Ⅲ. Academic Requirements

A. Requirements for Graduation

[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, International Development, International Area Studies, and Korean Studies)

(3) Students should take 3 courses (9 credits) or more from other major programs (International Commerce, International Cooperation, International Development, 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.

(5) In any case, a student must take more than half of the minimum required credits from GSIS in order to fulfill SNU GSIS graduation requirements. Please refer to [GSIS Credit Acceptance/Requirement policy] stated in the SNU GSIS (Regulation & Form) page for more details.

[Master's Program]

A minimum of 39 credits is required for graduation. GPA of 3.0 or higher out of 4.3 is required.

Major	Required Courses (4 Courses)			
	Mandatory (Select 1)	Mandatory (Select 1)	Mandatory (Select 1)	Dissertation
Int'l Commerce	Int'l Economic Relations	Int'l Cooperation/ or Int'l Development/ or Understanding East Asia/ (select 1 of 3)	Research Methodology or Comparative Methodology (select 1 of 2)	Dissertation Research
Int'l Cooperation	Int'l Cooperation	Int'l Economic Relations/ or Int'l Development/ or Understanding East Asia/ (select 1 of 3)		
Int'l Development	Int'l Development	Int'l Economic Relations/ or Int'l Cooperation/ or Understanding East Asia/ (select 1 of 3)		

Int'l Area Studies	Understanding East Asia	Int'l Economic Relations/ or Int'l Cooperation/ or Int'l Development/ (select 1 of 3)		
DCPP		International Development Study/ or Gender and Development (select 1 of 2)	Int'l Economic Relations/ or Int'l Cooperation/ or Understanding East Asia (select 1 of 3)	
Korean Studies	Korean Students	Int'l EconomicRelations/ or Int'l Cooperation/ (select 1 of 2)	Modern Korean History and Society/ or Modernization and Transformation of Korean Society/ (select 1 of 2)	
	Foreign Students	Korean Society	Korean History (Modern Korean History)	Politics in Global Korea

※ 'International Development' course is scheduled to open from Fall semester, 2022.

1) **Students should take the "4 required courses" from the major program.**

2) **Students should take at least 3 courses (9 credits) in their GSIS 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 (39 credits) to be eligible to graduate.**

4) **Students must take at least 3 courses (9 credits) from practical courses in their major or elective program.**

5) **Students can take undergraduate courses within 6 credits. Students should seek advice from their advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from academic associate dean and program chair of his or her major before registering for undergraduate courses.**

6) **Credits earned from other graduate schools(including graduate schools in SNU, domestic exchange universities, etc) are accepted up to 9 credits, including 6 credits from undergraduate programs. Students should seek advice from their advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from academic associate dean and program chair of his or her major before registering for other graduate school courses.**

7) **In any case, a student must take more than half of the minimum required credits from GSIS in order to fulfill SNU GSIS graduation requirements. Please refer to [GSIS Credit Acceptance/Requirement policy] stated in the SNU GSIS (Regulation & Form) page for more details.**

B. Qualifying Examinations

1) Requirements and Procedure

	Major Subjects	Foreign Language
Requirements	- Enrolled for a minimum of 2semesters - Earned at least 12 credits already	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
	1st Foreign Lan.	**2nd Foreign Lan.**		
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 Int'l students & Overseas Koreans : English or Korean or 2nd Foreign Language (Choose one) * The students are not allowed to take an exam in their mother tongue. ② Korean Studies Major (Int'l students & Overseas Koreans) : Korean ③ DCPP Students : Korean	
Doctoral program	English	Not required
	International Students from Non-English speaking regions (students with Korean Studies major) can choose Korean language instead of English. 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) for master's program, seventy points (70) for doctoral program, or higher on the Korean language test. However, students who had received an "S" in their "Korean language and Culture 1 (Course No: 990.804)" or "Korean Language and Culture 2 (Course No: 990.805)" 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.

- 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.

- Students may submit language test score (taken within the last two years) to meet their foreign language requirement. Language tests recognized by GSIS are indicated below.

<Language Tests Recognized by GSIS>

Language	Test name	Level	Organization
German	Geothe-Zertifikat	A2 or above	Goethe-Institut
	Test Daf		
French	DELF-DALF	A2 or above	French Government
Chinese	HSK	Level 5 or above	Chinese Government
	CPT	600 points or above	
Spanish	DELE	A2 or above	Centro Cultural Español
Japanese	JPT	600 points or above	International Communication Foundation (ICF)
	JLPT	N2 or above	Japan Foundation
	JTRA	Level 2 or above	JTRA
Russian	TORFL	Basic level or higher	TORFL Korean Center

■ English Proficiency Requirement (Test Scores)

Degree	Program (Major)	Minimum Score Requirement	Notes
M.A.	Int'l Commerce	TEPS: 419 (TOEFL 103)	- 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 Development		
	Int'l Area Studies	TEPS: 387 (TOEFL 99)	
	Korean Studies		
PhD	Int'l Studies	TEPS: 419 (TOEFL 103)	

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

■ Major Subjects of Qualifying Examinations
[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	Consultation with advisory professor
		International Cooperation	Int'l Politics/ Int'l Law/ Int'l Political Economy	
		International Development	Int'l Economy Development/ Int'l Society Development/ Development Policy/ Int'l Development Cooperation/ Development Economy Area Studies	
		International Area Studies	Chinese/ Japanese/ Asian/ American/ European Studies	
		Korean Studies	Politics/ Society/ History and Culture	

- 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)
- Students must score seventy points (70) or higher on the each course test.

[M.A]

Dept.	Program (Major)	Subject	
		Mandatory	**Elective (select 1)**
Int'l Studies	**Int'l Commerce**	International Economic Relations	①International Cooperation ②International Development ③Understanding the East Asia
	Int'l Cooperation	International Cooperation	①International Economic Relations ②International Development ③Understanding the East Asia
	Int'l Development	International Development	①International Economic Relations ②International Cooperation ③Understanding the East Asia
	Int'l Area Studies	Understanding the East Asia	①International Economic Relations ②International Cooperation ③International Development
	DCPP	International Development Studies or Gender and Development (select 1 of 2)	
	Korean Studies	Korean	①Modern Korean History and Society ②Modernization and Transformation of Korean Society
		Int'l Student	(Select 2) ①Korean Society ②Korean History ③Politics in Global Korea

* Students except Korean Studies, should take "Two Subjects" that they have taken as required courses.
* Students must score sixty points (60) or higher on the each course test.