

**International Studies Major (INTS)
University of Colorado Denver
Description and Requirements**

International Studies Program

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Description:

In a world where global commerce and politics have emerged as driving forces, the international studies major provides students with global perspectives. INTS is an interdisciplinary liberal arts degree designed to offer students a thorough education in international issues preparing them for international careers. This major offers students the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of complex international issues and the forces that are shaping our world. Increasingly government and the private sector seek graduates familiar with differing perspectives and cultures and willing to adapt to the rapidly changing workplace.

The international studies major not only introduces students to diverse cultures, the aim is also to give them the methodological tools to analyze the world from different academic disciplines. The program requires students to take courses from a wide array of departments: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Modern Languages, Political Science, Religious Studies and the Business School. The program is designed to give students both a broad understanding of different methods and approaches to international problems and ensure that the students come out of the program with a deeper understanding of one world region.

Requirements for the major

The major consists of 48 to 51 credit hours. Majors must complete at least half (24 hours) of the credit hours at the University of Colorado-Denver to receive a degree from this institution. A student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better in the major courses to graduate. To receive course credit towards the major a student must earn at least a "C-."

The major is interdisciplinary and students must take classes in at least three different disciplines (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, International Commerce-Business School, Modern Languages, Political Science or Religious Studies). Students must diversify. No more than eighteen hours in any one discipline will be accepted towards the major. Credits for the capstone course may be exempted from this rule.

All international studies majors must demonstrate a proficiency in a language other than English. This may be fulfilled with the fourth semester of a foreign language course sequence (Students must receive a “C” or better). Students have the option of testing out of this requirement.

Required Courses

I. Introductory Courses: Students must complete one course from each of the following three groups of introductory courses for a total of nine hours:

Group 1) One of the following two:

GEOG 1102-3 World Regional Geography or
ECON 2012-3 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics. (Macroeconomics
ECON 2012 is a pre-requisite for Thematic Concentrations “Economics,
Development and Environment” and “International Commerce”).

Group 2) One of the following two:

P SC 3022-3 Introduction to Comparative Politics
P SC 3042-3 Introduction to International Relations

Group 3) One of the following:

HIST 3451-3 Introduction to African History or
HIST 3460-3 Introduction to Latin American History or
HIST 3470-3 Introduction to Asian History or
HIST 3480-3 Introduction to European History or
HIST 3483-3 Introduction to Modern South Asia or
ANTH 2102-3 Culture and the Human Experience or
RLST 2660-3 World Religions

II. Thematic Concentrations. Students must take a minimum of four upper division courses in each of three of the following five concentrations, for a total of 36 credit hours (twelve hours in each concentration). In the Economics, Development and Environment concentration only three upper division courses are required in addition to the required ECON 2022 Microeconomics. Please note that the Concentration “International Commerce” requires five courses rather than four (Students choosing this concentration will therefore complete 39 credit hours). The list below does not include all the international courses applicable to the major, only the ones most frequently taught. It is expected to change as departments develop new courses and hire new faculty in different areas.

Note: Concentrations are interdisciplinary and are not the same as academic departments. Students must take courses in at least three different academic departments and no more than eighteen credit hours in any one department.

1) **Language, Culture and Literature.** This concentration aims at deepening the student's understanding of the cultural underpinnings of different societies. It aims at developing understanding of other societies' worldviews.

Modern Languages: any upper division courses in the Modern Languages Department except Methods of Teaching French/German/Spanish. We have not listed the courses individually because there are so many upper division courses on world literature and culture available in Modern Languages.

All Modern Language courses at the upper division level (except those noted above).

ANTH 3121-3 Language and Communication

ANTH 4130/RLST 4010-3 Comparative Religious Systems

RLST 4400-3 Differing Concepts of God

RLST 4460-3 Death and Concepts of the Afterlife

2) **International Relations and Comparative Politics.** Courses in this concentration stress comparative approaches, diplomacy and conflict resolution. Students will have an understanding of how different societies make decisions and manage international relations. How do other cultures conceive of and practice power?

