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DATE ENTERING
DOCTORAL PROGRAM _____

Ph.D. Study Plan

Ph.D. In Accountancy Candidate

STAGE I

AACSB Undergrad. Degree in Accountancy (Required for Ph.D. Coursework) Completed at:

(University Name) (Degree Awarded) (Date Awarded)

Master's Degree in Accountancy or Related Field Completed At:

(University Name) (Degree Awarded) (Date Awarded)

Courses for Stage I:

COURSE NAME	COURSE NO.	INSTRUCTOR	SEMESTER TAKEN	GRADE
Background Deficiencies	-	-	-	-
Calculus I	Math 135			
Calculus II	Math 245			
Linear Algebra	Math 315			
Inter. Micro Econ	Econ 300			
Other:				
Other:				
Other:				
Core Courses	-	-	-	-
Microeconomic Theory* ⁺	Econ 400			
Statistics ^a , I*				
Statistics ^a , II*				
ACCY Research Methods*	ACCY 492			
Behavioral Accounting Sem.*	ACCY 493B			
Archival Financial Sem.*	ACCY 493C			
Economic Theory Sem.*	ACCY 485			
Economics Elective**	ECON			
Student Research Project***	ACCY 493			

^aChoose one of three alternative two-course sequences in applied statistics (Stat 310 & 311, Econ 470 & 471, or Psych 306 & 307).

⁺This course must be the Econ Ph.D. version, not the Master's student version. It is offered only during Fall semester.

*Courses required prior to taking the Accountancy Core Examination (ACE).

**Econ elective must be chosen from: Econ 402, 403, 404, 410, 411, 414, 415, 467, 468, 480, 482, and 490.

***Must be completed no later than one year from ACE. A minimum grade of B on the Research Project. The grade will be awarded by the Ph.D. Program Director after consulting with the faculty advisor and the faculty attending the Forum presentation.

Faculty Mentor for Stage I: _____

STAGE II

Advanced Coursework Schedule:

COURSE NAME	COURSE NO.	INDTRUCTOR	SEMESTER TAKEN	NO. UNITS	GRADE
Specialization Courses*	-	-	-	-	-
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
Institutional/Other	-	-	-	-	-
1.					
2.					
Accountancy Research Sem.**	ACCY 494			1	
			TOTAL		

Coursework Committee Members:

 (Faculty Member from Stage I)

Third Year Research Project Schedule:

Supervising Faculty:			
MILESTONES***	DEADLINE	COMPLETION PLANNED	DATE COMPLETED
1. Topic Paragraph	July 1		
2. Two Page Proposal	August 1		
3. Completed Proposal	September 1		
4. Dept. Brown Bag	September 15		
5. First Draft	January 15		
6. Accy Forum	February 15		

*A minimum of six graduate study units with at least four units outside of accountancy.

** All or substantially all of specialization courses must be completed prior to enrolling in Accy 494.

***All milestones must be approved by the supervising faculty advisor in writing. Written products (proposals, drafts, etc.) must be turned in to the Ph.D. Program Director together with the written approval of the faculty advisor.

Schedule of Accountancy Core Exams:

	YEAR PLANNED	YEAR TAKEN (1st Time)	YEAR TAKEN (2nd Time)	RESULTS	
				1st	2 nd
Accountancy Core Exam*					
Graduate College Oral Exam					

*The Accy Core Exam should be taken immediately upon completion of all prerequisite coursework.

STAGE III

Dissertation Research Units:

COURSE NO.	NO. UNITS	SEMESTER PLANNED	SEMESTER TAKEN	GRADE
ACCY 499				
ACCY 499				
ACCY 499				
ACCY 499				

Dissertation Committee Members:

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Research Director)

Schedule for Final Oral Defense of Completed Dissertation:

Projected Date: _____ Actual Date: _____

Notes:

1. Each Ph.D. student should take the initiative to get this form completed as soon as possible after entering the accountancy doctoral program. The student should consult the Accountancy Ph.D. Program Guide in effect at the time of entry into the program and the Ph.D. Program Director when completing the form. Subsequent revision of the document should be made in consultation with the student's faculty mentor. If the faculty mentor is not available on a timely basis, consult with the Ph.D. Program Director for a substitute advisor. One copy each of the completed form should be kept by the candidate, the faculty mentor, the Ph.D. Program Director, and the Accountancy Department file.
2. The student should update this study plan prior to the enrollment period each semester. The student should review progress and any necessary revisions with the faculty mentor (both should initial on p. 4 as indicated). The student should insure that an updated copy is provided to the Ph.D. Program Director and to the Accountancy Department file.
3. The primary purpose of this study plan is to help the student and her/his faculty advisor ensure that all requirements are being met in a timely manner. A secondary purpose is that it will be used by the Ph.D. Program Committee to help assess progress towards graduation each year. A typical schedule representing satisfactory progress toward the degree might be:
 - a. First Year - Complete any deficiencies and appropriate core courses including Accy 492, Accy 493B and two Stat courses. Start taking specialization courses. Be sure to consult with your faculty mentor as to the selection of specialization courses that are appropriate for your research interest. While taking accountancy seminars, identify possible research topics for third year research paper.
 - b. Second Year - Complete remaining Stage I courses required for the Accy Core Exam including Accy 493C, Accy 485, