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New Student Orientation**

III-i. Studying at KU GSIS

**Korea University
Graduate School of International Studies**

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Spring semester of 2024

FEB	1(Thu)~26(Mon)	Application for Leave of/Return from Absence, Change of academic advisor or Major, Integrated Master Doctoral Degree Program Drop and Voluntary Withdrawal
	5(Mon)~23(Fri)	Application for Major/Supervisor/Thesis Research, etc. * For PhD
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Leave of/Return from Absence 휴·복학

CHECK Homepage > GSIS Notice for more details.

※ After completing your first semester, it is possible to register online on the Portal (KUPID).

◆ 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 Team for the special reasons - such as maternity leave, military leave, etc.

○ **International Students** taking a leave of absence must leave Korea within 15 days of the date in which their leave of absence is officially approved by the Administration Office. Therefore, you need to prepare your own visa if you keep staying in Korea. When you would like to return to KU GSIS, you should notify the GSIS Administration Office by email 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 check Hi Korea website or contact the Immigration Contact Center by calling (+ 82) **1345**.

◆ 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**.

Tuition & Scholarships 등록금 & 장학금

The screenshot shows the website for the Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University. The top navigation bar includes links for About, Undergraduate Program, Graduate Program, Global Research Institute, and Community. A dropdown menu is open under 'Graduate Program', with 'Scholarships' highlighted. The main content area features a 'Scholarships' section with a 'Tuition Fee' table and a 'Scholarships' text block. A left sidebar contains a 'Graduate Program' menu with 'Scholarships' highlighted.

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Scholarships

Tuition Fee

	Tuition Fee (per semester)	Admission Fee
Master's	KRW 6,809,000	KRW 1,234,000
Doctoral	KRW 6,809,000	KRW 1,234,000

- As of Spring Semester 2024. 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.
- o Students with scholarship amount less than 25% of tuition fee can only apply for this.

◆Tuition Reduction for Extra Semesters

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

◆Tuition Payment for Completed Research Semesters

- o Eligible Applicants: students who complete the coursework and left with a thesis submission

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**.

GRA511 INTRO TO GRADUATE STUDIES for New Students

대학원신입생강좌

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MA/PhD students who were admitted in Fall 2021 and onwards **MUST take GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES in your first semester** to participate in the BK21 Program.

※ **Section: 00** → only for International Students. The course is taught in English and the Safety education is *not mandatory*.

※ **Section: 01** → only for Korean Students. The course is taught in Korean and the Safety education is *not mandatory*.

The objective of the course is to provide new students with an overview of the requirements to complete a degree, the scholarship available, resources for academic and student support in graduate studies. The course also includes a series of short modules exploring issues of diversity, gender equality, human rights, mental health, safety, research methodology, research ethics, plagiarism, and information and technology security.

<Syllabus>

Course Registration for KU Graduate School URL (<http://sugang.korea.ac.kr/graduate>)

▶ CLICK Search Course - Graduate Course

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Course Code **GRA511** | Section **00 or 01** then **[Search]**

Degree Programs Master's Degree

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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 in International Studies (International Commerce) | 국제학 석사(국제통상)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (International Development and Cooperation) | 국제학 석사(국제개발협력)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (International Peace and Security) | 국제학 석사(국제평화안보)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (East Asian Area) | 국제학 석사(동아시아지역학)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (European Area) | 국제학 석사(유럽지역학)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (Korean Studies) | 국제학 석사(한국학)

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 rd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	Subtotal		6
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
	Subtotal		9
Major Courses ²⁾	IIC IDC IPS IAS xxx	Major Courses	15
	Subtotal		15
Area Studies ³⁾	IAS xxx	IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	IIC IDC IPS xxx	IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	6
	Subtotal		6
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits) - 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. (tentative)		4
	Subtotal		4
Total			40

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

²⁾ **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.

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

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**
 - 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 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**

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

1st Semester

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

2nd Semester

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

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

3rd 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

4th 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
CORE Common Requirements ¹⁾	IRC010/013	Research Methods / II	3
	Subtotal		3
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
Subtotal		9	
Major Courses ²⁾	IIC IDC IPS IAS xxx	Major Courses	21
	Subtotal		21
Area Studies ³⁾	IAS xxx	IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	IIC IDC IPS xxx	IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	6
	Subtotal		6
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits) - 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. (tentative)		4
	Subtotal		4
Total			43

¹⁾ Must NOT take Thesis Research I.

²⁾ **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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Area Studies Major: Must take **IIC, IDC or IPS** Courses.
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⁴⁾ For General Elective, please consult with the KU GSIS Administration Office.

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**

Master's Degree International Studies Non-Thesis Track Example

1st Semester

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

2nd Semester

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

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses** until the 2nd Semester.

3rd 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.

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).

Master's Degree Korean Studies Major

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013	Research Methods / II	3
	IRC011	Thesis Research I (3 rd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	IRC050	Modern History of Korea	3
	IRC053	Korean Language I Korean Language II Korean Language III } ²⁾	9
	IRC052		
	IRC051		
	IRC060	Contemporary Korean Society	3
Subtotal		21	
Major Courses ³⁾	IKS xxx	Major Courses	9
	Subtotal		9
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (9 Credits) - 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. (tentative)		10
	Subtotal		10
	Total		40

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.

<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.

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.

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

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

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

b. Korean students who major in Korean Studies

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 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**

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

1st Semester

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

2nd 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 2nd Semester.**

3rd 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.
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- April (Spring) | October (Fall)
: **Research Proposal Application**
- May (Spring) | November (Fall)
: **Research Proposal**

4th Semester

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

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

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits	
CORE ¹⁾ Common Requirements	IRC010/013	Research Methods / II	3	
	IRC050	Modern History of Korea	3	
	IRC053	Korean Language I Korean Language II Korean Language III } ²⁾	9	
	IRC052			
	IRC051			
IRC060	Contemporary Korean Society	3		
		Subtotal	18	
Major Courses ³⁾	IKS xxx	Major Courses	15	
			Subtotal	15
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			Subtotal	10
			Total	43

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**

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.

- 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.

Master's Degree Korean Studies Major 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)**

2nd 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 2nd Semester.**

3rd 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.

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).*

Degree Programs Doctoral Degree



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Introduction

• Doctor of Philosophy in International Commerce | 국제통상학 박사 (국제통상 전공)

The doctoral program in international commerce combines economic and business theories with quantitative and econometric methods to address real-world challenges. This holistic approach provides students with a deep understanding of international economics, business, and finance. The research topics are not limited to traditional international economics and business subjects such as Free Trade Agreements (FTA), World Trade Organization (WTO) structures, trade conflict resolutions, the international economic aspects of climate change, foreign aids, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), and international portfolio investment. They also encompass the impact of emerging technologies (AI, robotics, e-commerce), international marketing, e-business, international labor markets, as well as open macroeconomics. The doctoral graduates will be equipped with empirical analysis capabilities and posited to pursue careers as international commerce issue experts and data analysis specialists in various fields, including academia, economic and business research institutes, international organizations, and private sectors.

• Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations | 국제관계학 박사 (국제관계 전공)

Situated in the heart of the Asia-Pacific region, the Republic of Korea has long played a pivotal role in shaping and responding to significant developments in international relations. The Doctoral Program in International Relations at KU GSIS is designed for aspiring students with a keen interest in the broadly defined field of International Relations. Our program offers a broad spectrum of themes and methodological approaches, spanning from theoretical exploration of macro-level structural issues to

Doctoral Degree

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IAC701	Independent Study I (2 nd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	IAC702	Independent Study II (3 rd Semester)	3
	IRC012	Thesis Research II (4 th Semester) ²⁾	3
Subtotal			9
Major Required	Any	Advanced Research Methods	3
	IIC or IDC/IPS xxx	Two Major Courses ³⁾	6
	Subtotal		
Major Elective	IAC xxx	Advances Seminars	6
	Subtotal		
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (12 Credits) - 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 or Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		13
	Subtotal		
Total			37

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

2) Must submit the Thesis Research II Form in your 4th Semester.

3) 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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4) Up to 9 credits can be taken in languages other than English (tentative).

5) Up to 15 credits of Core Electives and General Electives can be from:

- Other universities' Int'l Studies programs (General electives)

- Other KU graduate programs (Core Electives and General Electives)

6) For General Elective, please consult with the KU GSIS Administration Office.

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**

Qualification Exam 박사학위청구논문자격시험

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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 3rd Semester or later within 10 years of admission.
- ② At least 27 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 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.

Qualification Exam 박사학위청구논문문자격시험

◆ Change of General Exam Subject in Revision of Doctoral Degree Major

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



o International Commerce / International Relations / International Development / Korean Studies

(Tentative) The comprehensive examination for the doctoral program assesses basic knowledge in the student's field of expertise. Students will **develop three possible questions** with their advisor based on readings pertinent to their dissertation proposal. The student advisor **selects one of them, synthesizes two or more into a single question, or creates a new one.** The exam shall be evaluated by at least two faculty members.

