

Master's Degree International Studies

Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IRC010/013/015	Research Methods/ II/ Qualitative Research Methods	3
	IRC011	Thesis Research I (3 rd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	Subtotal		6
CORE Common Electives Choose 3	IRC020	International Business	3
	IRC030	International Economics	3
	IRC040	World Politics	3
	IRC070	Introduction to International Development and Cooperation	3
	Subtotal		9
Major Courses ²⁾	IIC IDC IPS IAS xxx	Major Courses	15
	Subtotal		15
Area Studies ³⁾	IAS xxx	IAS Courses for IC, IDC, IPS Major	6
	IIC IDC IPS xxx	IIC, IDC or IPS Courses for Area Studies Major	
	Subtotal		6
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (3 Credits) - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS or Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS, Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		4
	Subtotal		4
	Total		

¹⁾ Must take Thesis Research I in your 3rd Semester.

²⁾ International Commerce Course Code → IICxxx
 International Development & Cooperation Course Code → IDCxxx
 International Peace & Security Course Code → IPSxxx
 Area Studies Course Code → IASxxx
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 Area Studies Major: Must take IIC, IDC or IPS Courses.
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⁴⁾ Up to 6 credits can be taken in languages other than English (All students from FALL semester 2024).

Thesis Track Graduation Requirements

- The track is changeable *before* the 4th Semester.

- ☒ **Enroll for at least 4 semesters**
within 6 years of admission
- ☒ **Minimum of 40 Credits**
- ☒ **Research Proposal Presentation**
- ☒ **Pass (or Exempt) Qualification Exam**
 - ☒ General Exam
- ☒ **Thesis Submission**

Qualification Exam 석사학위청구논문자격시험

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◆ In order to request for thesis evaluation, students **MUST** pass or be exempted from the Qualification Exam: **General Exam**.

Students who want to be exempted from the General Exam should

1) meet all following requirements and then **2) meet exemption conditions**.

1) Requirements for the General Exam

- ① Must be completed in your 3rd Semester or later within 6 years of admission.
- ② At least 33 credits completed by the end of the 3rd Semester.
- ③ Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ④ Completed all CORE Courses.

* If you do not meet any of requirements above, you are not eligible for the General Exam and Thesis Submission until you meet all the requirements above.

* You can take the General Exam from the 4th Semester within 6 years from enrollment.

2) Exemption Conditions for the General Exam

- a. Meet all the Requirements for the General Exam above.
- b. Accumulative average **GPA of 3.3 or higher** after completion of the 3rd Semester

◆ **General Exam Subjects** **No limits on retakes**

o **1 CORE** (Common Electives) + **1 MAJOR** (Your Major) = **Total 2 Subjects**

Select 1	Your Major
World Politics	International Commerce
International Business	International Development and Cooperation
International Economics	International Peace and Security
Introduction to IDC	Area Studies (East Asia, Europe)

Master's Degree International Studies Thesis Track Example

1st Semester

- **13 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)
- GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)

2nd Semester

- **12 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses except Thesis Research I until the 2nd Semester.**

3rd Semester

- **12 Credits**
- Thesis Research I (3 Credits)
- 1 Major (3 Credits)
- 2 Area Studies (6 Credits)

- Check *graduation requirements* before the course registration period.
- March (Spring) | September (Fall)
: Thesis Track/Major/Thesis Advisor Application for Declaration
- April (Spring) | October (Fall)
: Research Proposal Application
- May (Spring) | November (Fall)
: Research Proposal

4th Semester

- **3 Credits**
- 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

- March (Spring) | September (Fall)
: General Exam Application
- April (Spring) | October (Fall)
: General Exam Thesis Application
- May (Spring) | November (Fall)
: Thesis Defense

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	Subtotal		4
	Total		43

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Non-Thesis Track Graduation Requirements

- The track is changeable *before* the 4th Semester.

- ☒ **Enroll for at least 4 semesters**
within 6 years of admission
- ☒ **Minimum of 43 Credits**
- ☒ **Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher**

Master's Degree International Studies Non-Thesis Track Example

1st Semester

- **13 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)
- GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)

2nd Semester

- **12 Credits**
- 2 Core (6 Credits)
- 2 Major (6 Credits)

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses**
until the 2nd Semester.

3rd Semester

- **12 Credits**
- 2 Major (6 Credits)
- 2 Area Studies (6 Credits)

- Check *graduation requirements* *before* the course registration period.
- March (Spring) | September (Fall)
: *Non-Thesis Track/Major/Thesis Advisor Application* for Declaration
- Non-Thesis Track **CANNOT TAKE** Thesis Research I.

4th Semester

- **6 Credits**
- 1 Major (3 Credits)
- 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

- Non-Thesis Track will automatically graduate *after* finishing all the required coursework (Accumulative average GPA of 3.0 or higher).

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Attachments	<p>KU GSIS Graduation Checklist_MA_Intl Studies.zip</p> <p>KU GSIS Graduation Checklist_MA_Korean Studies.zip</p> <p>KU GSIS Graduation Checklist_PhD_Intl Studies.zip</p>