Course Requirement of PhD Students
in
Faculty of Business Administration
(for students of 2011 & 2012 intakes)

The normal requirement of a student in pursuing a PhD program in FBA includes, and in the order of, (1) qualifying examination, (2) thesis proposal defense, (3) (i) two conference papers of which at least one is presented by the student and (ii) acceptance, or in the revision & resubmission stage, of paper by a journal, and (4) oral examination of the thesis. Course work is not a requirement in the program.

Since PhD students newly joining the FBA do not possess strong foundation in starting the research process, students should complete two or more courses designated to his/her discipline as listed in Table 1 for the purpose of preparing for the qualifying examination. These courses constitute the minimum course requirements which could be fulfilled by either enrolling at the PhD level, if available or getting substituted with master level courses plus reading assignments, subject to the approval of the individual PhD Advisory Committees. The Advisory Committee and/or the supervisor may also require the student to enroll in other courses wherever appropriate.

The disciplines are not limited to those stated in the Table. The list of courses can be extended accordingly upon suggestions and approvals of respective departments and FBA Graduate Studies Committee.

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Table 1 Required Courses in Preparation of Qualifying Examinations under the PhD Program of FBA.

Discipline	courses
Accounting	• Research Methods • Research Seminars (prerequisites are Corporate Finance, Financial Reporting, Statistics)
Economics	• Microeconomic Theory • Macroeconomic Theory • Econometrics/Research Methods
Decision Science/Operations Research/Business Information Systems	Any two of the following courses: • Deterministic Operations Research • Stochastic Operations Research • Statistical Methods for Business and Economics • Research Methods in Decision Science and Information Systems
Finance	• Corporate Finance & Investments • Financial Markets, Institutions & International Finance • Research Methods • Seminars in Finance
Management & Marketing*	• Research Methods • Research Seminars
Gaming and/or Hospitality Management	• Research Methods

* Depending on the specialization, which includes "Human Resources Management/Organization Behavior", "Strategic Management", and "Marketing", some courses such as Multivariate Statistics, and Structural Equation Modeling may be required by the individual PhD Thesis Advisory Committee.