

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In a world where the forces of politics, commerce, culture, and technology are multifaceted and interconnected, the International Studies major provides students with a much needed global perspective. International Studies is an interdisciplinary liberal arts degree that prepares students for international careers and graduate study. The International Studies major offers students a deep understanding of complex international issues and the underlying drivers that are shaping our world. Employers seek the qualities of International Studies 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 with the methodological tools necessary to analyze various regions of the world and global issues from different academic disciplines. Students can take courses from departments including Anthropology, Business, Communication, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Geography, History, Modern Languages, Political Science, and Religious Studies, among others. This combination of coursework, flexibility, and customization provides International Studies 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 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:

International Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 3317

303-315-0485

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 International Studies B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 48 credit hours from the approved courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 24 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours in the major from the approved 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 2.5. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours with CU Denver faculty from the approved courses.
5. Program Honors = 3.5 GPA within the major.
6. Students may use up to six internship credits toward international studies graduation requirements.
7. Students may use up to six credits of independent study toward international studies graduation requirements.
8. Up to two 2000 level or above Modern Language courses, not taught in English, may be counted as electives.
9. Students are strongly encouraged to reach proficiency in a second language. Students may take proficiency tests in languages to document existing language skills. Non-native English speakers may use English for their language proficiency.
10. Students are strongly encouraged to complete a High Impact Practice course, INTS 3939 Internship, INTS 4840 Independent Study, INTS 4880 Directed Research or any travel study or study abroad experience.
11. Students majoring in International Studies may choose MATH 1010 Math for Liberal Arts or MATH 2830 Introductory Statistics to complete their general education math requirement.

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
* 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
INTS Major Requirements	48	<i>24 credit hours must be upper-division (3000-level and above)</i>
INTS Required Courses		
ANTH 2102 Culture and the Human Experience or COMM 4720 Dynamics of Global Communication	3	ANTH 2102 can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences <i>*Prerequisite: Junior standing (for COMM 4720)</i>
ECON 2012 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics or INTB 3000 Global Perspectives	3	ECON 2012 can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science INTB 3000 can fulfill CU Denver Core International Perspectives <i>*Prerequisite: 45 credit hours or more required for INTB 3000</i>
INTS 2020 Foundations of International Studies	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core International Perspectives
PSCI 3022 Political Systems of the World or PSCI 3042 World Politics	3	Course can fulfill CLAS Social Science
Regional History Course	3	See major advisor for guidance on course selection; Course can fulfill CLAS Humanities
International Studies (INTS) Electives	30	See major advisor for guidance on course selection. A minimum of 24 credits must be upper-division (3000 or 4000 level). Students must take courses in at least two different disciplines (subject codes). Up to two 2000 level or above Modern Language courses, not taught in English, may be counted as electives. High impact practice courses (i.e., INTS 3939, 4840, 4880 or an approved travel study or study abroad program) are strongly encouraged.
INTS 4990 International Studies Capstone	3	To be completed in final year of program.
Estimated General Electives	32 - 38	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.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	30 credit hours must be upper-division

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 – MATH 1010 or 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences ^M	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 1 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
INTS 2020 ^C	3
CU Denver Core Social Science ^M	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 2 - Fall	CRS
ANTH 2102 ^C or COMM 4720	3
PSCI 3022 ^C or PSCI 3042 ^C	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab	4
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 2 - Spring	CRS
ECON 2012 ^C or INTB 3000 ^C	3
Regional History Course	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
INTS Elective	3
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without Lab	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
INTS Elective	3
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
INTS 4990 Capstone	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
INTS Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended