Dissertation Requirements

Upon completion of the dissertation, the student's defense of the dissertation, and the student's general comprehension of economics, and is open to the academic community.

Comprehensive Examination Process

Students pursuing the PhD degree must pass a comprehensive examination. The comprehensive exam has a written section and an oral section, both administered by the student's dissertation committee. The oral section of the comprehensive exam is part of the dissertation proposal defense.

Dissertation Requirements

The dissertation must make a substantial contribution to knowledge. Upon completion of the dissertation, students pursuing the Ph.D. degree must pass a final oral examination. This exam can include an evaluation of the dissertation, the student's defense of the dissertation, and the student's general comprehension of economics, and is open to the academic community.
initial course (not counting the summer semester). This course may consist of a readings course with one of the faculty members in the field in lieu of a regular course. If a readings course is provided, then the faculty member is required to provide the department with the reading list for the course.

**List of Fields and Courses**

**Econometrics**
- ECONOM 9476 Advanced Topics in Econometrics II 3
- ECONOM 9477 Advanced Topics in Econometrics III 3

**Industrial Organization**
- ECONOM 9455 Monopoly and Competition 3
- ECONOM 9471 Advanced Game Theory 3

**International Economics**

**Labor Economics**

**Monetary Economics**
- ECONOM 9430 Advanced Money and Banking 3
- ECONOM 9431 Central Banking Policies 3

**Public Economics**
- ECONOM 9446 Advanced Empirical Methods 3
- ECONOM 9447 Topics in Microeconomic Policy Analysis 3

**Statement on Satisfactory Progress**

1. Taking and completing required course work on schedule and maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.
2. Enrollment in a full-time program of study, i.e., completion of at least 9 credit hours per semester.
3. Taking and passing qualifying and comprehensive examinations on schedule.
4. Completing the field requirement on schedule.