

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Integrated Studies Major (IGTS) provides students with the opportunity to construct an individualized Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) program that meets their unique interests and needs. This major provides students with maximum flexibility and multiple pathways through the curriculum to complete a degree through the combination of two course clusters. The Integrated Studies major prepares and challenges students to examine complex questions or issues from multiple and intersecting perspectives. This degree is also designed to help students integrate previously completed coursework to design a novel major. It is especially helpful for students who have switched majors, colleges or institutions, and are looking for a meaningful way to complete their degree.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared 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 advisor.

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

CLAS Academic Advising

clas.advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030
303-315-7100

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

Integrated Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 3115
303-315-0451

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 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Integrated Studies B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits from approved coursework.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper division (3000 level and above) credit hours including a minimum of six upper division level credit hours in each cluster and six upper division hours in the required courses.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. A minimum of 18 credits in the major, including six credits in each course cluster, in addition to IDMA 3100 Learning Across Disciplines and IDMA 4900 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone (24 credit hours total) must be completed with CU Denver faculty.
5. At least half of all credits in the Integrated Studies major must be from CLAS departments.
6. Each course cluster in the major must consist of at least 15 credit hours and one cluster must be based on a CLAS minor or certificate in the CU Denver catalog.
7. If students choose to use minors or certificates to form clusters for their major, they will earn those credentials in addition to the major, as long as they have completed all of the requirements for the minor or certificate and are certified by the designated faculty advisor.
8. Students can apply credits they earned before declaring the Integrated Studies major.
9. Students must submit a course contract which includes a list of all the courses they have already taken or intend to take for the major. The Integrated Studies Faculty Advisor must approve the contract to confirm that it meets the requirements of any minors, certificates, or constructed clusters used for the major.
10. Once the Integrated Studies major course contract is filed, any changes to coursework must be resubmitted to the Integrated Studies Faculty Advisor for approval and then approved by the student's CLAS Academic Advisor.
11. Students may petition the Integrated Studies Faculty Advisor to fulfill their introduction and capstone outside of IDMA 3100 Learning Across Disciplines and IDMA 4900 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [website](#) for more information.

| Degree Requirements | Credits | Notes |
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| * Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. * | | |
| CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements | 34 - 40 | CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements |
| CLAS Graduation Requirements | | CLAS Graduation Requirements |
| IGTS Major Requirements | 36 | <i>18 credit hours must be upper-division</i> |
| IGTS Required Courses | | |
| IDMA 3100 Learning Across Disciplines | 3 | |
| IDMA 4900 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone | 3 | <i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in COMM 2500 or HEHM 3100 or IDMA 3100 or PBHL 2001 or SOCY 3440</i> |
| Cluster I | | |
| Complete a minimum of 15 hours; at least 6 hours must be upper-division | 15 | <i>Must be based on a CLAS minor or certificate in the CU Denver Catalog. If the CLAS minor exceeds 21 hours, please consult the IGTS advisor.</i> |
| Cluster II | | |
| Complete a minimum of 15 hours; at least 6 hours must be upper-division | 15 | <i>May be based on a minor or certificate (CLAS or non-CLAS) in the CU Denver Catalog; a preconstructed thematic cluster in the Catalog; or can be constructed by the student from a group of courses from a variety of disciplines that form a coherent body of knowledge.</i> |
| Estimated General Electives | 44 - 50 | <i>General Elective credit hours will vary. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.</i> |
| Total Minimum Credit Hours: | 120 | <i>30 credit hours must be upper-division</i> |

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 certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

| Year 1 - Fall | CRS |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Mathematics | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Arts | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Social Science | 3 |
| General Elective / First-Year Seminar | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

| Year 1 - Spring | CRS |
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| ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Humanities | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Behavioral Science | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab | 4 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 16 |

| Year 2 - Fall | CRS |
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| IDMA 3100 | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab | 3 |
| CU Denver Core International Perspectives | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

| Year 2 - Spring | CRS |
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| CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity | 3 |
| Cluster I Course | 3 |
| Cluster II Course | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

| Year 3 - Fall | CRS |
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| Cluster I Course | 3 |
| Cluster II Course | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 2 |
| Total Credit Hours | 14 |

| Year 3 - Spring | CRS |
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| Cluster I Upper-Division Course | 3 |
| Cluster II Upper-Division Course | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

| Year 4 - Fall | CRS |
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| Cluster I Upper-Division Course | 3 |
| Cluster II Upper-Division Course | 3 |
| Upper-Division General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |

| Year 4 - Spring | CRS |
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| IDMA 4900 ^{PE} | 3 |
| Cluster I Upper-Division Course | 3 |
| Cluster II Upper-Division Course | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 15 |