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Fall semester of 2020

AUG	3(Mon)~25(Tue)	Application for Leave of/Return from Absence
	3(Mon)~11(Tue)	Application for Fall 2020 Foreign Language (Secondary Foreign Language and Korean Language) Exam ※ For MA (Korean Studies) & PhD
	3(Mon)~14(Fri)	Application for Re-Admission for Fall 2020
	5(Wed)~7(Fri)	Application for the Waiver Exam of Core Courses for Fall 2020 New Students ※ For Master's Degree
	12(Wed)	The Waiver Exam of Core Courses for Fall 2020
	15(Sat)	Liberation Day (National Holiday)
	19(Wed)	Results Release for the Waiver Exam for Core Courses: Fall 2020
	19(Wed)~21(Fri)	Course Registration for Fall 2020: 8/19~21 Current Students, 8/20~21 New Students
	21(Fri)~28(Fri)	Enrollment for Fall 2020

# Leave of/Return from Absence 휴·복학

[CHECK Homepage](#) > [GSIS Notice](#) for more details.

## ◆ Leave of Absence

- [KUPID](#) → [Registration/Graduation](#) → [\[University Registration\] Application for Leave of Absence/Return](#)
- Students can take off maximum of 2 consecutive semesters at a time and the total numbers cannot exceed 3 semesters.
- The period of 'Leave of Absence' is included in the term of years for thesis submission.
- Contact the GSIS Administration Office for the special reasons - such as maternity leave, military leave, etc.
- **International Students** Your D-2 visa will be expired on the very day of applying for 'Leave of Absence.' Therefore, you need to prepare your own visa if you keep staying in Korea and when you return to KU GSIS, you should notify the GSIS Administration Office and request a new Certificate of Admission (COA) in order to apply for new D-2 visa. If you want to know more information on your visa issue, please contact the Seoul Immigration Office.

## ◆ Return from Absence

- [KUPID](#) → [Registration/Graduation](#) → [\[University Registration\] Application for Leave of Absence/Return](#)
- MUST register courses during the Course Registration Period.
- MUST pay the tuition during the Tuition Payment Period.
- If you do not register for 'Return from Absence' after the period is expired, you will be **expulsed**.

# Scholarships

The screenshot shows the Korea University website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'LOGIN', 'SNS', and '한국어'. Below this is the Korea University logo and name, followed by 'Division of International Studies' and 'Graduate School of International Studies'. A main navigation menu includes 'About', 'Undergraduate Program', 'Graduate Program', 'Global Research Institute', and 'Community'. A large banner image features the text 'KOREA UNIVERSITY' and 'DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Graduate Program', listing 'Why study at KU GSIS?', 'Degree Programs', 'Admissions', 'Scholarships', 'Special Programs', 'Dual Degree & Exchange', 'Academic Calendar', 'Forms', and 'Executive Program'. The 'Scholarships' option is highlighted with a yellow box. On the left, a sidebar menu lists 'Graduate Program' with sub-items: 'Why study at KU GSIS?', 'Degree Programs', 'Admissions', 'Scholarships', 'Special Programs', 'Dual Degree & Exchange', 'Academic Calendar', 'Forms', and 'Executive Program'. The 'Scholarships' item in the sidebar is also highlighted with a yellow box. The main content area displays the 'Scholarships' page with a 'Tuition Fee' section containing a table and a note about fees for the Spring Semester of 2020.

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## Scholarships

### Tuition Fee

	Tuition Fee	Admission Fee
Master's	KRW 6,352,000	KRW 1,234,000
Doctoral	KRW 6,352,000	KRW 1,234,000

★ As of Spring Semester, 2020. Fees are subject to change.

### Scholarships

GSIS students may pursue scholarships and funds provided under the auspices of the central and local governments as well as the private sector. GSIS also extends partial financial support to students in selective cases to meet costs of extramural intensive academic training and internship programs. In GSIS, many international students will be awarded scholarships (50 to 100 percent of tuition fee) based on their academic performance. In addition, the school also offers a special international scholarship sponsored by other institutions such as POSCO, one of the world's leading steel companies. Korean students, on the other hand, can be granted research/ teaching assistantships or KIEP scholarships awarded through our school's Graduate Program in Area Studies (GPAS). Please contact the admissions officer for details.

