Korea Studies Program

Preparing the next generation of leaders and professionals in Korean Affairs through in-depth study of issues surrounding the Korean Peninsula.

Korea Studies | M.A. Academic Requirements

Korea Studies Program Learning Goals and Objectives

Entering Class 2013-2014

Students must take the equivalent of 16 non-language courses (64 credits) in order to graduate. Those students who are approved for dual degree or advanced standing may only need to take 12 or 14 courses as approved by Academic Affairs.

KOREA STUDIES
Students concentrating in Korea Studies must take at least 3 courses within this program.

ASIAN STUDIES
Students also must fulfill the general requirements for the field of Asian Studies, that is, an additional 3 Asian Studies courses, outside of Korea Studies. One of those courses must be from China Studies and one must be from Japan Studies.

Students in Korea Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in the International Relations of Asia (AsiaIR).
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Students must complete 4 courses within this program.
· Microeconomics
· Macroeconomics (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
· International Trade Theory (prerequisite Microeconomics)
· International Monetary Theory (prerequisite Macroeconomics)

Eligible students who pass the waiver exams in these subjects or who pass Micro and/or Macro in Pre-Term must replace those courses with alternate economics courses. Many students choose to pursue an International Economics Specialization in one of four areas of economics and therefore use electives to meet these requirements. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Students must complete one course from the list below.
· Statistical Methods for Business & Economics
· Econometrics (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)
· Applied Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
· Macro Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
· Risk Analysis and Modeling
· Corporate Finance (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
· Quantitative Methods in International Relations (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)

Students may not double-count a Quantitative Reasoning requirement as one of the four required International Economics courses and vice-versa. Eligible students who pass the statistics waiver exam or pass the statistics course in Pre-Term are still required to take an alternate Quantitative Reasoning course from the list above.

CORE COURSES/EXAMS

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. Korean Studies concentrators must pass Comparative National Systems as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the second core is not completed by the start of the final semester, a student must enroll in second core course.
· American Foreign Policy Since World War II
· Comparative National Systems
· Evolution of the International Systems
· Theories of International Relations

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Korean Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Korean. All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Native Korean speakers must pass proficiency in a second language which can include English.

CAPSTONE

Korean Studies MA concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. Submission of a substantial (no less than 8,000 words, including footnotes or endnotes) research paper of publishable quality by April 1 of their final semester.* This paper must have Korea as a central focus, and can be the revised product of a regular SAIS course or independent research supervised by a Korea Studies faculty member.
2. Korea Studies Oral Exam
3. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible)
*For those whose final semester is fall, consult the Program Director for due date.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR

Entering Class 2012-2013
Entering Class 2011-2012
Entering Class 2010-2011
Entering Class 2009-2010