※ Detailed information will be informed at the Notice Board of KU GSIS website in the beginning of semester.

Qualification Exam 박사학위청구논문자격시험

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Tentative: No Language (English & 2nd Foreign Language) Exams

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

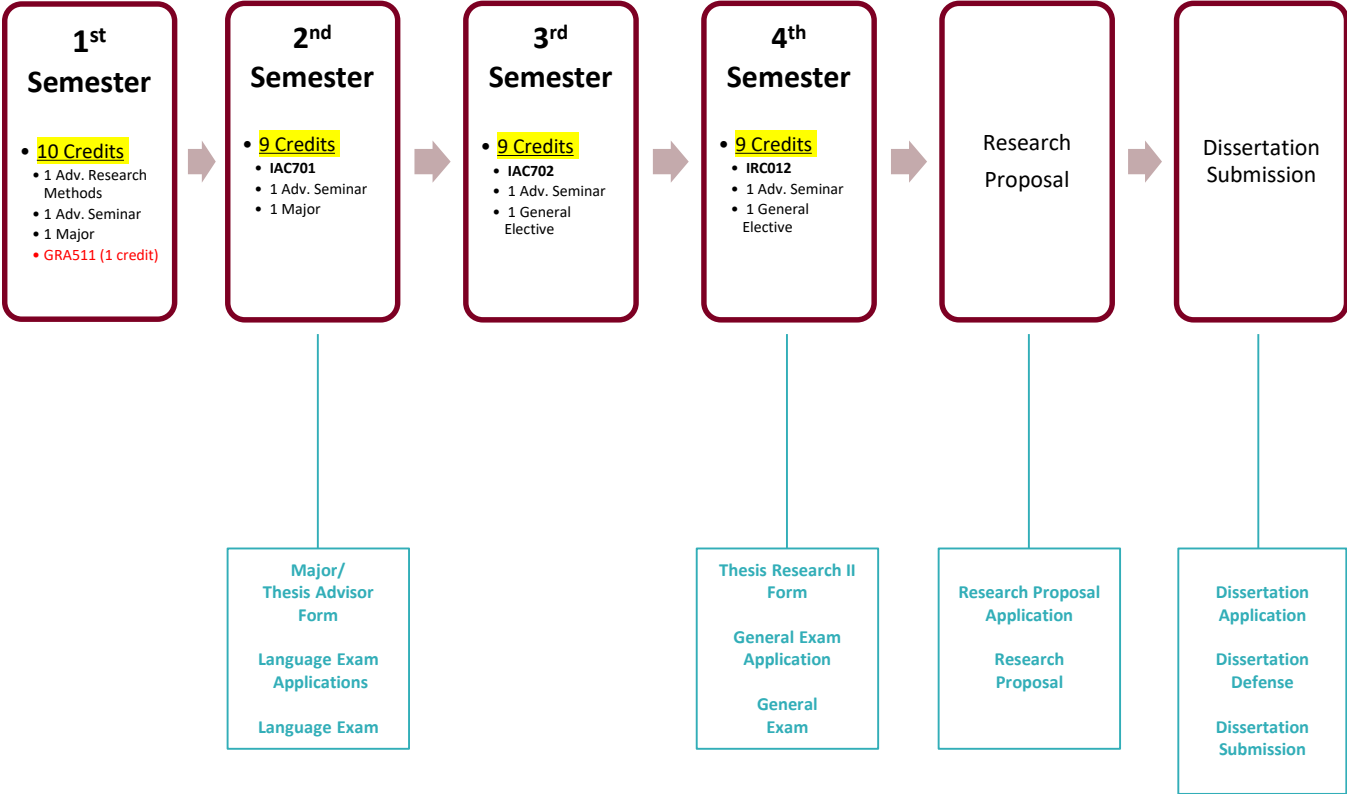
1) Exemption conditions from English Exam

- 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Foreign Language.
 - * For International Students: Native language cannot meet the 2nd Foreign Language requirement, but you can choose 'Korean' or other languages as 2nd Foreign Language.
- ※ Or will have to take and pass the KU 2nd Foreign Language Exam held by KU General Graduate School.

Doctoral Degree Example



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)

-> Up to 9 credits in languages other than English (tentative).

- 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) -> Up to 9 credits in languages other than English (tentative).

- 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.

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	2. How to 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. ※ 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.