
 - INTS 4936 – International Law and Human Rights

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. Korbelt 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.

4. Skills - three courses (12 credits):

Three courses from the various skills and methods courses offered at the Korbel School or other units at the University of Denver (excluding University College) are required. For courses outside of Korbel, permission of department and the MAIS director is required. 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 4575 - Systems Thinking for Social Scientists
- INTS 4579 – International Futures
- 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 - Global Health in Practice
- INTS 4644 Human Rights Research Methods
- INTS 4735 - Defense and Security Methods
- INTS 4736 - Strategic Intelligence Data Collection and Analysis
- INTS 4739 – Defense and Security Quantitative Analysis (*Prerequisite: INTS 4735*)

Qualitative and Field Methods

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

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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