INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Overview

In a world where the forces of politics, commerce, culture, and technology are multifaceted and interconnected, the International Studies (INTS) major 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. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), International Studies graduates earn higher starting salaries than any other social science major, except Economics. 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 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.

Undergraduate Information

Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-ba/) for information about the requirements for the Major in International Studies.

Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-minor/) for information about the requirements for the Minor in International Studies.

Joint BA/MA Programs

Highly-motivated students with strong GPAs in the INTS major may qualify for admission to a MA program, with the BA in International Studies and MA in either Humanities or Social Science. This condensed graduate degree program allows students to double-count 5 graduate-level courses toward the BA and MA simultaneously and to complete the MA degree with only one extra year of coursework. Interested students should contact advisors in both the INTS program and Masters in Humanities or Masters in Social Sciences program to learn more about specific course plans and requirements.

Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/4-1-international-studies-masters-humanities-social-sciences/) for information about the requirements for the 4+1 BA in International Studies to MH or MSS.

Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/4-1-international-studies-ba-political-science-ma/) for information about the requirements for the 4+1 BA in International Studies to PSCI MA.

Programs

- International Studies, BA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-ba/)
- International Studies, 4 + 1 BA/ Political Science, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/4-1-international-studies-ba-political-science-ma/)
- International Studies, 4 + 1 BA/ Humanities, MH or Social Sciences, MSS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/4-1-international-studies-masters-humanities-social-sciences/)
- International Studies Minor (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-minor/)

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The international studies program is an interdisciplinary major with faculty drawn from several independent academic departments.

International Studies (INTS)

INTS 1111 - First Year Seminar (3 Credits)
Restriction: Restricted to Freshman level students. Term offered: fall, spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

INTS 2020 - Foundations of International Studies (3 Credits)
Through a combination of lecture, discussion, and hands-on learning activities, students will develop skills and abilities necessary for academic and professional success in the international studies arena, especially critical thinking, connection building, conceptual understanding, and cultural awareness. The course is structured in three phases: (1) core interdisciplinary concepts; (2) regional foci; and (3) global issues. Note: Please add course note: Students may not receive credit for INTS 2020, if they have already received credit for INTS 2000. Term offered: fall, spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Denver Core Requirement, International Perspectives.

INTS 3939 - Internship (1-6 Credits)
Experiences involving application of specific, relevant concepts and skills in supervised employment situations. Prereq: Students must have junior standing and at least a 2.75 GPA and must work with Experiential Learning Center advising to complete a course contract and gain approval. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max Hours: 9 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 9.
Prereq: Junior standing or higher and at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA
INTS 4152 - Religion & Communication (3 Credits)
This course focuses on the relational/coconstitutive dynamics between religion, culture, and communication and how that shapes the world in which people live; how the legacy of political religious conflict, in conjunction with international culture wars, instigate socio-cultural conflict and change; and how an in-depth study of the dynamics of religion, culture, and communication can improve intergroup/intercultural/international relations or even negotiation/conflict resolution processes. Students will develop capacity to critically analyze the socio-cultural and political implication of religious ideology (radical and moderate), ways in which these ideologies are performed and communicated, and their (students’) agency/ability to contribute to intercultural/international understanding, conflict resolution, civic engagement, and/or social justice efforts. In addition, upon completion, students should be prepared to engage in complex conversations about the idea of religion, its role and relevance in human lives, and recognize several commonalities and differences between their (students’) and non-Western/other societies’ worldviews, cultures, and communicative dynamics. We will engage these topics through multiple and diverse readings, examples from television, film, and social media, reflexive writing assignments, research and analytical activities, critical discussions, and experiential learning activities. Cross-listed with COMM 4152, RLST 4152, COMM 5152, INTS 5152, and RLST 5152. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

INTS 4611 - Rhetoric of Global Food Policy (3 Credits)
This course examines stakeholder relations, agendas, and debates about global food policy using rhetorical concepts and analysis. Topics include the framing of debates about agriculture, hunger and obesity, the greening of food governance, sustainable food systems, and more. This course fulfills the communication department’s pathway course requirement. Cross-listed with COMM 4611. Prereq: Junior standing or higher. Term offered: spring, fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: junior standing or higher

INTS 4700 - Special Topics (3 Credits)
Note: May be taken more than once for credit when topics vary. Term offered: fall, spring. Repeatable. Max hours: 9 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 9.

INTS 4840 - Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Directed study based on a specific subfield of international studies. Note: Students must submit a special processing form completely filled out and signed by the student and faculty member, describing the course expectations, assignments and outcomes, to the CLAS undergraduate advising office for approval. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

INTS 4880 - Directed Research (1-6 Credits)
Students will engage in original research projects supervised and mentored by faculty. Students must work with faculty prior to registration to develop a proposal for their project and receive permission to take this course. Note: Students must submit a special processing form completely filled out and signed by the student and faculty member, describing the course expectations, assignments and outcomes, to the CLAS undergraduate advising office for approval. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

INTS 4990 - International Studies Capstone (3 Credits)
A capstone course for students in the International Studies major, the class is designed to facilitate independent student research in the field of international studies and assist students in developing advanced writing and communication skills. Prereq: Students in the course must be declared international studies majors in their final year of coursework (senior status is recommended preparation). Term offered: fall, spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to International Studies Majors only

INTS 4995 - Global Study Topics (1-15 Credits)
This course is reserved for CU Denver faculty-led study abroad experiences. The course topic will vary based on the location and course content. Students register through the Office of Global Education. Cross-listed with INTS 5995. Term offered: summer. Repeatable. Max hours: 15 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 15.