# Registration/Tuition Payment 등록/등록금납부

[CHECK Homepage](#) > [GSIS Notice](#) for more details.

## ◆ Registration/Tuition Payment

- o MUST check the tuition bill during the Print Tuition Billing Period.
- o MUST pay the tuition during the Tuition Payment Period.
- o If you do not pay the tuition during the Tuition Payment Period , you will be **expulsed**.

## ◆ Tuition Payment in 4 Installments

- o MUST apply and pay the tuition at a designated time period.

## ◆ Tuition Reduction for Extra Semesters

- o Eligible Applicants: 5<sup>th</sup> (or later) semester who register for 3 credits or less

# Human Rights and Gender Equality Legal·Compulsory Education

## 인권과 성평등 법정·의무교육

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KU has provided Human Rights and Gender Equality Education to all members of KU since 2017 to enhance human rights sensitivity and the perception of gender equality.

Human Rights and Gender Equality Legal·Compulsory Education is available on Black Board <http://kulms.korea.ac.kr>.

**All students MUST take the Human Rights and Gender Equality Legal·Compulsory Education**

※ Please complete this course at least once while you are attending KU GSIS.

→ It applies to students who were admitted **from the Spring 2020 semester.**



# Degree Programs Master's Degree

The screenshot shows the website for the Division of International Studies & Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University. The main navigation menu includes 'About', 'Undergraduate Program', 'Graduate Program', 'Global Research Institute', and 'Community'. The 'Graduate Program' menu is open, showing options like 'Degree Programs', 'Admissions', 'Scholarships', 'Special Programs', 'Dual Degree & Exchange', 'Academic Calendar', 'Forms', and 'Executive Program'. The 'Degree Programs' sub-menu is also open, listing 'Master's Degree', 'Doctoral Degree', and 'Graduation Requirements'. The breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: 'Home > Graduate Program > Degree Programs > Master's Degree'. The main content area features a 'Master's Degree' section with a 'General Information' subsection. The text describes the MA programs available and the curriculum. A list of five Master of Arts (M.A.) programs is provided, including International Commerce, International Development & Cooperation, International Peace & Security, and Area Studies.

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## Master's Degree

### General Information

KU GSIS students can choose among five MA programs, i.e. International Commerce, International Development & Cooperation, International Peace & Security, Area Studies, and Korean Studies. Students engage an all-English curriculum that offers a mixture of theoretical frameworks for defining the pressing issues facing firms, cities, nations, regions, and the globe and the practical tools required to formulate policies and strategies to address those issues.

After two years of study, students are being awarded one of the following degrees depending on their choice:

- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (International Commerce)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (International Development & Cooperation)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (International Peace & Security)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (Area Studies)

# Master's Degree International Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013	Research Methods / II	3
	IRC011	Thesis Research I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester) <sup>1)</sup>	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>
CORE Common Electives  <i>Choose 3</i>	IRC020	International Business	3
	IRC030	International Economics	3
	IRC040	World Politics	3
	IRC070	Introduction to International Development and Cooperation	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
Major Courses <sup>2)</sup>	IIC IDC IPS IAS xxx	Major Courses	15
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15</b>
Area Studies <sup>3)</sup>	IAS xxx	IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	IIC IDC IPS xxx	IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	6
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>
General Elective <sup>4)</sup>	<b>GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits)</b>		4
	- 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 English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.			
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4</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
  - General Exam
  - Thesis Submission

<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  
 ※ The List of KU GSIS Master's Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is **available** on the KU GSIS Homepage.

<sup>3)</sup> IC, IDC or IPS Major: Must take Area Studies Courses.  
 Area Studies Major: Must take IIC, IDC or IPS Courses.  
 ※ The List of KU GSIS Master's Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is **available** on the KU GSIS Homepage.

<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: **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**

# Master's Degree International Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
<b>CORE</b> Common Requirements <sup>1)</sup>	<b>IRC010/013</b>	Research Methods / II	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>CORE</b> Common Electives  <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	21
	<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 <b>or</b> Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		4
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4</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> **International Commerce** Course Code → IICxxx  
**International Development & Cooperation** Course Code → IDCxxx  
**International Peace & Security** Course Code → IPSxxx  
**Area Studies** Course Code → IASxxx  
 ※ The List of KU GSIS Master's Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is *available* on the KU GSIS Homepage.

