Credit Change FAQs

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What changes are being made to the BA program in INTS?

   No changes are being made to the undergraduate program itself; what is changing is the maximum number of credits assigned to undergraduate courses at DU, which will change from 5 credits to 4 credits per course beginning in Fall Quarter 2012.

2. Why is this change taking place?

   In order to comply with federal policy the university must standardize its undergraduate course credit policy and starting in Fall Quarter 2012, all undergraduate courses will be worth a maximum of 4 credits.

3. When will these changes take effect?

   Any undergraduate course currently offered for 5 credits, will be re-categorized at a maximum of 4 credits beginning in Fall Quarter 2012.

4. Will this change impact me?

   There will be no adverse impact to students, simply the designation of course credits from 5 to 4.

5. Will this change impact courses in which I am currently enrolled or courses that I have already completed?

   No. This change will not take effect until Fall Quarter 2012 and will not retroactively impact any coursework completed prior to Fall Quarter 2012.

6. May I begin taking INTS courses for 4 credit hours now?

   No. This change will not take effect until Fall Quarter 2012 and, until that time, course credits cannot be modified.

INTS MAJOR QUESTIONS

1. Do we still need between 55-60 credits for the INTS major moving forward?
You have always needed 11-12 classes for the INTS major and that will remain the same. The only difference is that INTS courses will now be worth 4 credits each as of Fall Quarter 2012. While the new designation will be 44-48 INTS credits to satisfy the major (instead of 55-60 credits), any INTS major that will be a continuing student during academic year 2012-13 (next year), and that entered DU prior to Fall Quarter 2012, should simply focus on completing 11-12 total courses in the major.

2. If I have already earned 44 or more credits toward my INTS major, can I stop taking INTS classes?

Not necessarily. If you matriculated (entered DU) prior to Fall Quarter 2012 and will be a continuing student as of AY 2012-13, you are grandfathered under the old requirements and are still required to complete 11-12 INTS courses regardless of your current credit total.

3. Are all other requirements for the major the same?

Yes, all other BA Program in INTS requirements for the major remain the same. You will still need to complete 11-12 INTS courses with a C- or better (including the three required core courses and three specialization area courses), in addition to satisfying an approved study abroad experience, and the two year foreign language proficiency requirement.

INTS MINOR QUESTIONS

1. Do we still need 25 credits for the INTS minor moving forward?

You have always needed 5 classes for the INTS minor and that will remain the same. The only difference is that INTS courses will now be worth 4 credits each as of Fall Quarter 2012. While the new designation will be 20 INTS credits to satisfy the major (instead of 25 credits), any INTS minor that will be a continuing student during academic year 2012-13 (next year), and that entered DU prior to Fall Quarter 2012, should simply focus on completing at least 5 total courses in the major.

2. If I have already earned 20 credits toward my INTS minor, can I stop taking INTS classes?

Not necessarily. If you matriculated (entered DU) prior to Fall Quarter 2012 and will be a continuing student as of AY 2012-13, you are grandfathered under the old requirements and are still required to complete 5 INTS courses regardless of your current credit total.

3. Are all other requirements for the minor the same?

Yes, all other BA Program in INTS requirements for the minor remain the same. You will still need to complete at least 5 INTS courses with a C- or better (including at least one required core courses).