

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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:

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

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Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

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303-315-7100

Integrated Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 3115
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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 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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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

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.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements. All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (except the course used for Core Math) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (see note below)	
Cultural Diversity	3	To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.	---
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29		
CLAS Communicative Skills	3	COM 1150 or PHI 1013	
CLAS Second Language	0 - 10	e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122 <i>Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	
CLAS Humanities	3	Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course	
CLAS Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (except GT-SC courses)	
CLAS Social Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, PSC, or SOC course (except GT-SC courses)	
CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab	3 - 5	GT-SC1 <i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i>	
IGTS Major Courses	0	<i>Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. Due to the individually designed nature of this program, students will choose and complete major courses at CU Denver based on approved science-based clusters.</i>	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement. Students must demonstrate second language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122) with a C- or higher, satisfactory proficiency testing (CU Denver Department of Modern Languages Placement Testing, BYU FLATS, CLEP), or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year or later. Students may have additional options to fulfill this requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	IDMA 3100	3
	Cluster I Course	3
	Cluster II Course	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS
Cluster I Course	3
Cluster I Upper-Division Course	3
Cluster II Course	3
General Upper-Division Elective	3
General Upper-Division Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	Cluster I Upper-Division Course	3
	Cluster II Upper-Division Course	3
	Cluster II Upper-Division Course	3
	Additional Cluster / General Upper-Division Elective Course	3
	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	

Spring	CRS
IDMA 4900 ^{PE}	3
Cluster I Upper-Division Course	3
Cluster II Upper-Division Course	3
Additional Cluster / General Upper-Division Elective Course	3
General Upper-Division Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended