

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In a world where the forces of politics, commerce, culture, and technology are multifaceted and interconnected, the International Studies program provides students with a much-needed global perspective. INTS is an interdisciplinary liberal arts degree that prepares students for international careers and graduate study. The INTS major offers students a deep understanding of complex international issues and the underlying drivers that are shaping our world. Employers seek the qualities of INTS graduates: historical knowledge, research ability, cross-cultural competence, teamwork and leadership experience, and the ability to analyze, model, and solve real-world problems. The INTS major provides students the methodological tools necessary to analyze various regions of the world and global issues from different academic disciplines. Students take courses from departments including Anthropology, Business, Communication, Economics, Geography, History, Modern Languages, Political Science, and Religious Studies, among others. This combination of coursework, flexibility, and customization provides INTS majors a distinctive and valuable degree for today's world.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a dual-advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

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Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

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For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours passed
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

Credits exceeding the following maximum hour restrictions will not be applied toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 9 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

CAREER RESOURCES

International Studies graduates gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities sought by commercial, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations worldwide. INTS courses engage students in real-world problem solving. INTS students gain theoretical and methodological tools from multiple disciplines (Political Science, History, Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Communication, and others) in order to analyze issues and debates of international significance. As globalization intensifies, the ability to communicate in multiple languages and across cultures becomes a vital skill, and INTS graduates are able to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language. INTS students are able to create connections and see economic, political, technological, and social interdependencies that others do not. INTS students are able to assess the influence of past and/or contemporary trends on global developments. The ability to analyze the relationships and interdependencies among geographical areas, institutions, and actors enables INTS students to be influential in a variety of professional contexts including:

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| • Development Consultant | • International Lawyer | • International Marketing Specialist | • Political Risk Analyst |
| • Diplomat | • Foreign Correspondent | • Immigration Officer | • Journalist |
| • International Finance Specialist | • Political Consultant | • Teacher Abroad | • NGO Leader |

Some careers and occupations require additional training or education. Interested in learning more about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor. In addition to speaking with a career counselor, your international studies faculty and advisors may provide valuable information and resources. Click [here](#) to learn more about what you can do with an internationally-focused education.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the International Studies B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. 16 classes (48 credit hours) are required.
2. Students may transfer in a maximum of 24 credits.
3. All International Studies majors must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English. Non-native English speakers may use English for their language proficiency. Language requirements may be fulfilled by successful completion of the fourth semester of a foreign language course sequence or by passing an equivalent proficiency exam. Two 2000-level courses may be used toward the major (but not for Zone or Focus Theme requirements). 3000- and 4000-level language courses may be counted toward the Zone, Focus Theme, or other requirements. 1000-level language courses cannot be counted toward the major but may be used to fulfill other graduation requirements.
4. Up to six internship and six independent study semester hours may be applied towards the major.
5. Complete at least 24 semester hours within the major at CU Denver.
6. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better is required, with a minimum grade of C (2.0) earned in all major courses to graduate

Courses	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
Required Courses		
INTS 2020 Foundations of International Studies	3	Fulfills CORE International Perspectives
ANTH2102 Culture and Human Experience or COMM 4720 Intercultural Communication	3	Fulfills CORE or CLAS Behavioral Sciences (not both; depending on course choice)
ECON 2012 Principles of Economics: Macro Economics	3	Fulfills CORE Social Sciences
PSCI 3042 Introduction to International Relations or PSCI3022 Political Systems of the World	3	Fulfills CLAS Social Sciences
HIST 4032 Globalization in World History since 1945	3	Fulfills CORE International Perspectives
Four (4) Zone of Expertise electives	12	See major advisor to guidance on course selection.
Four (4) Focus Theme electives	12	See major advisor to guidance on course selection.
Two (2) Semesters of second-year language courses or Zone or Focus electives	6	Students who already have a second language proficiency will complete two more courses in zone/focus areas. See major advisor.
INTS 4990 Capstone	3	To be completed in final year of program.
Total Program Hours:	48	

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet your advisors Introduce yourself to faculty in your department Create an academic plan and check your Degree Audit with your advisors Visit campus resources 	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3			ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3		
		CU Core Mathematics	3			CU Core Humanities ^M	3		
		First Semester Language Course	5			Second Semester Language Course	5		
		CU Core Arts	3			INTS 2020	3		
Year Two	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your advisors to complete a 60-hour check Join a student club or organization Begin to research internships Visit the Career Center Explore additional major(s) or minors 	Third Semester Language Course	3			Fourth Semester Language Course	3		
		CLAS Humanities ^M	3			CLAS Science with Lab	4		
		ECON 2012	3			CU Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3		
		CU Core Science without Lab	3			ANTH2102 or COMM 4720	3		
		CLAS Behavioral Sciences ^M	3			CLAS Communicative Skills	3		
Year Three	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore research opportunities in your major Apply for internships Begin to research professional or graduate programs 	INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone	3			INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone	3		
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		General Elective	3			HIST 4032	3		
		CU Core Science with Lab	4			Upper-Division General Elective	3		
Year Four	Milestones	Fall	CRS	Grade	✓	Spring	CRS	Grade	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See advisors for a grad check the semester before you plan to graduate Explore independent studies in your major Submit professional or graduate program applications 	INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone	3			INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone	3		
		INTS 4990 Capstone (HIP)	3			INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone	3		
		Upper-Division General Elective	3			Upper-Division General Elective	3		
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