ANTH 4180-3 The Nature of Power

HIST 3121-3 The World at War, 1914-1945

HIST 4032-3 Globalization in World History since 1945

HIST 4220-3 US Foreign Policy since 1912

HIST 4412-3 Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border

HIST 4475-3 The Vietnam War

HIST 4471-3 World War II

P SC 3022-3 Introduction to Comparative Politics*

P SC 3042-3 Introduction to International Relations*

P SC 4057/RLST 4500-3 Religion and Politics

P SC 4085-3 Comparative Public Policy

P SC 4126-3 Introduction to International Political Economy

P SC 4185-3 Corruption in the US and Abroad

P SC 4105-3 Comparative Politics: Western Europe

P SC 4146-3 Indigenous Politics

P SC 4156-3 The Arab-Israeli Peace Process

P SC 4216-3 International Politics: Human Rights

P SC 4217-3 Human Rights in Theory and Practice

P SC 4225-3 Democracy and Democratization

P SC 4226-3 The United Nations in World Affairs

P SC 4236-3 American Foreign Policy

P SC 4266-3 International Law

P SC 4276-3 Conflicts and Rights in International Law

P SC 4286-3 International Relations: War or Peace?

* If not taken to fulfill the introductory major requirements.

P SC 4326-3 Advanced International Political Economy II
P SC 4437-3 Coercion and the State
P SC 4726-3 Russian and Chinese Foreign Policy
P SC 4736-3 Middle East in World Affairs
P SC 4807-3 Revolution and Political Violence

3) **Economics, Development and Environment.** Students taking this Concentration will develop an understanding of economic processes in an international context. The courses offer comparative approaches and cultural perspectives on development and environment.

Note: Students in this Concentration must take ECON 2012-3 Macroeconomics as one of their three introductory courses. Students must take ECON 2022-3 Microeconomics in addition to three upper division courses.

Of the four courses in this concentration one of them must be:
ECON 2022-3 Microeconomics (Required)

Students must then choose three upper division courses from the following:

ANTH 4010-3. Bio-cultural Foundations of Health
ANTH 4070-3 The Culture of Development
ANTH 4170-3 Culture and the Environment
ANTH 4140-3. Principles of Economic Anthropology
ANTH 4390-3 Resource Conservation and Sustainable Development
ECON 4081-3 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
ECON 4230-3 Law and Economics
ECON 4410-3 International Trade
ECON 4420-3 International Finance
ECON 4770-3 Economic Development-Theory and Problems
ECON 4540-3 Environmental Economics
GEOG 3300-3 Population and Resources in the World Environment
GEOG 3401-3 Agriculture and Food
GEOG 3411-3 Globalization and Regional Development
GEOG 3420-3 Political Ecology
GEOG 3430-3 The Geography of Tourism
GEOG 4265-3 Sustainability in Resource Management
P SC 4126-3 Introduction to International Political Economy
P SC 4235-3 Politics and Markets in Latin America
P SC 4326-3 Advanced International Political Economy II
P SC 4365-3 Global Ecological Crisis
P SC 4248-3 Gender and International Development
PSC 4545-3 Immigration politics
P SC 4555-3 International Women's Resistance

4) **International Commerce.** The objective of this concentration is to give students an introduction to international business practices.

ECON 2012 and ECON 2022 are prerequisites to most of these courses. Note that the first three courses are prerequisites of MKTG 4200 and MGMT 4400. Students opting for this concentration must take both MKTG 4200 and MGMT 4400. Students must meet Business School entrance requirements for the International Commerce Concentration, a 3.0 GPA overall or in the last 24 hours. Note: this concentration requires 15 hours not 12. Students must have junior standing to take the 3000 level courses and must be formally admitted to the International Studies program to take the 4000 level courses. Students must be formally registered as International Studies majors to take the 4000 level courses.

ACCT 2200-3 Financial Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis (prerequisite MATH 1070 or MATH 1110 and Sophomore standing)

MGMT 3000-3 Managing Individuals and Teams

MKTG 3000-3 Principles of Marketing (Junior standing required)

MGMT 4400-3 Introduction to International Business

MKTG 4200-3 International Marketing

5) **Regional Societies and History.** Students in this concentration are expected to develop a historical understanding of how nations and political systems develop. To understand why international actors behave in a given way, one needs to understand the historical background of those actors; this concentration will familiarize our students with that background.

