

Doctoral Program in Finance: Curriculum

First Year

Fall	FIN 7935	Finance Research Forum (1 credit hour)
	ECO 6403	Mathematical Economics
	ECO6118	Microeconomics Theory I
	FIN 7808	Into to the Theory of Finance
Spring	FIN 7935	Finance Research Forum (1 credit hour)
	ECO 6424	Econometrics I
	ECO 7116	Microeconomic Theory II
	FIN 7807	Seminar in Corporate Finance
		Attend FCTL Teaching Workshop for Doctoral Students
Summer		Microeconomic Theory Preliminary Examination Work on summer paper (to be presented in January of 2nd year) (Teach 1st course)

Second Year

Fall	FIN 7935	Finance Research Forum (1 credit hour)
	ECO 7426	Econometrics II
	FIN 7816	Seminar in Investments
		Elective
Spring	FIN 7935	Finance Research Forum (1 credit hour)
	FIN 7930	Seminar in Market Microstructure
		Elective
		Elective
Summer		Comprehensive Exam in May Work on summer paper (to be presented in January of 3rd year)

Third Year

Fall	FIN 7811	Seminar in Financial Institutions
		Elective
		Elective
Spring		Elective
		Elective
		Elective

Fourth Year

Dissertation

Fifth Year Support

Fifth year support will be discretionary. It will be used to reward students that are making excellent progress and will likely substantially improve their job placement with an extra year to submit papers, attend conferences, etc.

Electives

ECO 6206	Macroeconomic Theory I
ECO 7205	Macroeconomic Theory II
ECO 6408	Games and Economic Behavior
ECO 7086	Advanced Topics in Economic Theory (advanced optimal control, dynamic programming and an introduction to differential game theory)
ECO 7428	Time Series
ECO 6453	Experimental Economics
ACC 7157	Archival Research in Accounting
ACC 7885	Research Foundations in Accounting
STA6329	Statistical Application of Matrix Algebra

MBA Electives where appropriate

- Investments
- Advanced Corporate Finance
- Accounting
- Financial Statement Analysis
- International Finance

Timetable for Evaluating the Progress of Doctoral Students

Satisfactory progress will be judged based on the following.

- 1) Grades in courses after first semester
- 2) Grades in courses after second semester
- 3) Microeconomic Theory Preliminary Exam (Given by economics department)
- 4) Teaching performance (first summer)
- 5) Grades in courses third semester
- 6) Presentation of paper in January of Year 2
- 7) Grades in fourth semester courses
- 8) Comprehensive exam
- 9) Presentation of paper in January of Year 3
- 10) Completion of a dissertation proposal by the middle of the 4th year. The proposal will not be held until the student has one essay that is substantially completed, and has made some progress on other essays.