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Degree Programs Doctoral Degree

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Doctoral Degree

Introduction

- **Doctor of Philosophy in International Commerce | 국제통상학 박사 (국제통상 전공)**
The doctoral program in international commerce combines economic and business theories with quantitative and econometric methods to address real-world challenges. This holistic approach provides students with a deep understanding of international economics, business, and finance. The research topics are not limited to traditional international economics and business subjects such as Free Trade Agreements (FTA), World Trade Organization (WTO) structures, trade conflict resolutions, the international economic aspects of climate change, foreign aids, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), and international portfolio investment. They also encompass the impact of emerging technologies (AI, robotics, e-commerce), international marketing, e-business, international labor markets, as well as open macroeconomics. The doctoral graduates will be equipped with empirical analysis capabilities and posited to pursue careers as international commerce issue experts and data analysis specialists in various fields, including academia, economic and business research institutes, international organizations, and private sectors.
- **Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations | 국제관계학 박사 (국제관계 전공)**
Situated in the heart of the Asia-Pacific region, the Republic of Korea has long played a pivotal role in shaping and responding to significant developments in international relations. The Doctoral Program in International Relations at KU GSIS is designed for aspiring students with a keen interest in the broadly defined field of International Relations. Our program offers a broad spectrum of themes and methodological approaches, spanning from theoretical exploration of macro-level structural issues to

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Classification	Course Code & Course Name		Credits
CORE Common Requirements	IAC701	Independent Study I (2 nd Semester) ¹⁾	3
	IAC702	Independent Study II (3 rd Semester)	3
	IRC012	Thesis Research II (4 th Semester) ²⁾	3
	Subtotal		9
Major Required	Any	Advanced Research Methods	3
	IIC or IDC/IPS xxx	Two Major Courses ³⁾	6
	Subtotal		9
Major Elective	IAC xxx	Advances Seminars	6
	Subtotal		6
General Elective ⁴⁾	GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES (1 Credit) and Any additional course(s) below (12 Credits) - IRC010/013/020/030/040/050/060/070/901/902 - International Studies (IICxxx, IDCxxx, IPSxxx, IASxxx) - Korean Studies (IKSxxx) - Doctoral Courses (Advanced Seminars) of KU GSIS * International Students: Korean Language Courses of KU GSIS or Short-term Program, Courses taught in English of KU General Graduate School/other GSIS in Korea, etc.		13
	Subtotal		13
Total			37

¹⁾ Must submit the Major/Thesis Advisor Form in your 2nd Semester.

²⁾ Must submit the Thesis Research II Form in your 4th Semester.

³⁾ International Commerce Course Code → IICxxx

International Development & Cooperation Course Code → IDCxxx

International Peace & Security Course Code → IPSxxx

Area Studies Course Code → IASxxx

※ The List of KU GSIS Master's Major Courses for Cross-Major Recognition is **available** on the KU GSIS Homepage.

⁴⁾ Up to 9 credits can be taken in languages other than English (All students from FALL Semester 2024).

⁵⁾ Up to 15 credits of Core Electives and General Electives can be from:

- Other universities' Int'l Studies programs (General electives)

- Other KU graduate programs (Core Electives and General Electives)

⁶⁾ For General Elective, please consult with the KU GSIS Administration Office.

Graduation Requirements

☒ Enroll for at least 4 semesters within 10 years of admission

☒ Minimum of 37 Credits

☒ Pass Qualification Exam

☒ General Exam

☒ Research Proposal Presentation

☒ Dissertation Submission

Qualification Exam 박사학위청구논문자격시험

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◆ In order to request for thesis evaluation, students **MUST** [pass](#) the Qualification Exam: General Exam.

◆ You have **3 chances in total** to take the General Exam.

1) Requirements for the General Exam

- ① Must be completed in your 3rd Semester or later within 10 years of admission.
- ② At least 27 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 be eligible to take the General Exam and submit your thesis until you meet all requirements above. You will automatically be extending to an extra semester.

◆ (Students admitted from FALL Semester 2024): **No Language (English & 2nd Foreign Language) Exam.**

Qualification Exam 박사학위청구논문자격시험

◆ Change of General Exam Subject in Revision of Doctoral Degree Major

o International Commerce

1 Core Course	2 Adv. Seminars
International Commerce	Select 2 IAC courses that you have already taken

o International Cooperation

1 Core Course	2 Adv. Seminars
International Cooperation	Select 2 IAC courses that you have already taken



o International Commerce / International Relations / International Development / Korean Studies

(Students Admitted from 24-2) The comprehensive examination for the doctoral program assesses basic knowledge in the student's field of expertise.

1. Students will develop three possible questions with their advisor based on readings pertinent to their dissertation proposal. The student advisor selects one of them, synthesizes two or more into a single question, or creates a new one.
2. The duration of the exam shall be determined by the student and advisor, but shall not be less than three hours or more than one week. If deemed necessary by the advisor, an oral exam not to exceed two hours may be administered.
3. The exam shall be evaluated by at least two faculty members.

※ Detailed information will be informed at the Notice Board of KU GSIS website in the beginning of semester.

Doctoral Degree Example

