**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF BUSINESS**

**Program Learning Outcomes for the PhD Degree in the field of Business**

Upon completing the PhD degree in the field of Business, students will be able to:

1. Summarize major themes and current research problems in their area of specialization.
2. Explain and identify open problems and areas needing development in their discipline.
3. Execute and present original research in their discipline.
4. Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, their research and the major tenets of their discipline.

**Requirements for the PhD Degree in the field of Business Administration**

For general university requirements, please see Doctoral Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-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 dissertation. 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 dissertation, setting forth in publishable form, the results of original research.

**Summary**

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**Opportunities for the PhD Degree in the field of Business**

**Financial Aid**

Jones Graduate School of Business scholarships are awarded at the point of admission and are based on the merit of the application. Financial assistance is generally awarded one academic year at a time. Continuation of assistance depends on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in accordance with Academic and Professional Standards of performance, professional behavior, and is subject to the availability of funds. Academic or disciplinary probation, suspension, or general failure to maintain academic pace will result in the removal of all forms of financial assistance (i.e. scholarship, employment, Federal/State student loans, etc.). Students have the right to appeal the suspension. All appeals will be reviewed by a committee.

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

**Policies for the PhD Degree in the field of Business**

**Withdrawal Policy**

A Jones Graduate School of Business student, participating in any offered program, may voluntarily withdraw from school at any time. Upon withdrawal, Rice University applies a sliding scale to tuition, which is noted in the university’s Academic Calendar posted on the Rice Office of the Registrar website (https://registrar.rice.edu/calendars).