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 doctoral 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 > '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.

[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	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	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 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) 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
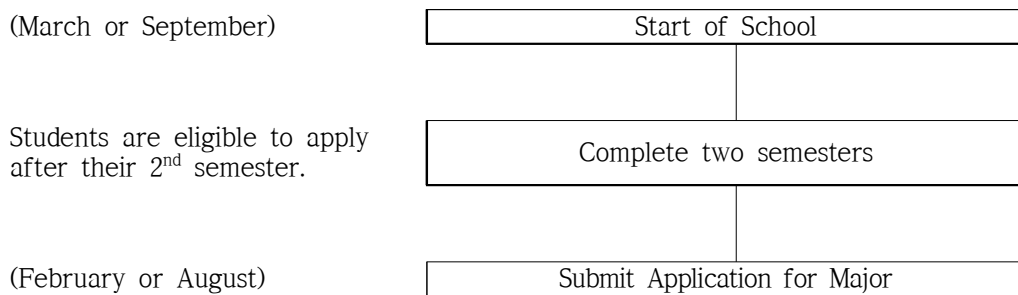   * Only elective subject for major and requisite subject for major are accepted from other graduate school courses. Language courses or subject for liberal education are not accepted.

    5) Students must take more than half of the minimum required credits from GSIS in order to fulfill SNU GSIS graduation requirements.

B. Major Entry Process

[MA]

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.

(March or September)	Start of School
Students are eligible to apply after their 2nd semester.	Complete two semesters
(February or August)	Submit Application for Major

* Those who have been assigned a major upon their entrance cannot change their major

C. Qualifying Examinations

1) Requirements and Procedures

	Major Subjects	2nd Foreign Language
Requirements	- Enrolled for a minimum of 2 semesters - Earned at least 12 credits (including the number of credits you are taking in the semester you are applying)	- Those who have registered in the semester you are applying
Procedures	- Application forms for qualifying examinations are due at the beginning of each semester (submission period is subject to change) - 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 test score certificate during the application period.	

2) Exam Subjects

	Major Subjects	Foreign Language	Notes
MA	Required	Required	Students must meet the test score requirements for English and Major Subjects
PhD	Required	Required	

■ Major Subjects of Qualifying Examinations

[MA]

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	①Modern Korean History and Society or ②Modernization and Transformation of Korean Society
		Int'l Students	(Select 1) ①Korean Society ②Korean History ③Politics in Global Korea

※ Students must score sixty (60) points or higher on each course test.
※ Student must have taken the course before taking the exam
※ 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 allowed to apply for the thesis qualifying exam up to 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 each course test.

■ Foreign Language Requirement

Degree	Nationality	First Foreign Language	Second Foreign Language
MA	Korean	English	N/A
	Int'l Student	Select 1 from English / Korean / 2nd Foreign Language (you cannot choose to submit the scores of your native language)	
PhD	Korean	English	N/A
	Int'l Student	Select 1 from English / Korean / 2nd Foreign Language (you cannot choose to submit the scores of your native language)	

1) 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 resubmit English score if they have met the minimum requirement scores. - 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.

2) 2nd Language Test Requirement
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	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

D. Thesis Submission Procedures

(if planning to graduate within 4 Semesters)

(March / September) Students are eligible to apply for the examinations as of their 2nd semester	Apply for Qualifying Examinations, Pass the examinations
(April / October) Middle of the 2nd month of the 2nd or 3rd semester	Select Thesis Advisor, Submit application for thesis proposal
(May / November) End of the 3rd month of the 2nd or 3rd semester	Presentation of thesis proposal
(April / October) Middle of the 2nd month of the last semester	Submit application for thesis defense
(May / November) Middle of the 3rd month of the last semester	Submit thesis draft
(May / November) End of the 3rd month of the last semester	Thesis defense
(February / August) Last month of your graduation year	Submit thesis for official record (SNU Library)

(Notice)
- Students cannot do their thesis proposal and 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.

E. Master's Degree/Doctoral Degree

Master's students are granted a Master of International Studies, with a major field of study specified. Ph.D. Students are granted a Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies.