



**The Paul H. Nitze  
School of Advanced  
International Studies**

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## Korea Studies | M.A. Requirements 2010-2011

### CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Korea Studies must take at least 3 courses within this program. It is highly recommended that students take the following foundation courses: Two Koreas: Research and Record (SA.765.712) and Contemporary Korea in Historical Perspective (SA.765.702).

### 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

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a [specialization](#) within International Economics by taking additional course work.

### CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. If the core(s) is not completed by the start of their final semester, the student must enroll in a core course(s).

### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Korea Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Korean. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

### CAPSTONE

Korea Studies 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.*

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

[Requirements for AY 09/10 class](#)