Program Learning Outcomes for the PhD Degree in the field of Business and a Major Concentration in Economics and Finance

Upon completing the PhD degree in the field of Business and a major concentration in Economics and Finance, students will be able to:

1. Learn mathematical, statistical, econometric and computational tools to carry out independent research in economics and finance.
2. Write an independent and original dissertation that is of sufficient quality to merit publication in a top economics or finance journal.
3. Conduct a focused review of the literature and develop a research design to carry out independent research.
4. Learn to defend their research design and modeling choices by presenting their paper in a seminar environment.
5. Communicate their research effectively by writing clearly, concisely, and cogently.
6. Read critically and assess research manuscripts related to their field of study and in other fields.

Requirements for the PhD Degree in the field of Business and a Major Concentration in Economics and Finance

The PhD in Business degree program offers a wide range of areas of specialization, depending on each student’s interests and goals. Students are encouraged to contact the Jones Graduate School of Business for additional details regarding the areas of specialization available.

Students pursuing the PhD degree programs in the fields of Business or Economics have the option to participate in a unique program of study, one recognized with a formal major concentration in Economics and Finance. To participate, students in either PhD degree program (Business or Economics) have the option to declare the major concentration in Economics and Finance.

Policies for the PhD Degree in the field of Business and a Major Concentration in Economics and Finance

Jones Graduate School of Business Graduate Program Handbook

The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the Jones Graduate School of Business publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: http://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2018_19/Jones_School_of_Business_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Jones Graduate School of Business website: https://business.rice.edu/