The Berkeley-Haas PhD Program in Accounting
Program Field Adviser: Panos N. Patatoukas

REQUIREMENTS YEARS I & II

YEAR I, FALL
- PHDBA 229A-D Doctoral Seminars in Accounting
- PHDBA 229S Research Seminars in Accounting
- ECON 204 Math Tools for Economics
- A, RESEC 210 Probability and Statistics
  - Or: ECON 240A Econometrics
- ECON 201A Economic Theory
  - Or: PUB POL 210A Economics of Public Policy Analysis

YEAR I, SPRING
- PHDBA 229A-D Doctoral Seminars in Accounting
- PHDBA 229S Research Seminars in Accounting
- PHDBA 375 Teaching Business
- A, RESEC 212 Econometrics 2
  - Or: ECON 240B Econometrics
- ECON 201B Economic Theory
  - Or: PUB POL 210B Economics of Public Policy Analysis

YEAR II, FALL
- PHDBA 229A-D Doctoral Seminars in Accounting
- PHDBA 229S Research Seminars in Accounting
- A, RESEC 213 Applied Econometrics
- PHDBA 602 Independent Study/Supervised Research

YEAR II, SPRING
- PHDBA 229A-D Doctoral Seminars in Accounting
- PHDBA 229S Research Seminars in Accounting
- PHDBA 239DB Corporate Finance
- PHDBA 297 Special Topics in Behavioral Finance
- PHDBA 602 Independent Study/Supervised Research
REQUIRED RESEARCH PAPERS YEARS I & II

- First-year research paper (due in the fall semester of the second year).
- Second-year research paper (due in the fall semester of the third year).

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION END OF YEAR II

The preliminary examination primarily involves the material covered in the doctoral seminars in accounting research, but familiarity with other areas of accounting is expected. This knowledge is acquired through courses and independent reading. The preliminary examination is scheduled at the end of the 4th semester of studies, and no later than July 1st.

REQUIREMENTS YEARS III THROUGH GRADUATION

REQUIRED COURSES EACH SEMESTER UNTIL GRADUATION

- PHDBA 229A-D Doctoral Seminars in Accounting Research
- PHDBA 229S Seminar Series in Accounting Research
- PHDBA 297 Special Topics in Accounting Research

OTHER ELECTIVE COURSES

- PHDBA 602 Independent Study/Supervised Research
- PHDBA 299 Independent Research

ORAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

Students submit and defend their dissertation proposals in the oral qualifying examination before the end of the third year. The objective is to determine whether students have the intellectual capacity and academic preparation to complete the program. Successful completion of prior phases of the program and a well-defined research proposal are required. The oral qualifying examination is scheduled at the end of the 6th semester of studies, and no later than June 1st.

DISSERTATION

A dissertation is the formulation and completion of a major research project and its written presentation. It is the last step in the program. The University has specific guidelines for completing the dissertation. A faculty committee reviews the dissertation as an ongoing process. The committee is chosen by the student and must consist of three or more faculty members, one of whom must be from a department outside of Haas. When all members are satisfied, they sign off on the dissertation to signify their approval. The student then files the work with the University.