

# GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATE INTS MAJORS

We offer two exciting pathways for qualified INTS majors to pursue a graduate degree at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies upon completion of their Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies at DU: The Priority MA Admission option and the International Studies Korbel5 Program.

Interested students will determine which option is most suitable based on their unique situation, overall objectives, and academic timeline. Please see the comparison chart and sub-sections below, for more details regarding each option.

In addition to the information contained herein, a comparison chart of the two options may be accessed online via the [BA Program Portfolio Community](#) site under the “Graduate Program Opportunities” tab.

## Master of Arts Degree Options

For students that elect to pursue a graduate degree at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, there are [several Master of Art degree options](#). Each degree is designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students seeking to acquire the substantive knowledge, skills, and training necessary to pursue the multitude of career paths available in the field of international affairs.

MA degrees at the Josef Korbel School are interdisciplinary programs that combine social science education—principally in political science and economics—with business skills, so that students may examine relevant issues of global import and critically analyze the challenges and opportunities of our era. Upon commencement, new graduates find positions in government, international organizations, non-governmental groups, and non-profit agencies.

- **The Master of Arts in Global Finance, Trade, and Economic Integration** is an MA degree that examines the way trade relations and monetary policies of countries define the international system, the global environment, and influence national development.
- **The Master of Arts in International Administration** is an MA degree designed to prepare students for management positions in government service, non-profit organizations, and international institutions.
- **The Master of Arts in International Development** is an MA degree that trains students to analyze political, economic and social problems that face developing countries, including issues such as technical assistance, economic growth, and improved standards of living.
- **The Master of Arts in International Human Rights** is a program emphasizing multidisciplinary analysis and the integration of theory, policy analysis, and practice. It is designed for students seeking to work with NGOs, private voluntary organizations, or national/international public agencies dealing with human rights.
- **The Master of Arts in International Security** offers a multi-dimensional approach to understanding the security environment in a new era of world politics.
- **The Master of Arts in International Studies** is an MA degree centered on a standard curriculum that combines broad theoretical training with functional concentration specializations, particularly in the areas of politics and economics.

Additional information and extended descriptions about the [Masters Programs](#) offered at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies can be found on our website.

## The Priority MA Admission Option

The Priority Admission Option allows qualified majors who earn their BA in INTS at DU the opportunity to enroll in a traditional MA degree program at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies within five years of having the BA degree conferred. The advantage of the Priority Admission option is that students will receive full consideration for scholarship funding and receive an application fee waiver if they have earned an overall GPA of 3.5 or above. INTS majors with an INTS major GPA of 3.75 or above can also be waived of the GRE requirement. Additionally, the program maximizes flexibility,

so students have the latitude to pursue internships and other experiential learning opportunities, such as the Korbel in DC or Korbel in Geneva programs. Students have up to five years to complete the MA—starting with their first MA course. Unlike the Korbel5 program, *extensive* pre-planning is not required to be eligible for this program. Students pursuing this option *must* complete all standalone requirements for both their Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as their selected Master of Arts degree.

Priority MA eligible students must be formally declared INTS majors. Candidates must submit all required application materials, including Graduate Record Exam scores, by the specified deadlines (for a complete list of required materials, please visit the [Josef Korbel School's Office of Graduate Admission](#)). \*\*Note: Korbel undergraduate INTS majors with an overall GPA of 3.5 will receive application fee waivers. As mentioned above, Korbel INTS majors with an INTS major GPA of 3.75 or above will be waived of the GRE requirement. Interested candidates are advised to apply by the priority deadline (January 15 for fall enrollment or November 1 for winter enrollment). Please contact the JK SIS Office of Graduate Enrollment at [Korbeladm@du.edu](mailto:Korbeladm@du.edu) for additional information.

## Korbel5 Program

The Korbel5 Program allows exceptional undergraduate INTS majors at the University of Denver (DU) the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts degree in only one year beyond the traditional four-year BA. Prospective students must be in touch with BA Program advisors well in advance of applying in order to plan accordingly and must meet normal standards of graduate admission at the time of application. Please see section below, “Admission to the Josef Korbel School as a Korbel5 Student,” for important dates and processes.

Applicants must be current and declared INTS majors at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, and are only eligible to apply for the Korbel5 program *once* during their academic tenure at DU. Candidates must meet all admission criteria for JK SIS graduate programs (other than receipt of the baccalaureate degree), earn a B+ or better on the three core courses and two 3000-level courses, and meet the minimum overall *required* GPA which is 3.50. These admission standards are non-negotiable.

Potential candidates are required to complete the three INTS core courses (INTS 1500, INTS 1700 and INTS 2975) and two, 3000-level INTS courses before they are admitted into the MA program and eligible to begin taking 4000-level courses during their senior year, however 3000-level courses count only toward the undergraduate degree and are not eligible to be included among the credits that are double-counted toward the Korbel5 program. Students may not exceed 60 total quarter hour credits toward the undergraduate major in INTS, which includes the 24 double-counted credits.

The Korbel5 program allows qualified INTS majors that have been accepted into the program to begin taking graduate-level courses during their senior year as an undergraduate at the University of Denver. Remaining graduate-level requirements are completed in the fifth (and final) year of the program.

As part of their undergraduate studies, Korbel5 candidates are required to take six 4000-level graduate courses (24 credits). Each course must be worth at least four credits to count toward degree requirements. Ultimately, Korbel5 students will double-count these 6 courses (24 credit hours) toward both their BA and MA degrees. **In the fifth (and final) year of the program, students must complete 12 additional courses and a minimum of 48 credit hours of graduate-level coursework, in order to satisfy the remaining requirements of the MA component.**

## Korbel5 Program Interest Form

Given the need for significant advance planning prior to the formal application, students interested in pursuing the Korbel5 program are required to submit the non-binding Korbel5 Program Interest Form. The interest form may be accessed [online](#). You should submit the interest form as soon as you know you are interested in the program, but no later than the day you submit the formal application, which has a deadline of February 1st of your junior year.

An official application to the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, online application, statement of purpose, resume, official transcript(s), two letters of recommendation from DU faculty members (at least one letter of recommendation must be from an INTS appointed faculty), and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), is required by February 1<sup>st</sup> (Winter Quarter) of the student's junior year. \*\*Note: Korbel undergraduate INTS majors will receive application fee waivers. For those students with an INTS major GPA of 3.75 or higher at the time of application, the GRE requirement will be waived. The overall

minimum GPA will remain 3.5. An interview with the Admissions Committee may also be requested. For more details on the formal application process and required application components, please visit the [JKSIS Office of Graduate Enrollment](#).

**DEADLINE FOR FORMAL APPLICATION:** All official application materials must be received no later than February 1st of student’s junior year. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Suggested INTS timeline for Korbel5 candidates:

	Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter	Summer Quarter
Freshman (YEAR 1)	Declare INTS major	INTS 1500	INTS 1700	
Sophomore (YEAR 2)	INTS 2975 + Informal Application (December 01)	INTS 3xxx	INTS 3xxx	Complete GRE
Junior (YEAR 3)	Study Abroad	Formal Application (February 01)		
- <i>If accepted</i> - Senior (YEAR 4)	Two, 4xxx courses	Two, 4xxx courses	Two, 4xxx courses	
Graduate (YEAR 5)	Three, 4xxx courses	Three, 4xxx courses	Three, 4xxx courses	Three, 4xxx courses

Note: This suggested timeline is meant to serve as a general guide, but does not necessarily encompass all required elements of the Korbel5 program in INTS.

### Korbel5 Requirements

These requirements are similar to those of the stand-alone BA major in INTS, with a few significant modifications:

**Required International Studies Core (12 credits):** Three courses to be completed during student’s freshman and/or sophomore year: INTS 1500 - Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy; INTS 1700 - Introduction to International Politics; and INTS 2975 - Global Issues Research Practicum. This coursework must be completed with a grade of “B+” or better to remain eligible for the Korbel5 program.

**3000-level courses (8 credits):** Two, 3000-level courses\* must be completed with a grade of “B+” or better during student’s sophomore and/or junior year, prior to the formal application deadline. **\*NOTE:** Internships (INTS 3980), Independent Study (INTS 3991), Directed Study (INTS 3992), and Independent Research (INTS 3995), *do not* satisfy the 3000-level course requirement.

**Specialization Requirement:** Students must choose at least one area of specialization and must successfully complete a minimum of three, upper-division courses within that area. For the purposes of the Korbel5 program in INTS, courses at the 3000 or 4000-level are considered upper-division.

**Graduate-Level Courses (six 4000-level courses *and* a minimum of 24 credits):** If admitted, the six required 4000-level graduate courses must be completed during the student’s senior year. In the fifth (and final) year of the program, students must complete an additional 12 courses *and* a minimum of 48 credit hours of graduate-level course work, in order to satisfy the remaining requirements of the MA component. These 48 credits, plus the 24 double-counted credits, total the requisite 72 credit hours necessary to earn an MA at the Josef Korbel School or International Studies.

**Two-year Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement:** Students must successfully complete or test-out of the intermediate sequence of one foreign language at the University of Denver. This requirement may be waived if students have prior foreign language training and can demonstrate the required level of fluency through successful completion of a placement or proficiency exam. See “[Language Requirement](#)” section for more details. Some MA programs have a language requirement. Please consult the MA Handbook to determine whether

**Study Abroad Requirement:** Given the need to plan carefully in order to remain on track for the Korbel5 program, students that intend to pursue the Korbel5 program are strongly advised to refrain from applying study abroad coursework to the INTS major. While all INTS majors are required to complete an approved study abroad experience, potential Korbel5 candidates that opt to apply coursework from abroad to the INTS major, may inadvertently exceed the 60-hour credit limit for the undergraduate major and thereby disqualify themselves from Korbel5 program eligibility.

