

### III. Academic Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.3.

#### 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) Up to 9 credits earned from other graduate schools (including other graduate schools in SNU, domestic exchange universities, etc.) can be accepted.. Students should seek advice from their academic/thesis advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs 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
  - \*Only elective subject for major and requisite subject for major are accepted from other graduate school courses. Language courses are not accepted.
- (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 academic/thesis advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs before registering for the course.
- (7) 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.

**[MA Program]**

**A minimum of 30 credits is required to graduate.**

- 1) Students must take Required Courses from their major program.

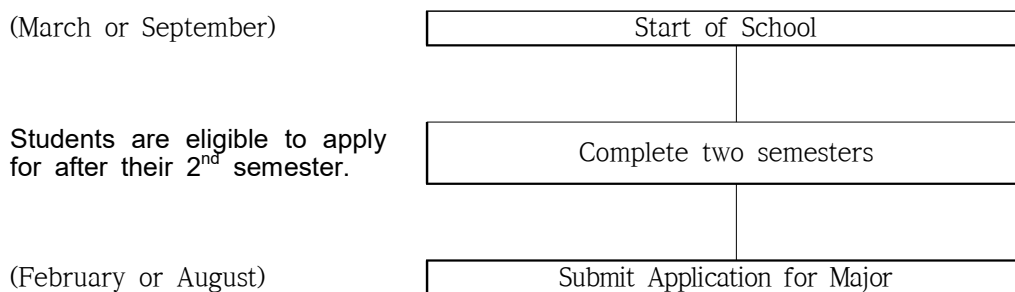
Major		Required Courses		
		Mandatory		Dissertation
Int'l Commerce		Int'l Economic Relations		Research Methodology or Comparative Methodology (select 1 of 2)  Dissertation Research
Int'l Cooperation		Int'l Cooperation		
Int'l Development		Understanding International Development		
Int'l Area Studies		Understanding East Asia		
DCPP		Understanding International Development		
Korean Studies	Korean Students	Int'l Economic Relations or Int'l Cooperation (select 1 of 2)		
	Foreign Students	Korean Society	Korean History (Modern Korean History)	Politics in Global Korea

- 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 (30 credits) to be eligible to graduate.
- 4) Students can take up to 6 credits of undergraduate courses. Students should seek advice from their academic/thesis advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs 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 academic/thesis advisory professor first, and then obtain approval from the associate dean of academic affairs before registering for other undergraduate/graduate school courses.  
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## B. Major Entry Process

### [MA Program]

- 1) Students must apply for a major (International Commerce, International Cooperation, International Development, International Area Studies, or Korean Studies) after completing two semesters
- 2) Students can apply after acquiring minimum of 12 credits.
- 3) Application for Major will be conducted after the end of each semester
  - \*Application for major entry must be submitted to the GSIS Administration Office according to procedures
  - \*Students who meet the requirements for applying for major entry but wish to postpone their application must submit an application for postponement with a statement of reason
- 4) In principle, the selected major cannot be changed after the process is completed



## C. Qualifying Examinations

### 1) Requirements and Procedures

	Major Subjects
<b>Requirements</b>	- Enrolled for a minimum of 2 semesters - Earned at least 12 credits
<b>Procedures</b>	- 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
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<b>MA</b>	Required	N/A	Required	Students must meet the test score requirements for English and Major Subjects
<b>PhD</b>	Required	N/A	Required	

■ Foreign Language Requirement

Degree Course	First Foreign Language	Second Foreign Language	Notes
MA	English	N/A	International Students majoring Korean Studies can choose Korean instead of English.
PhD	English	N/A	

- 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.

■ English Proficiency Requirement (Test Scores)

Degree	Program (Major)	Minimum Score Requirement	Notes
M.A.	Int'l Commerce	TEPS: 340 (TOEFL 99)	- 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	TEPS: 327 (TOEFL 96)	
	Int'l Area Studies		
	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.

[MA]

■ Major Subjects of Qualifying Examinations

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

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

※ Refrain from taking TQE as a trial

## [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	Development Economics / Social Development / Development Policy / Int'l Development Cooperation / Development Finance / Sustainable Development	
		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.

## C. Thesis Submission Procedures

(if planning to graduate within 4 Semesters)

Students are eligible to apply for the examinations as of their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

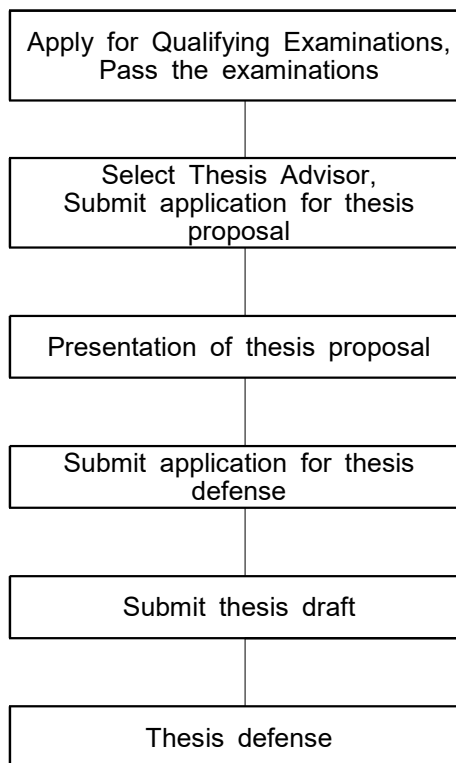
(April / October)  
Middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> semester

(May / November)  
End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> semester

(April / October)  
Middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the last semester

(May / November)  
By the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the last semester

(May / November)  
By the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the last semester



(January / July)

By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the graduation year

Submit thesis for official record (SNU Library and GSIS)
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**(Notice)**

- Students cannot submit their thesis proposal and do their defense in the same semester.
- Only students who passed their proposals can apply for the defense.
- Students can choose their academic advisor at GSIS SNU regardless of their major
- A student's thesis will pass only when the student receives grades above the level set by the graduate school on their thesis and oral presentation.
- The title of the thesis must match the title and subtitle agreed upon by the Thesis Committee.
- Thesis Examination schedules will be posted under "Official Notice" on the GSIS website.

## **D. Master's Degree/Doctoral Degree**

**[MA Program]**

Students are granted a **Master of International Studies**, with a major field of study specified.

**[PhD Program]**

Students are granted a **Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies**.