

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Integrated Studies Major (IGTS) provides students with the opportunity to construct an individualized Bachelor of Science (B.S.) program that meets their unique interests and needs. This major provides students with maximum flexibility and multiple pathways through the curriculum to complete a degree through the combination of two course clusters. The Integrated Studies major prepares and challenges students to examine complex questions or issues from multiple and intersecting perspectives. This degree is also designed to help students integrate previously completed coursework to design a novel major. It is especially helpful for students who have switched majors, colleges or institutions, and are looking for a meaningful way to complete their degree.

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:

Integrated Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 3115
303-315-0451

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 45 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 Integrated Studies B.S. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits from approved coursework.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper division (3000 level and above) credit hours including a minimum of 6 upper division level credit hours in each cluster and six upper division hours in the required 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 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. A minimum of 18 credits in the major, including six credits in each course cluster, in addition to ISMA 3100 Learning Across Disciplines and ISMA 4900 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone, must be completed with CU Denver faculty.
5. At least half of all credits in the Integrated Studies (B.S.) major must be from CLAS departments.
6. Each course cluster in the major must consist of at least 15 credit hours and one cluster must be based on a CLAS minor or certificate in the CU Denver catalog from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Statistics, or Economics.
7. If students choose to use minors or certificates to form clusters for their major, they will earn those credentials in addition to the major, as long as they have completed all of the requirements for the minor or certificate and are certified by the designated faculty advisor.
8. Students can apply credits they earned before declaring the Integrated Studies major.
9. Students must submit a course contract which includes a list of all the courses they have already taken or intend to take for the major. The Integrated Studies Faculty Advisor must approve the contract to confirm that it meets the requirements of any minors, certificates, or constructed clusters used for the major.
10. Once the Integrated Studies major course contract is filed, any changes to coursework must be resubmitted to the Integrated Studies Faculty Advisor for approval and then approved by the student's CLAS Academic Advisor.
11. Students may petition the Integrated Studies Faculty Advisor to fulfill their introduction and capstone outside of IDMA 3100 and IDMA 4900.

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	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
IGTS Major Requirements	36	18 credit hours must be upper-division
IGTS Required Courses		
IDMA 3100 Learning Across Disciplines	3	
IDMA 4900 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in COMM 2500 or HEHM 3100 or IDMA 3100 or PBHL 2001 or SOCY 3440
Cluster I		
Complete a minimum of 15 hours; at least 6 hours must be upper-division	15	Must be based on a science-based CLAS minor or certificate in the CU Denver Catalog . If the CLAS minor exceeds 21 hours, please consult the IGTS advisor.
Cluster II		
Complete a minimum of 15 hours; at least 6 hours must be upper-division	15	May be based on a second science-based minor or certificate (CLAS or non-CLAS) in the CU Denver Catalog ; or a preconstructed thematic cluster in the Catalog or cluster constructed by the student to include a minimum of 6 credits from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Economics or Engineering.
Estimated General Electives	15 - 35	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	45 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 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	3		CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	CU Denver Core Arts / First-Year Seminar	3		CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science	3		CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15		Total Credit Hours	16
Year Two	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	IDMA 3100	3		CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3		CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3		Cluster I Course	3
	CLAS Humanities	3		Cluster II Course	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3		Upper-Division General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15		Total Credit Hours	15
Year Three	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	Cluster I Course	3		Cluster I Upper-Division Course	3
	Cluster II Course	3		Cluster II Upper-Division Course	3
	CLAS Second Language Semester I	5		CLAS Second Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Social Science	3		CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	Total Credit Hours	14		Total Credit Hours	14
Year Four	Fall	CRS	Spring		CRS
	Cluster I Upper-Division Course	3		IDMA 4900 ^{PE}	3
	Cluster II Upper-Division Course	3		Cluster I Upper-Division Course	3
	CLAS Nat/Phys Science with lab	4		Cluster II Upper-Division Course	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3		Upper-Division General Elective	3
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	Total Credit Hours	16		Total Credit Hours	15