MAJOR CHECKLIST

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Advised by _______________________  Date ________________________________

I. Five Required Introductory Courses

INTS 2020 Foundations of International Studies
ECON 2012 Macro Economics
PSCI 3042 International Relations or PSCI 3022 Comparative Politics
HIST 4032 Globalization in World History since 1945
COMM 4720 Global Communication or ANTH 2102 Culture & Human Experience

II. Ten Courses in Major

At least four from one Zone of Expertise (full list available via INTS website; includes travel study courses) (Z/F)
At least four from one Focus Theme (full list available via INTS website; includes travel study courses) (Z/F)
At least one High Impact Course, e.g., travel study, internship (6 credits max.), service learning, or independent study (H)
Note: Students must take courses in at least two different disciplines for both their zone and focus theme, as well as at least three disciplines overall for the major (i.e., PSCI, ECON, HIST, COMM, ANTH or others).

1. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
2. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
3. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
4. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
5. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
6. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
7. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
8. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
9. __________________  Z/F Done To Do Grade H
10. __________________ Z/F Done To Do Grade H

III. One Required International Studies Capstone INTS 4990

IV. Demonstrated Language Proficiency: 

Major GPA ______  Honors Pending ____yes____ no
(form submitted; registered for INTS 4880)

Pending Courses
1. ________________  3. ________________
2. ________________  4. ________________

• 16 classes (48 credits) required; no more than 56 credits accepted toward graduation. C or above required for all major courses.
• Students may transfer in 8 or fewer classes (24 credits).
• Honors = 3.0 overall and 3.5 GPA within the major.

____ Student has completed major requirements or is ready to graduate pending completion of semester’s courses.

Advisor Signature: ___________________________________________  Date ____________
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Zones of Expertise (at least 4 courses from one zone; students must take courses in at least two different disciplines for their zone)

- Africa (Sub-Saharan; French or other relevant language)*
- Asia (Chinese or other relevant language)
- Europe (English for non-native speakers, French, German, Spanish, or other relevant language)
- Islamic World (Arabic or other relevant language)
- Latin America (Spanish or other relevant language)
- North America (English for non-native speakers, French, Spanish, or other relevant language)
- Global (any language, English for non-native speakers)
- Colonial, Neo-Colonial, & Post-Colonial Worlds (English for non-native speakers, French, German, Spanish, or other relevant language)

* Note: Students may need to take internship, independent study, directed research, or courses outside of CU Denver to fulfill this zone.

Focus Themes (at least 4 courses from one focus theme; students must take courses in at least two different disciplines for their zone)

- Activism, Resistance, & Social Justice
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration
- Feminist Theory & Gender Studies
- Global Arts & Cultures
- Global Development Studies
- Global Health Studies
- International Business, Communication, & Media
- International Political Economy
- Peace, Human Rights, & Security

Planning Coursework for the INTS Major

Assess Language Proficiency
Students must demonstrate language proficiency (equivalent of four semesters). Students may need to take two full years of coursework (four consecutive courses) to meet the language proficiency requirement. Proficiency exams are offered every semester. Non-native English speakers may use English for their language proficiency. Two 2000-level language courses may be used toward the major (but not for a Zone or Focus Theme). 3000 and 4000-level courses may be counted toward the Zone, Focus Theme, or other requirements. 1000-level courses cannot be counted toward the major but may be used to fulfill graduation requirements.

Take “Introduction to International Studies” and Complete the Intro Courses
Students must take INTS 3000 before doing any other INTS coursework beyond the other four introductory courses listed. These courses are offered every semester, but space may be limited. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all introductory courses before taking additional courses in the major.

Select a Zone of Expertise and a Focus Theme
Students should look at the course offerings on the INTS website and decide how they will balance the coursework between the zone and the focus theme. Students can choose more regional or global areas or more thematic topics. Some focus themes have more course options than others. Take note of any pre-requisites for courses in the focus areas (especially in economics and business). Also consider semester-long study abroad programs.

Plan to Use Winterim, Maymester, and Summer to Complete the Major
INTS requires a capstone and at least one high impact project course (internship or service learning). These courses should be taken when the majority of coursework for the major is complete, ideally in the last semester before graduation. Students can apply for travel study abroad programs in all these terms, and internships can be completed in summers. INTS allows students to count two courses (6 credits) of internship (paid and unpaid) toward their degree.