

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business

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Degree Requirements

PhD in Business Administration

PhD students must complete 36 credit units; maintain satisfactory academic progress; pass certain examinations; fulfill residence and teaching requirements; and write, defend and submit a dissertation.

Upon the successful completion of business PhD study, the student is awarded a PhD from the College of Arts & Sciences at Washington University.

Core Foundation

- A strong foundation in microeconomics or psychology, probability and statistics, and quantitative methods
- Exposure to the student's area of specialization and the required research tools
- Successful completion of the core exam

Specialization

- Courses in one or more areas of study
- In-depth knowledge in the chosen field
- Active association with the research process through faculty mentoring
- Completion of the field exam

Research

- Participation with faculty in research activities
- Research paper presentation
- Individual research pursuing a specialized topic of interest
- Preparation and defense of the dissertation