

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, 4 + 1 BA/ HUMANITIES, MH OR SOCIAL SCIENCES, MSS

## Introduction

The International Studies BA/MHMSS (Master of Humanities/Master of Social Science Program) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences provides an expedited interdisciplinary program of study that allows participating students to complete an interdisciplinary Bachelor degree in International Studies and an interdisciplinary Master degree in Humanities or Social Science through the MHMSS program in five years. INTS students interested in participating in the combined degree apply no earlier than their first semester of junior-year standing as an undergraduate. Students may further choose to concentrate in one of the MH or MSS tracks. (For track information, see descriptions of the MH and MSS degree programs in the graduate catalog.) Upon acceptance, students take a maximum of 15 credit hours of graduate-level courses beginning the second semester of their junior year (or its equivalent) and through the whole of their senior year. Because these classes "double count," they fulfill requirements for both the BA major and the Master degree in Humanities or Social Science. Students then apply for admission to the MH or MSS program to continue graduate studies exclusively in the chosen degree plan, either MH or MSS, to complete their master degree by the end of their fifth year in CLAS at CU Denver.

All students who have declared the 4+1 degree program option as undergraduates must submit a formal application through the CU Denver Graduate Admission's online application system during their final semester of undergraduate coursework. The department's preferred application deadlines are April 1 (summer term), May 1 (fall term), and November 1 (spring term).

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/humanities/>) to see more information about the Humanities department.

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/social-science/>) to see more information about the Social Science department.

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/>) to see International Studies program information.

These degree requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their major and graduate advisors and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

## Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus program.

## Declaring This Major

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/#policiestext>) to go to information about declaring a major.

## General Requirements

To earn a degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the three areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- CU Denver General Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation/>)
- CU Denver Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation-undergraduate-core-requirements/>)
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/#graduationrequirementstext>)
- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

## Admissions Requirements and Process

- Interested students should contact their INTS advisor and the MH or MSS advisor as early as possible to ensure proper planning for the five year degree.
- Student and faculty will work together to submit an intent to complete the program form to CLAS Advising.
- To qualify, students must have a 3.0 or higher GPA in CLAS. All courses taken at the 4000- and 5000-level must be completed with at least a B or higher.
- To secure admission to the Master's in Humanities or Master's in Social Science graduate program, students must apply to the graduate program during the semester in which they will successfully complete their degree, and should have most of their general education and major requirements completed by this time.
- Application requirements may differ from the traditional 2 year MH/MSS, which is why students must work closely with faculty advisors and the Humanities or Social Sciences graduate program directors for more information and to ensure they are following the best track to complete coursework so that they may complete Humanities or Social Sciences master degree requirements one year after completing the undergraduate degree.

## Program Requirements

1. Students in the 5-year INTS BA/MHMSS Program must satisfy all existing requirements for both an undergraduate degree in CLAS with a major in International Studies (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-ba/#degreerequirementstext>) and a Master of Humanities (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/humanities/humanities-mh/>) or Social Science (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/social-science/social-science-mss/>) degree. These

requirements can be fulfilled through multiple possible paths through the department's curriculum.

2. A minimum of 48 undergraduate credit hours in the International Studies program and 36 graduate credits hours in Humanities or Social Sciences must be completed to earn both an undergraduate and a graduate degree through this 4+1 program.
3. Up to 15 graduate level credit hours in Humanities or Social Sciences coursework may be taken by International Studies undergraduates accepted to the 4+1 program, and these credits will count both towards completion of the International Studies undergraduate degree, and the graduate degree, if the student is later accepted into the graduate program. No more than 15 credit hours may "double-count" for the MH/ MSS. Elective courses must be in accordance with Graduate Education Policies, therefore, meeting with an advisor regularly is recommended.
4. 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. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as P+/P/F or S/U.
5. Students must earn a minimum grade of B- (2.7) in any graduate level course for it to later be counted towards graduate degree requirements.
6. Students must complete a minimum of 24 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours and all graduate level credits with CU Denver faculty.

## Program Options

BA/MHMSS students may choose to do a general MH or MSS degree or select a track concentration within the degree plan, including Social Justice, Philosophy and Theory, Visual Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Ethnic Studies, International Studies, Community Health, and Society and Environment.

To learn more about the learning outcomes for the International Studies undergraduate program, please visit our website. (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/international-studies-learning-outcomes/>)

To learn more about the learning outcomes for the Master of Humanities and Master of Social Science graduate degrees, please visit our website. (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/mhmss/mhmss-degree-information/>)