

III. Academic Requirements

A. Graduation Requirements

[PhD Program]

A minimum of 45 credits is required to graduate.

- (1) Students must take one research methods course (Those who have already taken a methodology course in their Master's program are exempt).
- (2) Students should take 4 courses (12 credits) or more from their major program (International Commerce, International Cooperation, International Development, International Area Studies, or 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 a methodology course should take at least 7 elective courses (21 credits)).
 * "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 credit towards graduation.
- (5) **Students must take more than half of the minimum required credits from GSIS in order to fulfill SNU GSIS graduation requirements. Please refer to the [GSIS Credit Acceptance/Requirement policy] stated in the SNU GSIS (Regulation & Form) page for more details.**
- (6) In principle, Ph.D. students are not allowed to take undergraduate courses, but if you must take an undergraduate course for unavoidable reasons, seek advice from your advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs and the program chair of your major before registering for the course.

[MA Program]

A minimum of 39 credits is required to graduate. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.3.

| 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 | Dissertation Research |
| Int'l Cooperation | Int'l Cooperation | Int'l Economic Relations or Int'l Development or Understanding East Asia (select 1 of 3) | Comparative Methodology (select 1 of 2) | |

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| Int'l Development | Understanding International 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 Economic Relations 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 |

- 1) Students must take the "4 required courses" from their major program.
- 2) Students must take at least 3 courses (9 credits) in their GSIS major program.
 - * You can choose courses from other majors that are mutually recognized. (Refer to Mutual Recognition List)
- 3) Students must take enough courses (credits) to fulfill the required credits (39 credits) to be eligible to graduate.
- 4) Students can take up to 6 credits of undergraduate courses. Students should seek advice from their advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs and the program chair of their major before registering for an undergraduate course.
- 5) Up to 9 credits earned from other graduate schools (including other graduate schools in SNU, domestic exchange universities, etc.) can be accepted, including 6 credits from undergraduate programs. Students should seek advice from their advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs and the program chair of their major before registering for other undergraduate/graduate school courses.
 - *GSIS website>Regulations&Forms> Submit the 'Application for Recognition of Other Graduate Schools/Undergraduate Courses' form to the Administration Office
- 6) Students must take more than half of the minimum required credits from GSIS in order to fulfill SNU GSIS graduation requirements. Please refer to the [GSIS Credit Acceptance/Requirement policy] stated in the SNU GSIS (Regulation & Form) page for more details.

B. Qualifying Examinations

- 1) Requirements and Procedures

| | Major Subjects | Foreign Language |
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| Requirements | - Enrolled for a minimum of 2semesters - Earned at least 12 credits | At any time while the student is enrolled at GSIS |
| Procedures | - Application forms for 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 relevant 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. | | |
| MA | Required | Required | Required | Students must meet the test score requirements for English and a second foreign language. |
| PhD | Required | N/A | Required | |

■ Foreign Language Requirement

| Degree Course | First Foreign Language | Second Foreign Language |
|---------------|---|---|
| MA | English | Choose one of the following: German, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese (* Students in the Korean Studies major can choose Chinese Characters) |
| | ① Int'l Students & Overseas Koreans : English or Korean or 2 nd Foreign Language (Choose one) * Students are not allowed to take an exam in their mother tongue. ② Korean Studies Major (Int'l students & Overseas Koreans): Korean ③ DCPD Students: Korean | |
| PhD | English | Not required |
| | International Students from non-English speaking regions (and students in the Korean Studies major) can choose Korean instead of English. International students from an English-speaking region must choose one of the following foreign languages: German, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, or 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 program 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 "French (104.811)" or "German (105.811)" courses and receive a C- or higher, are exempt from taking the respective language tests on their qualifying examinations.
- To meet the Korean language requirement, international students must receive at least a sixty (60) for the master's program and a seventy (70) for the doctoral program on the Korean language test. However, students who receive an "S" in "Korean Language and Culture 1 (Course No: 990.804)" or "Korean Language and Culture 2 (Course No: 990.805)" are exempt from taking the Korean language test.
- Korean Examination: Students can take a written Korean examination, but those who fail the written examination more than once can take an oral examination instead.
- Students in the Development Cooperation Policy Program (DCPP) can select Korean language for their qualifying examinations.

- English speakers include students who use English as an official language.
- Students can take a language courses as a substitute 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 | Goethe-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 111) | - 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 previously submitted meet 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 107) | |
| | Korean Studies | | |
| PhD | Int'l Studies | TEPS: 419 (TOEFL 111) | |

※ 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 | 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 |
| | | International Cooperation | | Int'l Politics/ Int'l Law/ Int'l Political Economy |
| | | International Development | | Development Economics/ 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 reviewed academic journal) as the author, primary author of two authors, or corresponding author).
- Frequency of Application: Candidates are not allowed to apply for the thesis qualifying exam more than 4 times. Candidates can apply for up to 3 sections at a time.
- Application Period: Within 8 semesters after enrolling (excluding leaves of absence)
- Students must score seventy points (70) or higher on the each course test.

[MA]

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

* Except for Korean studies majors, students should take two subjects that they have taken as required courses.

* Students must score sixty (60) points or higher on the each course test.

※ Refrain from taking TQE as a trial