<sup>3)</sup> **IC, IDC or IPS Major:** Must take **Area Studies** Courses.  
**Area Studies Major:** Must take **IIC, IDC or IPS** Courses.  
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<sup>4)</sup> For General Elective, please consult with the KU GSIS Administration Office.

# 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).

# Master's Degree Korean Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013	Research Methods / II	3
	IRC011	Thesis Research I (3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester) <sup>1)</sup>	3
	IRC050	Modern History of Korea	3
	IRC053	Korean Language I Korean Language II Korean Language III } <sup>2)</sup>	9
	IRC052		
	IRC051		
	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 <b>or</b> Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		10
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>10</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> 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.

## 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

# 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



# Qualification Exam 석사학위 청구논문자격시험

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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 Thesis Track Example

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

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

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

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

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses**  
until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester.

- 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

# Master's Degree Korean Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits	
CORE <sup>1)</sup> Common Requirements	IRC010/013	Research Methods / II	3	
	IRC050	Modern History of Korea	3	
	IRC053	Korean Language I Korean Language II Korean Language III } <sup>2)</sup>	9	
	IRC052			
	IRC051			
	IRC060	Contemporary Korean Society	3	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>18</b>	
Major Courses <sup>3)</sup>	IKS xxx	Major Courses	15	
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15</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 <b>or</b> Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/ other GSIS in Korea, etc.		10	
			<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**

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- Lower level Korean Language courses can be waived if students achieve 'A' or above on upper level courses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses**  
*until* the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester.

- 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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### Introduction

#### • International Commerce

This program targets young scholars interested in the field of International Commerce. The miraculous development of Korea can be largely attributed to its success in international business and trade. As such, GSIS has particular expertise in trade and FDI as well as specializing in both macro and micro-approaches to aid young scholars in conducting cutting-edge research. Possible research topics in International Commerce include Multilateral & Regional Trade Relations, Foreign Direct Investment, Strategic Management, and Electronic Commerce.

#### • International Cooperation

Being the prime example of rapid economic growth and development as well as the world's first recipient-turned-donor country, the Republic of Korea is a leader of development studies as well as a hub for international relations in Asia. This program targets young scholars interested in cutting-edge research in the field of International Development & Cooperation. From global macro issues to carefully-

# Doctoral Degree International Commerce/Cooperation

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IAC701	Independent Study I (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester) <sup>1)</sup>	3
	IAC702	Independent Study II (3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester)	3
	IRC012	Thesis Research II (4 <sup>th</sup> Semester) <sup>2)</sup>	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
Major Required	IAC801/802	Advanced Research Methods	3
	IIC or IDC/IPS xxx	Major Courses <sup>3)</sup>	6
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
Major Elective	IAC xxx	Advances Seminars	12
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>12</b>
General Elective <sup>4)</sup>	<b>GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (6 Credits)</b> - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) - Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS <b>or</b> Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		7
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>

## Graduation Requirements

- Enroll for at least 4 semesters within 10 years of admission
- Minimum of 37 Credits
- Pass Qualification Exam
  - Language Exams
  - General Exam
- Research Proposal Presentation
- Dissertation Submission

<sup>1)</sup> Must submit the Major/Thesis Advisor Form in your 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

<sup>2)</sup> Must submit the Thesis Research II Form in your 4<sup>th</sup> Semester.

<sup>3)</sup> International Commerce Course Code → IICxxx  
 International Development & Cooperation Course Code → IDCxxx  
 International Peace & Security Course Code → IPSxxx  
 Area Studies Course Code → IASxxx  
 ※ The List of KU GSIS Master's Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is *available* on the KU GSIS Homepage.

<sup>4)</sup> For General Elective, please consult with the KU GSIS Administration Office.

# Qualification Exam 박사학위 청구논문자격시험

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

◆ You have **3 chances in total** to take the General Exam.

## 1) Requirements for the General Exam

- ① Must be completed in your 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester or later within 10 years of admission.
- ② At least 27 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 be eligible to take the General Exam and submit your thesis until you meet all requirements above. You will automatically be extending to an extra semester.

