PhD in Accountancy

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Financial Aid from the Program
Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.

Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: February 1
- Minimum TOEFL scores:
  Internet-based test (iBT)  Paper-based test (PBT)
  100  600
- Minimum GMAT scores:
  Minimum  Verbal  Quantitative  Analytical  TOTAL
  Minimum  Score  700
- A prior record of outstanding academic performance
- Strong letters of recommendation

Required Application Materials
To the Graduate School
All required Graduate School documents

To the Accountancy PhD Program
Departmental Application
3 Recommendation letters, mailed or accepted electronically through the Graduate School application
Statement of Purpose, mailed
Résumé, mailed
Official GMAT scores

Prerequisites for the Doctoral Degree in Accountancy
International students should note that we rarely admit a student directly from outside the United States unless they have studied/worked in an English-language setting.

Prerequisites to undertaking doctoral course work include one, and preferably two, semesters of calculus; an introductory statistics course; intermediate-level microeconomic theory; and an undergraduate accounting major (or equivalent). Prior graduate work is not required for admission to the program, but most successful applicants do have a master’s degree.

Graduation Requirements for the Doctoral Degree in Accountancy
The University requires 72 total hours beyond a baccalaureate degree for a PhD. In order to meet this requirement, the School of Accountancy requires the following program of course work and dissertation research:

- Doctoral-level Accounting Research courses 15
- Course Work in supporting theoretical fields (e.g. economics, finance, organizational theory and behavior) 15
- Statistics and other research methods courses 18
- Weekly Research Seminar (meeting one hour per semester for four years) 8
- Dissertation Research 12-16
- Total Credits 68-72

Course work is designed to be completed in five semesters (two and one-half years). Written and oral comprehensive examinations are then taken after completion of course work, and the remainder of years three and four is devoted to the completion of the research dissertation. Specializations are available in areas of faculty research interests.

More Information about the Doctoral Degree in Accountancy
For information about the doctoral degree in accountancy, visit our website or write to:
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