

# Master's Degree International Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
<b>CORE Common Requirements</b>	<b>IRC010/013/015/110</b>	Research Methods / II / Qualitative Research Methods / Statistics and Data Analysis	3
	<b>IRC011</b>	Thesis Research I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester) <sup>1)</sup>	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>CORE Common Electives</b> <i>Choose 3</i>	<b>IRC020</b>	International Business	3
	<b>IRC030</b>	International Economics	3
	<b>IRC040</b>	World Politics	3
	<b>IRC070</b>	Introduction to International Development and Cooperation	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Major Courses</b> <sup>2)</sup>	<b>IIC IDC IPS IAS xxx</b>	Major Courses	15
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Area Studies</b> <sup>3)</sup>	<b>IAS xxx</b>	IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	<b>IIC IDC IPS xxx</b>	IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>General Elective</b> <sup>4)</sup>	<b>GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits)</b> - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS <b>or</b> Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		4
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>40</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Must take Thesis Research I in your 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester.

<sup>2)</sup> International Commerce Course Code → IICxxx  
 International Development & Cooperation Course Code → IDCxxx  
 International Peace & Security Course Code → IPSxxx  
 Area Studies Course Code → IASxxx  
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<sup>4)</sup> Up to 6 credits can be taken in languages other than English. (All students from FALL semester 2024)

## Thesis Track Graduation Requirements

- The track is changeable *before* the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester.

- Enroll for at least 4 semesters within 6 years of admission
- Minimum of 40 Credits
- Research Proposal Presentation
- Pass (or Exempt) Qualification Exam
  - General Exam
  - Thesis Submission

# Qualification Exam 석사학위청구논문자격시험

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◆ In order to request for thesis evaluation, students **MUST pass** or **be exempted from** the Qualification Exam: **General Exam**.

Students who want to be exempted from the General Exam should

**1) meet all following requirements** and then **2) meet exemption conditions**.

## 1) Requirements for the General Exam

- ① Must be completed in your 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester or later within 6 years of admission.
- ② At least 33 credits completed by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester.
- ③ Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ④ Completed all CORE Courses.

\* If you do not meet any of requirements above, you are not eligible for the General Exam and Thesis Submission until you meet all the requirements above.

\* You can take the General Exam from the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester within 6 years from enrollment.

## 2) Exemption Conditions for the General Exam

- a. Meet all the Requirements for the General Exam above.
- b. Accumulative average **GPA of 3.3 or higher** after completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

◆ **General Exam Subjects** **No limits on retakes**

o **1 CORE** (Common Electives) + **1 MAJOR** (Your Major) = **Total 2 Subjects**

Select 1	Your Major
World Politics	International Commerce
International Business	International Development and Cooperation
International Economics	International Peace and Security
Introduction to IDC	Area Studies (East Asia, Europe)

# Master's Degree International Studies Thesis Track Example

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

- **13 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)
- GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD
- STUDIES (1 Credit)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

- **12 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses except Thesis Research I until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

- **12 Credits**
- Thesis Research I (3 Credits)
- 1 Major (3 Credits)
- 2 Area Studies (6 Credits)

- Check *graduation requirements* before the course registration period.

- March (Spring) | September (Fall)  
: Thesis Track/Major/Thesis Advisor Application for Declaration

- April (Spring) | October (Fall)  
: Research Proposal Application

- May (Spring) | November (Fall)  
: Research Proposal

## 4<sup>th</sup> Semester

- **3 Credits**
- 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

- March (Spring) | September (Fall)  
: General Exam Application

- April (Spring) | October (Fall)  
: General Exam Thesis Application

- May (Spring) | November (Fall)  
: Thesis Defense

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	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Area Studies</b> <sup>3)</sup>	<b>IAS xxx</b>	IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	<b>IIC IDC IPS xxx</b>	IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	6
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>General Elective</b> <sup>4)</sup>	<b>GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits)</b> - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS or Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		4
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>43</b>

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## Non-Thesis Track Graduation Requirements

- The track is changeable *before* the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester.

- Enroll for at least 4 semesters within 6 years of admission
- Minimum of 43 Credits
- Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher

# Master's Degree International Studies Non-Thesis Track Example

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

- **13 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)
- GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

- **12 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses** until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

- **12 Credits**
- 2 Major (6 Credits)
- 2 Area Studies (6 Credits)

- Check *graduation requirements* before the course registration period.

- March (Spring) | September (Fall)  
: **Non-Thesis Track/Major/Thesis Advisor Application for Declaration**

- Non-Thesis Track **CANNOT TAKE** Thesis Research I.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Semester

- **6 Credits**
- 1 Major (3 Credits)
- 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

- Non-Thesis Track will automatically graduate *after* finishing all the required coursework (Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher).

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