

III. Academic Requirements

A. Requirements for Graduation

[Master's Program]

A minimum of 45 credits is required for graduation. GPA of 3.0 or higher out of 4.3 is required.

1) Students should take the 5 required courses from the major program.

* Required courses for students majoring in International Commerce, International Cooperation and International Area Studies:

- ① International Economic Relations
- ② International Cooperation
- ③ Research Methodology and Skills, Comparative Methodology (select 1 of 2)
- ④ Understanding the East Asia,
 - Contemporary World Politics: Theory and Case,
 - International Trade Issues in Comparative Perspective,
 - Studies in Regional Monetary and Financial Integration (select 1 of 4)
- ⑤ Dissertation Research
 - Students should take "Dissertation Research" in their 4th Semester.

* Required courses for students majoring in Korean Studies:

Korean Students: (5 courses)	Foreign Students: (5 courses)
① International Economic Relations	① Introduction to Korean Studies
② International Cooperation	② Korean Society
③ Modern Korean History and Society / Modernization and Transformation of Korean Society (select 1 of 2)	③ Korean History (Modern Korean History)
④ Research Methodology and Skills / Comparative Methodology (select 1 of 2)	④ Politics in Global Korea
⑤ Dissertation Research	⑤ Dissertation Research

2) Students should take at least 3 courses (9 credits) in their GSIS major program.

* Foreign students in Korean Studies should take 4 courses (12 credits) in their major program.

* You can choose major courses from other majors that are mutually recognized majors. (Refer to Mutual Recognition List)

3) Students must take courses (credits) to fulfill required credits (45 credits) to be eligible to graduate.

4) Students can take undergraduate courses (Elective Subject for Major or Requisite Subject for Major) within 6 credits. Students should seek advice from their advisory professor before registering for an undergraduate course.

[Ph.D. Program]

A minimum of 45 credits is required for graduation.

- (1) Students must take one research method course (Those who have already taken a methodology course in their Master's program are exempted).
- (2) Students should take 4 courses (12 credits) or more from their major program (International Commerce, International Cooperation, and International Area Studies)

- (3) Students should take 3 courses (9 credits) or more from other major programs (International Commerce, International Cooperation, International Area Studies, and Korean Studies).
- (4) Students should take at least 8 elective courses (24 credits), including “Dissertation Research” (Students taking methodology course should take at least 7 elective courses (21 credits) or more)
- * “Dissertation Research” is not mandatory for students in the doctorate program. However, students may take the course up to 4 times (a maximum of 12 credits, one course per semester) and have it counted as credits required for graduation.

B. Qualifying Examinations

1) Requirements and Procedure

	Major Subjects	Foreign Language
Requirements	Enrolled for a minimum of 2 semesters, Earned at least 12 credits	At any time while the student is enrolled at GSIS
Procedure	- Application forms for the qualifying examinations are due at the beginning of each semester - Students who wish to take language courses or submit test scores instead of taking a second foreign language examination should submit the related documents, a transcript or a certificate of requirement, during the application period.	

2) Exam Subjects

	Foreign Language		Major Subjects	Notes
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M.A.	Required	Required	Required	Students must meet the test score requirements for English and a second foreign language.
Ph.D.	Required	N/A	Required	

■ Foreign Language Requirement

Degree Course	First Foreign Language	Second Foreign Language
Master's program	English	Choose one of the following: German, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese (* Students of Korean Studies major are allowed to choose Chinese Characters)
	① International students and Korean nationals from abroad can choose one from above including Korean. The students are not allowed to take an exam in their mother tongue. (It is compulsory for both international students and Korean students from non-English speaking countries to take English.) ② International students majoring in Korean Studies, Korean nationals from abroad majoring in Korean Studies, and DCPP students are required to take Korean instead of English.	
Doctoral program	English	Not required
	International students from an English speaking region must choose one foreign language from German, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, and Korean.	

- Students who earn at least 3 credits in foreign language courses and receive a B0 or higher, may be exempted from taking the language test on their qualifying examinations. (Note: Students who take foreign language courses during their study abroad programs may be exempted from taking the test on their qualifying examinations, but will not be allowed to transfer their credits for those courses.)
- Students who have passed SNULT Level 3 or higher are exempt from the second foreign language requirement.
- Students who take courses in ‘French (104.811)’ or ‘German (105.811)’ and receive a C- or higher, are exempted from taking the respective language tests on their qualifying examinations.

