Dual Degree Change FAQs

1. What changes are being made to the dual degree BA/MA program in INTS?

The overall credit hour requirement for the dual degree BA/MA program in INTS is not changing (i.e. 90 total credits to earn an MA degree), however, the manner in which those requirements are allocated and satisfied is being modified. Specifically, admitted students must complete six, 4000-level graduate courses (30 credits) during their senior year, which apply toward both the undergraduate and the graduate degrees (“double counting”). In the fifth and final year of the program, students must complete an additional 60 hours of graduate-level coursework, in order to satisfy the remaining requirements of the MA component of the degree. These 60 credits, plus the 30 “double-counted” credits, total the requisite 90 credit hours necessary to earn an MA at the University of Denver.

2. Why is this change taking place?

In order to comply with University policies governing dual degree undergraduate/graduate programs at the University of Denver, only graduate level coursework is eligible to count toward the completion of a graduate degree. Given that 3000-level INTS courses will become “undergraduate only” as of Fall Quarter 2012, these courses will no longer be eligible to “double-count” for graduate level credit and, as a result, must be substituted with appropriate and eligible, 4000-level graduate courses.

3. What do these changes entail?

For most students that are admitted into the dual degree BA/MA program, the change entails completing a total of six, 4000-level graduate courses (30 credits) during one’s senior year (year 4)—in lieu of the previously required five, 3000-level courses and two, 4000-level courses (35 credits)—plus 60 graduate level credits during year 5. In order to
be eligible to complete graduate level coursework for the program, INTS majors will be required to complete at least two, 3000-level courses with an “A-” or better prior to their senior year.

For students that entered the University in or after Fall Quarter 2011, the new informal application deadline will be May 1 (Spring Quarter) of the student’s freshman year. For all students, irrespective of when they entered the University, the new formal application deadline will be February 1 (Winter Quarter) of the student’s junior year.

4. When will these changes take effect?

Although the change to 3000-level courses will not happen until Fall Quarter 2012, the variation between each student’s individual INTS progress, combined with the need for significant advance planning in order to stay on track, necessitates that these changes be treated as if they were already in force. For all intents and purposes, therefore, dual degree candidates should begin re-organizing their planning immediately.

5. Will these revisions impact other Dual Degree BA/MA in INTS Program requirements?

No, apart from the re-organization of the overall 90 required credits for a graduate degree at the University of Denver and the new application deadlines, other aspects of the dual degree BA/MA program in INTS will remain the same. Moving forward, students must still complete all requirements of the standalone BA degree in INTS, in addition to satisfying all requirements of the dual degree BA/MA program in INTS, including meeting all eligibility requirements and admission standards for graduate programs at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies.

6. How will this change impact me?

The answer depends on your current class standing and the INTS courses that you have completed up to this point:

- If you are currently a junior (year 3 of 4) and submitted a complete, informal application to Deana Ahmad by the 02/05/12 deadline, hopefully you were able to attend the information session that was held for your cohort on 02/24/12. If not, you should be in touch with Deana Ahmad to articulate a new plan of action for moving forward, in light of the aforementioned changes and considering your current progress in INTS. Please remember that the new, formal application deadline will be February 01 of your junior year (i.e. 02/01/13).
• If you are currently a sophomore (year 2 of 4) and submitted a complete, informal application by the 05/01/12 deadline, then you received instructions and handouts regarding dual degree planning from Deana, sent via email, on 05/08/12. Students that have questions or concerns about requirements, policies or deadline for the dual degree BA/MA program in INTS, should schedule an appointment to meet with Deana.

• If you are currently a freshman (year 1 of 4) and are interested in pursuing the dual degree BA/MA Program in INTS, please remember that you must submit an informal application for the dual degree BA/MA program in INTS by May 1st (Spring Quarter) of your freshman year. Should you have any questions regarding your current progress in INTS and your eligibility prospects, you may contact Deana Ahmad for clarification or to set-up an appointment.

7. With whom should I speak if I have more questions?

Please contact Deana Ahmad – dahmad@du.edu.