

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/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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303-315-7100

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
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 CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply 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/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department 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 major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.5. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
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 6 internship credits toward international studies graduation requirements.
7. Students may use up to 6 credits of independent study toward international studies graduation requirements.
8. Up to two 2000 level or above language courses may be counted toward a Zone or Focus Theme.
9. Students are strongly encouraged to reach proficiency in a second language, beyond the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement. Students may take proficiency tests in languages to document existing language skills. Non-native English speakers may use English for their language proficiency. Both 3000- and 4000-level language courses may be counted toward the Zone or Focus Theme.
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, which may be counted toward a Zone or Focus Theme.
11. Generally, students majoring in International Studies may choose MATH 1010-Math for Liberal Arts. Students wishing to focus on Focus Themes with a heavier Economics component (such as Global Development, Global Environmental Studies, and International Political Economy) should consider MATH 2830 - Introductory Statistics. Please meet with the major advisor to discuss your interests.

LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [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	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
INTS Major Requirements	48	
INTS Required Courses		
ANTH 2102 Culture and Human Experience or COMM 4720 Dynamics of Global Communication	3	Course can fulfill CORE or CLAS Behavioral Sciences (not both; depending on course choice)
ECON 2012 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics	3	Course can fulfill CLAS Social Science
INTS 2020 Foundations of International Studies	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core International Perspectives
HIST 4032 Globalization in World History since 1945	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core International Perspectives
PSCI 3042 Introduction to International Relations or PSCI 3022 Political Systems of the World	3	Course can fulfill CLAS Social Science
Zone of Expertise and Focus Theme Courses/Requirements:		Students must complete one high impact practice course (i.e., INTS 3939 Internship or INTS 4840 Independent Study or INTS 4880 Directed Research or an approve travel study or study abroad program).
Four (4) Zone of Expertise courses	12	See major advisor for guidance on course selection. Courses must be in at least two different disciplines.
Four (4) Focus Theme courses	12	See major advisor for guidance on course selection. Courses must be in at least two different disciplines.
Two (2) 2000- or higher-level language courses or Zone or Focus courses	6	Students who already have a second language proficiency will complete two more courses in zone/focus areas. See major advisor.
INTS 4990 International Studies Capstone	3	To be completed in final year of program.
Estimated General Electives	3 - 23	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours:	120	45 semester 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 minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3		ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 or 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3		CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	ECON 2012 ^C	3		CLAS Humanities ^M	3
	CU Denver Core Arts / First-Year Seminar	3		INTS 2020 ^C	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities ^M	3		CLAS Behavioral Sciences ^M	3
	Total Credit Hours	15		Total Credit Hours	15
Year Two	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	First Semester Second Language Course	5		Second Semester Second Language Course	5
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab	4		CLAS Biol/Phys Science with Lab	4
	ANTH 2102 ^C or COMM 4720	3		CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	PSCI 3042 ^C or PSCI 3022 ^C	3		HIST 4032 ^C	3
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15		
Year Three	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	Third Semester Second Language or Zone or Focus Course	3		Fourth Semester Language or Zone or Focus Course	3
	INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3		INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone (High Impact Practice course)	3
	INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3		INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3
	INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3		Upper-Division General Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Biol/Phys Science without Lab	3		CU Denver Core Behavioral Science (if not completed with ANTH 2102)	3
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15		
Year Four	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3		INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3
	INTS 4990 Capstone	3		INTS Upper-Division Focus or Zone Course	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3		Upper-Division General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
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	Total Credit Hours	15		Total Credit Hours	15