ACCOUNTING INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/).

Requirements may also be found in the *Program Guidelines* for Accounting Information and Management PhD students that is issued by the Kellogg School of Management.

Master's Degree

While the goal of our doctoral program is the awarding of a PhD degree, a Master of Science (MS) degree may be awarded to currently enrolled, qualified Kellogg doctoral students. Students who are continuing for a PhD degree, or students who withdraw from the PhD program, may be considered for a MS degree if they are in good academic standing and have completed 9 graded doctoral courses with a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

PhD

Total Units Required: 18

Students in the PhD program are required to take 18 courses or a minimum of 3 courses in fall, winter, and spring quarters during years one and two. Required courses for the degree are listed below:

Course	Title
ACCT 540-1	Empirical Research in Accounting I (taken in years one and two)
ACCT 540-2	Empirical Research in Accounting II (taken in years one and two)
ACCT 540-3	Empirical Research in Accounting III (taken in years one and two)
ACCT 550-1	Research in Accounting Theory I (taken in years one and two)
ECON 410-1	Microeconomics
ECON 410-3	Microeconomics
ECON 480-2	Econometrics
ECON 480-3	Econometrics
FINC 584-0	Introduction to Econometrics

To fulfill the 18-course requirement for the PhD degree, students must take at least 5 approved electives (ACCT 599-0 qualifies), in addition to the 13 required courses listed above. Students must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 to be in good academic standing.

Other PhD Degree Requirements

- Examinations: PhD qualifying exam must be completed by the end of the second year, which is based on the accounting PhD courses or a preliminary (field) exam if the GPA is below 3.6.
- Research/Projects: Oral presentation of a research paper by September 15 of year one and by end of fall quarter of their second year, at which time the performance on the qualifying exams, coursework, and second-year paper are reviewed and students are passed into candidacy.
- PhD Dissertation: Original and significant research. Dissertation chair should be selected by the end of spring quarter of the third year; presentation of preliminary results (prospectus) to their committee no later than winter quarter of year four.
- Final Evaluations: Oral final examination on dissertation and submission of an approved dissertation.