

BA PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Total credit hours required in INTS: Students must take a minimum of **44 credit hours** to satisfy the total credit requirement for an INTS major. All courses must be completed with a C- or better in order to count towards and satisfy requirements for the minor.

Required International Studies Core: Three courses (12 credits): INTS 1500 - Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy; INTS 1700 - Introduction to International Politics; and INTS 2975 - Global Issues Research Practicum. (Note: students must complete 1500 and 1700 as pre-requisites for INTS 2975.)

Two-year Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement:

This requirement may be satisfied in one of three ways:

1. by completing the final course in the intermediate sequence of one foreign language taught at DU with a C- or better;
2. by completing one course of a foreign language at a higher level with a C- or better, if the student tests out of the intermediate level of a foreign language taught at DU
3. by successfully demonstrating intermediate level proficiency in one foreign language, via an alternative testing option pre-arranged with the Director of the Center for World Languages and Cultures.

This is not a credit-bearing requirement within the INTS major. However, completing the intermediate sequence in a foreign language may require additional coursework beyond the required INTS curriculum. For further information regarding foreign languages at the University of Denver, please visit the [Department of Languages and Literatures](#) website.

Study Abroad: Students are required to complete an approved study abroad experience. Students are not required to take INTS related classes during their study abroad experience. However, if they chose to take INTS classes, they can apply a maximum of 13.5-quarter credit hours toward the INTS major. These courses must be pre-approved by the BA Program in INTS office prior to the start of the study abroad program. Please refer to the "[Study Abroad](#)" section of this handbook for in-depth details regarding INTS requirements and policies.

Specialization Requirement: Students must choose at least one area of specialization. This allows students the opportunity to add depth to their studies and to begin to develop an area of focus within the field of international studies. To complete the specialization, the student must complete three classes (12 credits) in one of the below specialization areas. Please note, the specialization will not be displayed on a student's degree audit, transcript or diploma.

[Specialization Areas](#)

Global Political Economy & International Politics
International Development & Health
International Organizations, Security & Human Rights

INTS Electives (20 credits): In addition to INTS core courses and specialization courses, students must fulfill the remainder of the credit requirement with INTS courses of their choosing. Though these are structured as INTS electives, students are free to choose a second specialization area in order to satisfy the credit requirement. INTS electives must have the INTS prefix to count towards elective and credit requirements for the INTS major.

Departmental Distinction Program: Students in the University Honors Program and/or students who wish to graduate with Distinction in International Studies are *required* to complete INTS 3000 - Research Methods & Design in International Studies (4 credits, taken in Spring Quarter of sophomore or junior year), and INTS 3990 - Honors Thesis (4 credits; students register for and write an INTS thesis during their senior year). Departmental Distinction in INTS is also required for students wanting to graduate with the two highest designations of [Latin Honors](#).

Minor or Second Major: Students pursuing a BA degree at the University of Denver must also declare a minor or an eligible second major.

Internship (optional): INTS majors are strongly encouraged to complete an internship. INTS 3980 - Internships in International Studies may be completed for 0-4 credits. If you have questions, please contact the [BA Internship Coordinator](#) for more information.