# Master’s Degree Korean Studies Major

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**Thesis Track Graduation Requirements**
- The track is changeable before the 4th Semester.

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

1) Must take Thesis Research I in your 3rd Semester.

2) The Waiver Conditions of Korean Language
   - Lower level Korean Language courses can be waived if students achieve ‘A’ or above on upper level courses.
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   - If you are exempted from the following courses, you need to take IKS courses for the remaining credits.
   - To gain approval of other major courses instead of IKS to substitute credits, the course MUST be related to Korean Studies.

3) Some of International Studies Major Course (Course Code IIC, IDC, IPS and IAS) are acceptable as IKS Major courses.
   ※ The List of KU GSIS Master’s Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is available on the KU GSIS Homepage.

4) For General Elective, please consult with the KU GSIS Administration Office.
Qualification Exam 석사학위청구논문자격시험

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

Students who want to be exempted from the Korean Language Exam should be in the 2nd or later semester.

1) Exemption Conditions for the Korean Language Exam
   a. Students who have taken one of three courses with grade ‘A’ or higher

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   b. Korean students who major in Korean Studies
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 3rd Semester or later within 6 years of admission.
   ② At least 33 credits completed by the end of the 3rd 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 4th 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 3rd Semester

General Exam Subjects No limits on retakes
○ Total 2 Subjects

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**Thesis Track Example**

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**1st Semester**
- **13 Credits**
  - 1 Korean I (3 Credits)
  - 2 Core (6 Credits)
  - 1 Major (3 Credits)
  - **GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)**

  - MUST TAKE all Core Courses except Thesis Research I & Korean Language III until the 2nd Semester.

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**2nd Semester**
- **12 Credits**
  - 1 Korean II (3 Credits)
  - 1 Core (3 Credits)
  - 1 Major (3 Credits)
  - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

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

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**3rd Semester**
- **12 Credits**
  - Thesis Research I (3 Credits)
  - 1 Korean III (3 Credits)
  - 1 Major (3 Credits)
  - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

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**4th Semester**
- **3 Credits**
  - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

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- February (Spring) | August (Fall):
  - Korean Language Exam Application

- 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

- 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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1) Must NOT take Thesis Research I.

2) The Waiver Conditions of Korean Language
   - Lower level Korean Language courses can be waived if students achieve ‘A’ or above on upper level courses.
     - <LEVEL> (Lower) Korean Language I → II → III → Readings → Advanced readings (Upper)
     - e.g. a. If you get an A in Korean Language III → Korean Language I, II can be waived.
     - b. If you get an A in Readings or Advanced readings in Korean → Korean Language I, II, III can be waived.
   - If you are exempted from the following courses, you need to take IKS courses for the remaining credits.
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4) Up to 6 credits can be taken in languages other than English. (All students from FALL semester 2024)

### Non-Thesis Track Graduation Requirements
- The track is changeable before the 4th Semester.

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

1st Semester
- **13 Credits**
  - 1 Korean I (3 Credits)
  - 2 Core (6 Credits)
  - 1 Major (3 Credits)
- GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)
- MUST TAKE all Core Courses except Korean Language III until the 2nd Semester.

2nd Semester
- **12 Credits**
  - 1 Korean II (3 Credits)
  - 1 Core (3 Credits)
  - 1 Major (3 Credits)
  - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

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

3rd Semester
- **12 Credits**
  - 1 Korean III (3 Credits)
  - 2 Major (6 Credits)
  - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

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

- Non-Thesis Track CANNOT TAKE Thesis Research I.

4th 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).
Graduation Assessment 졸업사정  

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※ Please understand that this graduation assessment is not an official process.

- we only do this for students to help their understanding; therefore, these documents cannot be used for any official purpose.