The Berkeley-Haas PhD Program
Business and Public Policy

Requirements Years 1 and 2:

Core Classes: Required and used to determine overall GPA for BPP; need 3.3 cumulative GPA in these classes.

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The table only outlines the required courses listed below. Students are expected to meet with the BPP Field Advisor to find additional courses or enroll in PHDBA 602 starting in their 3rd semester.

☐ Econ 204 Mathematical Tools for Economics, Prerequisite for Econ 201A; taught in the summer

☐ Econ 201A Economic Theory

☐ Econ 201B Economic Theory

☐ Econ 240A Introductory Econometrics or another Econometrics class approved by the BPP Field Advisor

☐ Econ 240B Introductory Econometrics OR ☐ ARE 212 Econometrics

☐ Econ 224 Economics of Institutions

☐ PHDBA 279A, PHDBA 279B, PHDBA 279C Doctoral Seminars in BPP

☐ PHDBA 375 Teaching Business (required to work as a GSI)

☐ PHDBA 297B Research and Theory in Business: Behavioral Science

☐ PHDBA C270 Institutional Analysis (from the second year on)

☐ PHDBA 279S Research Seminar in Business and Public Policy - All students are required to enroll in, attend, and present their original research in the BPP student seminar, PHDBA 279S, from the fall of their second year in the program until they have graduated. First year students are strongly encouraged to audit the PHDBA 279S.

Optional Classes

☐ Additional courses in economics or political economy

☐ Additional courses in any outside discipline

☐ Additional methodology courses in any department

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Additional courses in BPP or any course relating to the student’s particular interests within the field

**Requirements Years 1 and 2 (continued):**

- Second-year research paper; due in the summer between the 2nd and 3rd year.

**Preliminary Examination**
The exam is taken immediately after completing the BPP field sequence and covers the material in those seminars. The exam consists of the second year paper (above) and a two-day written test, and is usually administered during the month following the end of the student’s second year.

**Requirements - Years 2-graduation**

**Required Classes**

- PHDBA C270 Institutional Analysis (from the second year on)
- PHDBA 279S Research Seminar in Business and Public Policy - All students are required to enroll in, attend, and present their original research in the BPP student seminar, PHDBA 279S, from the fall of their second year in the program until they have graduated.

**Options:**

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

**Oral Qualifying Examination**

- QE before the end of the third year (6th semester), no later than June 30th

Students submit and defend their dissertation proposals in the oral qualifying examination before the end of the 3rd 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. The BPP group expects most dissertations to be completed at the end of the fourth year.

**Term Paper Policy**

Not wanting students to waste time on papers that have no future, and second, preventing students from using the exact same paper to fulfill several requirements, the BPP faculty have decided on the following policy:

1. Students cannot use the exact same paper for credit for multiple courses.
2. Students can use different components of the same broad project for multiple courses. Students should indicate in their submission how the paper differs from other graded work.

3. To the extent that papers have some overlap, this is acceptable, but the student should make clear to faculty what the overlap is, and faculty can grade the project accordingly. To be clear, if you have a great project that you're investing a lot of time in, this project might (with some tweaking) be used across courses -- but we'll set a high bar in grading it to the extent that it is a paper that is earning you credit in two courses.

4. If students cannot finish their term papers by the due dates indicated in their courses syllabi, we are very happy to grant an extension. You will receive an incomplete grade for now, and you can turn in your work before August 31 to receive a letter grade. As far as we can tell, this is costless to you (you simply need to check in with the PhD office once we assign you a letter grade). It is advised, however, that you not postpone submitting a course-paper that may not turn into a dissertation chapter. This way you can use the summer to make significant progress on work that is more likely to lead to a dissertation chapter.