**Internship Requirement:** An internship is not required for the BA portion of the Korbel5 program. However, depending on the MA degree a student chooses to pursue, a 0-credit internship *may* be required at the graduate level. Please consult the [MA Handbook](#) to determine whether an internship is required for your MA degree.

**NOTE:** INTS majors are eligible to apply for the Korbel5 program only once during their academic tenure at DU. Moreover, students pursuing the Korbel5 program in INTS may not apply for other Dual Degree programs that may be offered at the University of Denver. All admission decisions are final and may not be appealed. In the event that a student is not admitted to the Korbel5 program, they are welcome to apply to one of the traditional MA programs at a subsequent date.

## **Korbel5 Policies and Procedures for Accepted Students**

**Orientation:** The MA orientation, including the Office of Career and Professional Development orientation and MA Student Affairs orientation, is a *mandatory* requirement for all incoming students, including Korbel5 students. Acceptance and matriculation into the Korbel5 program is provisional upon completing the mandatory MA orientation session in Fall Quarter of your senior year.

**Advising Sessions:** Korbel5 students should continue to meet with Tara Boyle, [Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs](#) for INTS major advising. Together you will fill out the Korbel 5 Degree Verification form found on the [BAINTS Portfolio site](#), to ensure you are aware of program structure, timelines, and the status of your course requirements for both the BA and MA. You should also set up a meeting with the degree director of your selected MA program to receive MA program specific advising.

**Degree Options:** As a Korbel5 student, you may choose from any of the following MA degree programs:

- MA in Global Finance, Trade and Economic Integration (GFTEI)
- MA in International Administration
- MA in International Development
- MA in International Human Rights
- MA in International Security
- MA in International Studies

**Graduate Courses:** With the exception of the six 4000-level courses taken during senior year, students may not take any graduate courses that count toward their graduate degree until they have completed all undergraduate degree requirements and have had their BA degree conferred officially. Students must complete all undergraduate degree requirements within the four years allotted for the undergraduate portion of the program. Likewise, students must complete all graduate degree requirements in the fifth and final year allotted for the graduate portion of the program.

**Internships:** An internship is not required for the BA portion of the Korbel5 program; however, depending on the MA degree a student chooses to pursue, a 0-credit internship *may* be required at the graduate level. Please consult the [MA Handbook](#) to determine whether an internship is required for your MA degree.

**Independent Studies:** The total number of credit hours of independent study that may be pursued during the course of the Korb5 program is limited to four credits. Exceptions require approval from your degree director and academic advisor. Independent studies taken for credit *do not* satisfy the 3000-level course requirement for the Korb5 program.

**Substitutions:** No undergraduate courses taken at DU or at another institution (including study abroad), may be used as a substitute for any graduate level course.

**Korb5 Home Base:** Your main point of contact for questions regarding the Korb5 is the [Undergraduate Program in INTS](#). While several JKSSIS offices are involved in the administration of the program (e.g. Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Office of Graduate Admission), the Undergraduate Program Office will be your source for general information, most registration questions, and general advising. The Undergraduate Program Office will refer you to other departments when appropriate. For MA degree advising, you will contact your graduate degree director.

**Petitions:** Any petitions or requests for exceptions to stated policy must be submitted in writing to the [Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs](#) in INTS. The Korb5 Program Faculty and Staff Committee will review petitions. This committee is composed of individuals within JKSSIS, including the Office of Graduate Admission and the Office of Student Affairs.

**Undergraduate vs. Graduate Status:** The Korb5 program is a five-year program. Admitted students will be awarded the BA degree after completing all the requirements for the baccalaureate degree (i.e. within four years of the five allotted for the program). In the fifth (and final) year of the program, after the undergraduate degree has been conferred formally, the student will be considered a graduate student and will complete the remainder of requirements for the MA portion of the Korb5 program. During the final year, all academic, administrative, and financial aid policies pertaining to graduate students will apply.

**Financial Aid:** Korb5 students are first recorded as undergraduate students and access undergraduate aid and tuition rates through the undergraduate degree. Graduate financial aid is not available until the student is awarded the bachelor's degree. Once the student is awarded the BA degree (prior to completion of the MA), the student is no longer eligible for undergraduate financial aid or undergraduate institutional funding, but may apply for graduate financial aid. Korb5 candidates are considered for institutional funding at the graduate level. For more information on Korb5 graduate level scholarship opportunities please contact the [JKSSIS Office of Graduate Admission](#).

**Graduation:** Since Korb5 students receive two degrees, there are two, separate processes for graduation (as well as two, separate commencement exercises should you chose to "walk"):

To apply to have your BA degree conferred, you must complete the online [graduation application](#). The undergraduate application must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar at least three quarters prior to the intended quarter of graduation (for undergraduate degree).

To apply to have your MA degree conferred, you must complete a separate online [graduation application](#). The graduate application must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar at least two quarters prior to the intended quarter of graduation (for graduate degree).

**Graduate Language Proficiency Requirement:** Please refer to the 2017-2018 MA Handbook found in the [Josef Korb5 School of International Studies Graduate Student Affairs Portfolio site](#) for the current MA program language proficiency requirements.