

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) 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 > 'Application for Recognition of Other Graduate Schools/Undergraduate Courses'. Submit form to the Administration Office
 - * Only elective subject for major and requisite subject for major are accepted from other graduate school courses. Language courses or subject for liberal education 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.

[Master's Program]

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

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

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 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	

- 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) 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.
 - * GSIS website > Regulations&Forms > 'Application for Recognition of Other Graduate Schools/Undergraduate Courses'. Submit form to the Administration Office
 - * Only elective subject for major and requisite subject for major are accepted from other graduate school courses. Language courses or subject for liberal education are not accepted.
- 5) Students must take more than half of the minimum required credits from GSIS in order to fulfill SNU GSIS graduation requirements.

B. Qualifying Examinations

1) Requirements and Procedure

	Major Subjects	Foreign Language
Requirements	- Enrolled for a minimum of 2 semesters - 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	

■ 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	Understanding International Economic Relations	①International Cooperation ②International Development ③Understanding East Asia	
	Int'l Cooperation	Understanding 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 Student	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 must score sixty points (60) or higher on the each course test.

■ English Proficiency Requirement

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 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 107)	
	Korean Studies		
PhD	Int'l Studies	TEPS: 419 (TOEFL 111)	

※ Minimum score requirement for TOEFL is subject to change according to regulations of SNU.

■ 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)
	- Int'l students : English or Korean or 2 nd Foreign Language (Choose one) * The students are not allowed to take an exam in their mother tongue	
Doctoral program	English	Not required
	- International Students from Non-English speaking regions can choose from English, Korean, and 2 nd Foreign Language. - International students from an English speaking region must choose one foreign language from 2 nd language and Korean.	

- ① TQE Korean Exam (those who fail the written exam once can take an oral exam next semester) (International Students Only)
- ② TQE Foreign Language Exam
- ③ "S" in "Korean Language and Culture 1 (Course No: 990.804)" or "Korean Language and Culture 2 (Course No: 990.805)"
- ④ 3 credits in foreign language course and receive a B0 or higher (Note: Students who take language classes may be exempt from their language requirement, but the credits will not be counted to their credit fulfillment requirement)
- ⑤ SNULT Level 3 or higher
- ⑥ Certified language test score taken within the last two years

<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