

## Ph.D. in Accountancy Description

The objective of the Ph.D. in accountancy program is to give students a greater breadth and depth in accounting and a specialization in a particular area. Graduates learn research tools, so they are well-prepared for careers in accounting education where opportunities are plentiful.

### Minimum Total Credit Hours: 70 Course Requirements

The minimum course requirements for the Ph.D. in accountancy include 25 hours in accountancy, 12 hours in a minor field, 15 hours in research-tool courses, and 18 hours of dissertation. At least 25 hours in 600-level accountancy courses are required. Specific required courses include Accy 602, 607, 613, 614, 620, and 750. Course schedules differ depending upon the background and needs of each student.

### Other Academic Requirements

Doctoral students are required to have a minor field, which is usually in the business school (such as management, management information systems, or finance) but may be in other disciplines if such courses meet the research needs of the student. A popular minor is taxation, which can include courses in the law school. A minor field generally requires the completion of at least four courses.

Doctoral students must also complete a comprehensive examination, a dissertation prospectus, a dissertation, and a final oral defense of the dissertation.