- To meet the Korean language requirement, international students must score sixty points (60) or higher on the Korean language test. However, students who had received an “S” in their “Korean language or Korean Culture 1” or “Korean Language or Korean Culture 2” course are exempted from taking the Korean language test.
- Korean Examination: Students can take Korean written examination (Students who fail the written examination more than once can substitute by taking an oral examination).
- Students of Development Cooperation Policy Program(DCPP) can select Korean language for their qualifying examinations.
- Students may submit a language test score (taken within the last two years) to meet their foreign language requirement. Language tests recognized by GSIS are indicated below.
- English speakers include students who use English as an official language.
- Student can take the Language courses for the qualifying examination but it will not be included in official credits for graduation.

<Language Tests Recognized by GSIS>

Language	Test name	Level	Organization
German	ZD(low)	Over ZD	Goethe-Institut
	ZMP(middle)		
	ZOP(high)		
	Test Daf		
French	DELF	Over A2	French Government
Chinese	HSK	Over level 6 (old version)	Chinese Government
		Over level 5 (new version)	
	CPT	Over 600 point	
Spanish	DELE	Over beginner's level	Centro Cultural Español
Japanese	JPT	Over 600 point	International Communication Foundation (ICF)
	JLPT	Over N2	Japan Foundation
	JTRA	Over level 2	JTRA
Russian	TORFL	Basic level or higher	TORFL KoreanCenter

■ English Proficiency Requirement (Test Scores)

Degree	Program (Major)	Minimum Score Requirement	Notes
M.A.	Int'l Commerce	TEPS: 751	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students who have submitted test scores as part of their application for admission (Korean application) are not required to retake any of the English language tests, provided that the scores they had submitted meets the minimum requirement. - Students who have an undergraduate (or graduate) degree from a university in an English-speaking country must also submit a TEPS or TOEFL score
	Int'l Cooperation		
	Int'l Area Studies	TEPS: 701	
	Korean Studies		
PhD	Int'l Studies	TEPS: 751	

※ Minimum score requirement for TOEFL is subject to change according to regulations of Seoul National University.

■ Major Subjects of Qualifying Examinations

[M.A]

Dept.	Program (Major)	Subject		Notes
		Mandatory	Elective (Select 1)	
Int'l Studies	Int'l Commerce	International Economic Relations	Int'l Cooperation/ Int'l Business Relations/ Understanding East Asia/	One of the following subjects may be taken as an alternative to Understanding East Asia:
	Int'l Cooperation	International Cooperation	Int'l Economic Relations/ Int'l Law/ Understanding East Asia/	
	Int'l Area Studies	Understanding the EastAsia	Int'l Economic Relations/ Int'l Cooperation/ (Select 2)	Contemporary World Politics/ International Trade Issues in Comparative Perspective/ Studies in Regional Monetary and Financial Integration/
	Korean Studies	Int'l Student	Korean Society/ Korean History/ Politics in Global Korea/	
Korean Student		Modern Korean History and Society/ Modernization and Transformation of Korean Society/		
Int'l Development Policy Program		Studies of International Development Cooperation Policy and System Select 1 (Int'l Economic Relations or Int'l Cooperation)		

[Ph.D]

Program (Major)	Subject	Details	Notes	
International Studies	Major 1	Consultation with advisory professor		
	Major 2	Consultation with advisory professor		
	Minor (select1)	International Commerce	Int'l Economic Relations/ Int'l Business/ Int'l Trade Law/ Int'l Finance/ Development Economy/	Consultation with advisory professor
		International Cooperation	Int'l Politics/ Int'l Law/ Int'l Development/ Int'l Political Economy/	
		International Area Studies	Chinese/ Japanese/ Korean/ American/ European Studies/	

- Prior to thesis defense, candidates should have one or more articles published in a scholarly journal (double blind peer review academic journal) as the author or primary author of two authors or corresponding author).
- Frequency of Application: Candidates are not allowed to apply for thesis qualifying exam more than 4 times. Candidates can apply for 3 sections at a time.
- Application Period: Within 8 semesters after enrolling (excluding leave of absence)