

Doctor of Philosophy

GSIS offers a PhD program to enable qualified applicants to pursue advanced research in the field of International Studies. Proposed projects are strongly encouraged to be part of an interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary nature. Two tracks are offered in the PhD program, International Commerce and International Cooperation.

국제통상학박사

Doctor of Philosophy in International Commerce

- International Commerce Major

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 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.

국제관계학박사

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

- International Relations Major

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 the meticulous crafting of micro-level empirical research. We also pursue teaching and research with strong policy relevance. Potential research topics encompass, but are not limited to, international peace and security, international political economy, foreign policy, international law, and global governance, particularly within the context of human rights and sustainable development.

국제개발학박사

Doctor of Philosophy in International Development

- International Development Major

As a prime example of rapid economic growth and development and the world's first aid-recipient-turned-donor country, the Republic of Korea is a leader in development studies in Asia. And KU GSIS is at the forefront. Our doctoral program in international development targets young scholars interested in cutting-edge research and practice. From global macro issues to carefully-crafted micro research, KU GSIS offers specializations across a range of development research, including sustainable development, international trade and economic development, multilateral and regional cooperation, international organizations, human rights, water, poverty, inequality, social justice, urban development, climate change, energy security, gender, education, and migration.

한국학박사

Doctor of Philosophy in Korean Studies

- Korean Studies Major

Korean society today is marked by astonishing economic growth, successful democratization and globally consumed "K-culture," offering a unique site to explore the historical impact and social dynamics of colonialism, the Korean War, the Cold War and globalization. The Doctoral Program of Korean Studies at KU GSIS offers opportunities for students interested in the transformation of Korea with multidisciplinary approaches from sociology, political science, economics, history and cultural studies.

With an emphasis on cutting-edge research themes, comparative perspectives and innovative methodologies, the program provides a platform to research contemporary issues in Korea, including political transitions, industrial innovations, and social transformations within the context of shifting global challenges. The courses in the program are offered in English with opportunities for high-level Korean language and reading classes for students who prefer intensive language training. Our students work closely with their advisor to develop original, future-oriented research programs that leverage students' skills, interests, experience, and knowledge.



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Category	Courses	Credits
Core Compulsory Courses (공통필수)	Independent Study I	3
	Independent Study II	3
	Thesis Research I	3
Sub-Total		9
Core Elective Courses (공통선택)	Advanced Research Methods (IAC 801/2)	3
	Advanced Research Methods (IAC 811/812)	3
	Two major-related courses among the Master courses: •Int'l Commerce track: IC-recognized courses Int'l Peace & Security: IPS-recognized courses Int'l Development: IDC-recognized courses Korean Studies: Korean Studies-recognized courses	6
Sub-Total		12
Major Electives (전공선택)	Take 2 Advanced Seminars	6
General Electives (일반선택)	<u>GRA511 INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDIES</u> (1Credits) and 3 Any Courses	1+9
Total		37

*Up to 15 credits of Core Elective Courses and General Electives can be from:

- Other universities' Int'l Studies graduate programs(General Electives)
- Other KU graduate programs(Core Elective Courses/General Electives)

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