## ◆ General Exam Subjects

### o International Commerce

1 Core Course	2 Adv. Seminars
International Commerce	Select 2 IAC courses that you have already taken

### o International Cooperation

1 Core Course	2 Adv. Seminars
International Cooperation	Select 2 IAC courses that you have already taken

# Qualification Exam 박사학위 청구논문자격시험

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◆ In order to request for thesis evaluation, students **MUST pass** or **be exempted from** the Qualification Exam: **Language (English & 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language) Exams.**

## 1) Exemption conditions from English Exam

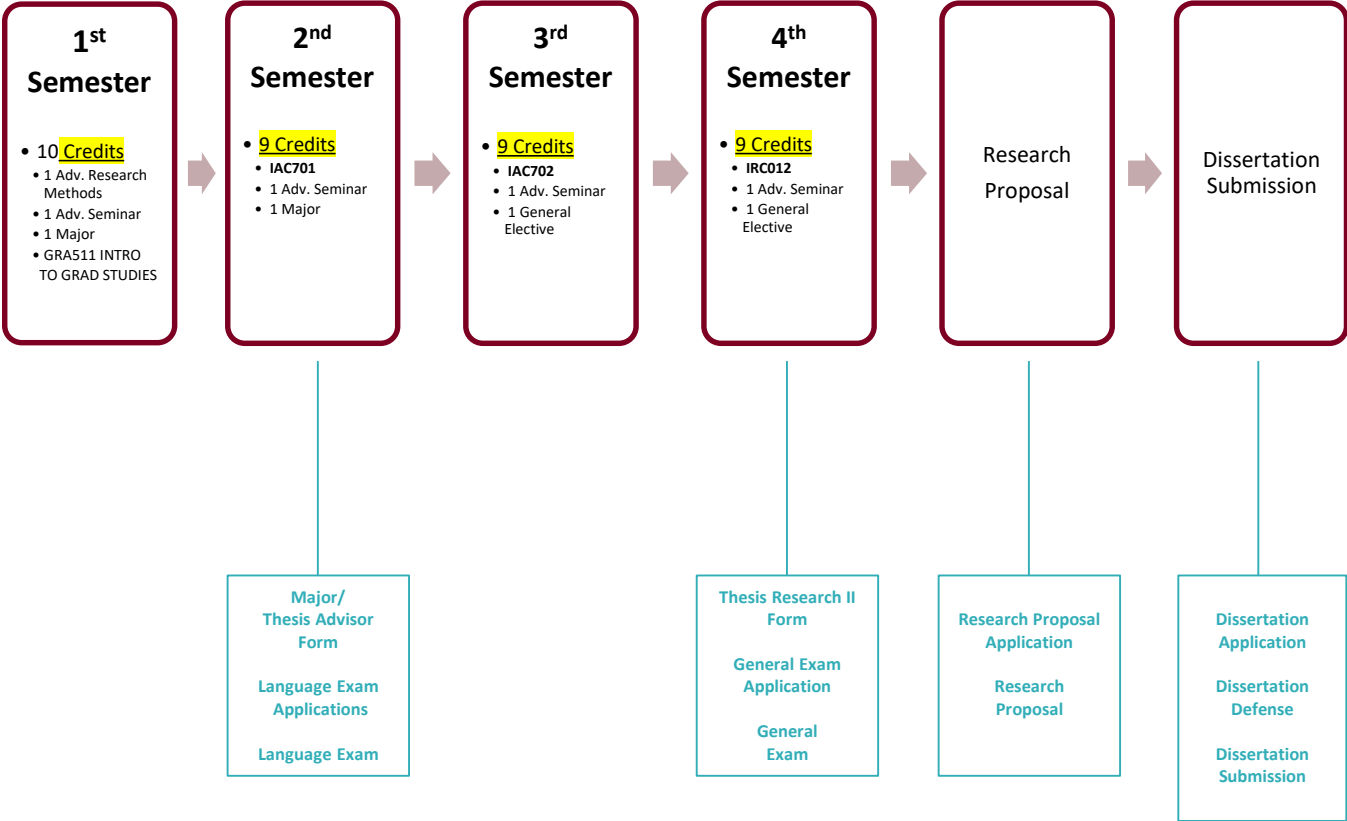
- ① TOEFL score 237 (CBT) or above *within* 2 years
  - ② MA degree abroad (or GSIS in Korea) that all courses were conducted in English
    - Take [KU IFLS \(Institute of Foreign Language Studies\) Courses](#) for Graduate School English Credit and earn a grade over B.
    - Take KU English Exam for Graduation held by KU IFLS.
- ※ Or will have to take and pass the KU English Exam held by KU IFLS.

