

# Master's Degree Korean Studies Major

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits	
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013/015/ 110	Research Methods / II / Qualitative Research Methods / Statistics and Data Analysis	3	
	IRC011	Thesis Research I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester) <sup>1)</sup>	3	
	IRC050	Modern History of Korea	3	
	IRC053 IRC052	Korean Language I Korean Language II	9	
	IRC051	Korean Language III		
	IRC060	Contemporary Korean Society	3	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>21</b>	
Major Courses <sup>3)</sup>	IKS xxx	Major Courses	9	
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9</b>
General Elective <sup>4)</sup>	<b>GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (9 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.		10	
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

## 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
  - Korean Language Exam
  - General Exam
- Thesis Submission

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

<sup>2)</sup> 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.

- To gain approval of other major courses instead of IKS to substitute credits, the course MUST be related to Korean Studies.

<sup>3)</sup> Some of International Studies Major Course (Course Code IIC, IDC, IPS and IAS) are acceptable as IKS Major courses.

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<sup>4)</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

IRC051 Korean Language III
IKS421 Readings in Korean
IKS420 Advanced Readings in Korean

b. Korean students who major in Korean Studies

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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 Total 2 Subjects

Korean Economy and Business
Korean Law and Politics
Korean Society and Culture

# Master's Degree Korean Studies Major Thesis Track Example

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- February (Spring) | August (Fall)  
: **Korean Language Exam Application**
- March (Spring) | September (Fall)  
: **Korean Language Exam 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>10</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>43</b>

## 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**

<sup>1)</sup> Must NOT take Thesis Research I.

<sup>2)</sup> The Waiver Conditions of Korean Language

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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)

# Master's Degree Korean Studies Major Non-Thesis Track Example

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

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

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

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

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

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

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