

Master's Degree Korean 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
	IRC050	Modern History of Korea	3
	IRC053	Korean Language I Korean Language II Korean Language III } ²⁾	9
	IRC052		
	IRC051		
	IRC060	Contemporary Korean Society	3
Subtotal			21
Major Courses ³⁾	IKS xxx	Major Courses	9
	Subtotal		9
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (9 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.		10
	Subtotal		10
	Total		40

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

²⁾ The Waiver Conditions of Korean Language

- Lower level Korean Language courses can be waived if students achieve 'A' or above on upper level courses
 . <LEVEL> (Lower) Korean Language I → II → III → Readings → Advanced readings (Upper)

e.g. a. If you get an A in Korean Language III → Korean Language I, II can be waived.

b. If you get an A in Readings or Advanced readings in Korean → Korean Language I, II, III can be waived.

- If you are exempted from the following courses, you need to take IKS courses for the remaining credits.

- To gain approval of other major courses instead of IKS to substitute credits, the course MUST be related to Korean Studies.

³⁾ Some of International Studies Major Course (Course Code IIC, IDC, IPS and IAS) are acceptable as IKS Major 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
 - ☒ Korean Language 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: **Korean Language Exam**.

Students who want to be exempted from the Korean Language Exam should be in the 2nd or later semester.

1) Exemption Conditions for the Korean Language Exam

a. Students who have taken one of three courses with grade 'A' or higher

IRC051 Korean Language III
IKS421 Readings in Korean
IKS420 Advanced Readings in Korean

b. Korean students who major in Korean Studies

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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 Total 2 Subjects

Korean Economy and Business
Korean Law and Politics
Korean Society and Culture

Master's Degree Korean Studies Thesis Track Example

1st Semester

- **13 Credits**
 - 1 Korean (3 Credits)
 - 2 Core (6 Credits)
 - 1 Major (3 Credits)
 - GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)

2nd Semester

- **12 Credits**
 - 1 Korean (3 Credits)
 - 1 Core (3 Credits)
 - 1 Major (3 Credits)
 - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

3rd Semester

- **12 Credits**
 - Thesis Research I (3 Credits)
 - 1 Korean (3 Credits)
 - 1 Major (3 Credits)
 - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses**
until the 3rd Semester.

- 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)

- February (Spring) | August (Fall)
: [Korean Language Exam](#)
[Application](#)

- March (Spring) | September (Fall)
: [Korean Language Exam](#)
[General Exam Application](#)

- April (Spring) | October (Fall)
: [General Exam](#)
[Thesis Application](#)

- May (Spring) | November (Fall)
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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 Korean Studies Non-Thesis Track Example

1st Semester

- **13 Credits**
 - 1 Korean (3 Credits)
 - 1 Core (3 Credits)
 - 2 Major (6 Credits)
 - GRA511 INTRO TO GRAD STUDIES (1 Credit)

2nd Semester

- **12 Credits**
 - 1 Korean (3 Credits)
 - 1 Core (3 Credits)
 - 1 Major (3 Credits)
 - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

3rd Semester

- **12 Credits**
 - 1 Korean (3 Credits)
 - 1 Core (3 Credits)
 - 1 Major (3 Credits)
 - 1 General Elective (3 Credits)

- **MUST TAKE all Core Courses**
until the 3rd Semester.

- 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>