## 2) Exemption conditions from 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language Exam

- ① [Authorized transcript standards for foreign language examination waiver](#)
  - ② Take [KU IFLS or KLC \(Korean Language Center\) Courses](#) for Graduate School 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language Credit and earn a grade over B.
  - ③ If you received your BA or MA degree abroad, the language of the country that you earn your degree from will be accepted as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language.
    - \* For International Students: Native language cannot meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language requirement, but you can choose 'Korean' or other languages as 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language.
- ※ Or will have to take and pass the KU 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language Exam held by KU General Graduate School.



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# General Electives 일반선택

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## ◆ Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS – for Master's

- o Accepted as General Elective (Some courses can be transferred to Major courses)
- o Requirements: Enrolled for 3rd or later Semester & Accumulative GPA of 4.0 or above OR Professor's approval
- o Consult with KU GSIS Administration Office prior to the course registration.

## ◆ Courses from KU General Graduate School (ONLY ENGLISH COURSES)

- o Courses conducted in ENGLISH from General Graduate School will be accepted as General Elective.
- o Consult with KU GSIS Administration Office prior to the course registration.

## ◆ Other GSIS in Korea (ONLY ENGLISH COURSES)

- o Courses conducted in ENGLISH from other GSIS in Korea will be accepted as General Elective.  
(1) Seoul National University, (2) Yonsei University, (3) Ewha Woman's University, (4) Kyung Hee University (Suwon Campus),  
(5) Sogang University, (6) Chung-ang University, (7) Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, (8) Hanyang University
- o Consult with KU GSIS Administration Office prior to the course registration.

# Degree Programs Graduation Requirements

The screenshot shows the website for the Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University. The navigation menu includes 'About', 'Undergraduate Program', 'Graduate Program', 'Global Research Institute', and 'Community'. The 'Graduate Program' menu is open, listing options such as 'Why study at KU GSIS?', 'Degree Programs', 'Admissions', 'Scholarships', 'Special Programs', 'Dual Degree & Exchange', 'Academic Calendar', 'Forms', and 'Executive Program'. The 'Degree Programs' option is highlighted with a yellow box. On the left sidebar, the 'Graduate Program' section is also highlighted with a yellow box, containing links for 'Master's Degree', 'Doctoral Degree', and 'Graduation Requirements'. The main content area is titled 'Graduation Requirements' and provides information on the requirements for graduation, including links to download specific requirements for Master's and PhD programs.

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## Graduation Requirements

In order to fulfill all the requirements for graduation at the Graduate School of International Studies, students must meet the following requirements. Requirements differ depending on the track and year of entry into GSIS. For further details, download the respective files below.

### Graduation requirements for the Master in International Studies

- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (International Commerce): [Download](#)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (International Development & Cooperation): [Download](#)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (International Peace & Security): [Download](#)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Studies (Area Studies): [Download](#)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Korean Studies: [Download](#)

### Graduation requirements for the PhD in International Studies

- PhD in International Studies (International Commerce): [Download](#)
- PhD in International Studies (International Cooperation): [Download](#)

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<b>Title</b>	21-2 Graduation Assessment for Current Students
<b>Content</b>	<p><b>1. Period</b> (1) Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - Friday, September 3, 2021</p> <p><b>2. How to</b> Fill in the attached form and send it to gsis@korea.ac.kr during the above period. It may take about a week to reply back.</p> <p>※ 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.</p> <p>※ Students of KU GSIS Master's Program who were admitted before Fall 2018, please contact and ask for the relevant form to gsis@korea.ac.kr.</p>
<b>Attachments</b>	KU GSIS Graduation Checklist_MA_Intl Studies.zip KU GSIS Graduation Checklist_MA_Korean Studies.zip KU GSIS Graduation Checklist_PhD_Intl Studies.zip