DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF BUSINESS AND A MAJOR CONCENTRATION IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

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 thesis 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

For general university requirements, please see Doctoral Degrees (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/). For program details, see the PhD Program Guidebook distributed by the Jones Graduate School of Business. Admissions applications should include scores on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Full financial support will be provided to admitted doctoral students. Candidates for the PhD degree spend at least two years in full-time coursework and at least two years writing the thesis. Four to five years is a reasonable goal for completing the program. For the PhD, students must:

- Complete a program of doctoral-level courses that is approved by the area faculty advisor. Students take courses from departments such as economics, psychology, statistics, and political science in addition to courses from Jones Graduate School of Business.
- Complete and defend orally a doctoral thesis, setting forth in publishable form, the results of original research.

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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

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: https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2019-20/Business_Gradaute_Handbook.pdf

Additional Information

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