ANTH 4220-3 Community in Global Context

ANTH 4250-3 Culture change in the Modern World

ANTH 4740-3 Ethnography of Mexico and Central America

HIST 3350-3 Colonial Latin America

HIST 3451-3 Introduction to African History*

HIST 3460-3 Introduction to Latin American History*

HIST 3470-3 Introduction to Asian History*

HIST 3480-3 Introduction to European History*

HIST 3483-3 Introduction to Modern South Asia

HIST 3500-3 African History in Novels and Films

HIST 4024-3 Nineteenth Century Europe

HIST 4025-3 Twentieth Century Europe

HIST 4027-3 The Enlightenment: Eighteenth Century Intellectual History

HIST 4028-3 After the Revolution: Nineteenth Century Intellectual History

HIST 4029-3 Fin de Siecle: Late Nineteenth & Early Twentieth Century

HIST 4046-3 Victorians and Victorianism

HIST 4047-3 The Identity of Britain in Text and Film: 1945 to the Present

* If not taken to fulfill the introductory major requirements.

HIST 4051-3 Great Britain: 1760-1914
 HIST 4055-3 Atlantic Slave Trade: Africa, Caribbean and United States
 HIST 4062-3 Modern France
 HIST 4071-3 Modern Germany
 HIST 4074-3 Post-War Germany
 HIST 4081-3 Emergence of Modern Russia: 1700-1856
 HIST 4082-3 Reform and Revolution in Russia: the 1860s to 1917
 HIST 4083-3 Russia since 1917
 HIST 4086-3 Eastern Europe
 HIST 4303-3 Gender and Society (Europe)
 HIST 4411-3 Modern Mexico
 HIST 4414-3 Nationalism and State Building in Latin America, 1750-1850
 HIST 4415-3 Social Revolutions in Latin America
 HIST 4421-3 Modern China
 HIST 4451-3 Southern Africa
 HIST 4455-3 The African Struggle for Independence
 HIST 4460-3/RLST 3160 The Islamic World
 HIST 4461-3 The Modern Middle East
 HIST 4621-3 Explorers and Exploration
 GEOG 3120-3 Europe
 GEOG 3130-3 Central America and the Caribbean
 GEOG 3140-3 South America
 GEOG 3150-3 The Middle East
 P SC 3125-3 Introduction to Latin American Society
 P SC 4135-3 Political Economy of Central America
 P SC 4155-3 Political Systems of the Middle East
 P SC 4165-3 Islamic Politics and Culture
 P SC 4235-3 Politics and Markets in Latin America
 P SC 4175-3 Politics and Governments of the Pacific Rim
 P SC 4505-3 The Post-Soviet World: Origins and Present Condition
 P SC 4605-3 Politics and Government of South Asia
 P SC 4615-3 Politics and Government of China
 RLST 3500-3 Religions of India
 RLST 3200/ ETST 3224-3 Middle East Culture and Religion
 RLST 3660/ PHIL 3981-3 Chinese philosophy
 RLST 3400/ PHIL 3666-3 Asian Philosophies and Religions

III. The International Studies Capstone course. All majors must take a three credit hour seminar focusing on a global issue.

Currently the designated capstone courses are:

History 4417: Commodities and Globalization: Dessert in World History or

Political Science 4126: Introduction to International Political Economy

Regional Specialization

Within the courses taken to fulfill the three different thematic concentrations and introductory courses, students must specialize in a single region. Students should

consult with the major advisor to confirm which courses fulfill the regional requirement. At least 15 hours of courses must focus in one of the following world regions:

- Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East or Islamic World
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Majors may use any of the courses taken to fulfill the Introductory or Concentration requirements for the Regional Specialization. Language courses may be used to fulfill the regional requirement. Wherever possible, students must fulfill their language requirement with a language applicable to the region they study. (No credit hours are required beyond those needed to fulfill the Introductory Courses and Thematic Concentrations)

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