PH.D. IN BUSINESS

Requirements

The Gabelli School Ph.D. program consists of 90 credits, which students complete with guidance from their advisers. Most students complete the program in five years, though advanced students transferring in from another doctoral program may receive consideration for credits already earned.

Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a Doctor of Philosophy in Business degree (Ph.D.). Students also earn a Master of Philosophy in Business degree (M.Phil.) and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in recognition of earlier milestones in the program.

Coursework

The major focus of Years 1 and 2 is the completion of 54 credits in common core courses. Students in each focus complete 15 credits in specialized seminars and 15 credits in specialized electives. Upon completion of 30 credits of coursework, students are eligible to be awarded a Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

Course Title Credits
Core Courses 24
Specialized Seminars 15
Electives 15
Independent Study 12

Comprehensive Examinations

Course Title Credits
BPHD 0001 Year 1 Comprehensive Exam 0
BPHD 0002 Year 2 Comprehensive Exam 0

Research Paper

Course Title Credits
BPHD 0003 Year 2 Paper 0

Teaching

Course Title Credits
BPHD 8004 Financial Econometrics 3
BPHD 8005 Empirical Capital Markets 3
BPHD 8008 Fundamentals of Acct 1 3
BPHD 8009 Quantitative Issues in Capital Markets 3
BPHD 8010 Raising Capital & Inv in Glob 3
BPHD 8012 Quantitative Methods 3
BPHD 8013 Managerial Accounting Analysis 3
BPHD 8014 Financial Statement Analysis 3
BPHD 8015 Economic Analysis and Business Decisions 3
BPHD 8016 Investment Banking 3
BPHD 8018 Research in Economics 3
BPHD 8019 International Accounting 3

A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is required for the M.S. degree to be awarded.

Core Courses

Courses in this group have the BPD1 attribute.

Course Title Credits
BPHD 8001 Philosophy of Science 3
BPHD 8002 Research Methods 3
BPHD 8003 Intro to Micro & Macro 3
BPHD 8006 Data Analysis 3
BPHD 8007 Econometrics 3
BPHD 9001 Topics in Business Research 1 1.5
BPHD 9002 Topics in Business Research 2 1.5
BPHD 9003 Topics in Business Research 3 1.5
BPHD 9004 Topics in Business Research 4 1.5
BPHD 9005 Topics in Business Research 5 1.5
BPHD 9006 Topics in Business Research 6 1.5
BPHD 9012 Topics in Business Research 7 1.5
BPHD 9013 Topics in Business Research 8 1.5

Seminars

Courses in this group have the BPD2 attribute.

Course Title Credits
BPHD 8011 Seminar in Corporate Theory 3
BPHD 8017 Seminar in Banking & Finance 3
BPHD 8035 Seminar in Theoretical Corporate Finance 3
BPHD 8040 Seminar in Strategic Management 3
BPHD 8045 Financial Intermediation 3
BPHD 8046 Industrial Organization and Market Structure 3
BPHD 8047 Seminar in Empirical Corporate Finance 3
BPHD 8048 Research Methods & Design 3
BPHD 9007 Empirical Issues in Business Research 3
BPHD 9010 Empirical Issues in Research 2 3
BPHD 9011 Empirical Issues in Business Research 3 3
BPHD 9016 Empirical Issues in Business Research 4 3

Electives

Courses in this group have the BPD3 attribute.

Course Title Credits
BPHD 8004 Financial Econometrics 3
BPHD 8005 Empirical Capital Markets 3
BPHD 8008 Fundamentals of Acct 1 3
BPHD 8009 Quantitative Issues in Capital Markets 3
BPHD 8010 Raising Capital & Inv in Glob 3
BPHD 8012 Quantitative Methods 3
BPHD 8013 Managerial Accounting Analysis 3
BPHD 8014 Financial Statement Analysis 3
BPHD 8015 Economic Analysis and Business Decisions 3
BPHD 8016 Investment Banking 3
BPHD 8018 Research in Economics 3
BPHD 8019 International Accounting 3

1 See below lists for courses that may fulfill these requirements.
2 In addition to the Seminar courses listed below, special sections of Elective courses may also fulfill this requirement. These will be listed on the My.Fordham.edu course schedule each semester.
3 Students register for BPHD 8999 Independent Study each semester during which they are completing an independent study.

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Comprehensive Examinations

Students sit for two comprehensive exams: the first at the conclusion of Year 1 and the second at the conclusion of Year 2.

The Year 1 comprehensive exam (BPHD 0001) is a written exam designed to measure a student’s fundamental understanding of business, with an emphasis on economics, management, and quantitative and empirical methods.

The Year 2 comprehensive exam (BPHD 0002) is a written field exam. Students work with advisers to determine two appropriate reading lists at the end of Year 1 and read for the exam during Year 2. The field exam measures knowledge of the field(s) and determines readiness to move on to the dissertation phase.

Both exams are graded Pass/Fail.

Year 2 Research Paper

At the conclusion of Year 2, students present a paper (BPHD 0003) to the faculty during a doctoral program workshop, which will be graded by a Pass/Fail faculty vote. The paper may be an extension of a course paper or a research paper pursued independently. This paper provides an opportunity for students to build presentation and workshop skills, and should ideally serve as an eventual component of the dissertation.

Teaching

Teaching is a key component of the Ph.D. program.

In preparation for the rigors and standards of life as an academic, all students attend a seminar on pedagogy in Year 2. This seminar briefs students on specific techniques in teaching business at the highest level, as well as on the academic and cultural standards of education at universities in the United States.

Following this pedagogical training, Ph.D. students have access to a variety of supervised and independent teaching opportunities. These include teaching courses, working as teaching assistants for faculty, and guiding students in independent research. Teaching commitments are determined based on a student’s previous teaching experience, area of focus, and academic standing.

Dissertation

Years 4 and 5 are devoted to the research and writing of a dissertation. This consists of 24 credits of dissertation work, for which students register in three-credit increments as Dissertation 1 (BPHD 8090)-Dissertation 8 (BPHD 8097).

The dissertation is a large-scale, closely supervised research project typically consisting of three to four article-length papers, preferably along a similar topic, with extensive research, writing, and revision expected. Students offer regular progress updates to their dissertation committee members, who in turn meet with the doctoral program director to ensure sufficient progress.

Upon successful completion and defense (BPHD 0005) of the dissertation, students are awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Business (Ph.D.).

A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher is required for the Ph.D. degree to be awarded.

Independent Study

The focus of Year 3 is ensuring that students hone their research and writing skills before moving onto the dissertation phase. Students complete 12 credits of Independent Study (BPHD 8999) in close collaboration with their advisers. An Independent Study may also be used to develop, research, and write a dissertation proposal. Students defend their dissertation proposal to their prospective dissertation committee at the conclusion of Year 3 and register for Dissertation Proposal Acceptance (BPHD 0004) in the semester of the proposal defense.

At the end of Year 3, upon completion of all degree requirements except for the 24 credits of dissertation work (BPHD 8090-BPHD 8097) and the dissertation defense (BPHD 0005), students are awarded a Master of Philosophy in Business (M.Phil.) degree.

A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher is required for the M.Phil. degree to be awarded.

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