The Berkeley-Haas PhD Program in Accounting
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REQUIREMENTS YEARS I & II

Required Courses Years I & II

- ECON 204 Math Tools for Economics—prerequisite for ECON 201A (summer before first year).
- ECON 201A Economic Theory (Fall of first year).
- ECON 240A Introductory Econometrics (Fall of first year).
- ECON 201B Economic Theory (Spring of first year).
- ECON 240B Econometrics or ARE 212 Econometrics 2 (Spring of first year).
- PHDBA 375 Teaching Business—prerequisite to work as GSI (Spring of first year).
- ARE 213 Applied Econometrics (Fall of second year).
- ECON 234C Financial Decision Making in Firms (Spring of second year).
- PHDBA 229A-D Doctoral Courses in Accounting Research (offered in all semesters).
- PHDBA 229S Seminar Series in Accounting Research (offered in all semesters).

Required Research Papers Years I & II

- First-year research paper (due in the fall semester of the 2nd year).
- Second-year research paper (due in the fall semester of the 3rd 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.
REQUIREMENTS YEARS III THROUGH GRADUATION

Required classes each semester until graduation

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

Options

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

Oral Qualifying Examination (before the end of 6th semester, no later than June 30th)
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.

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.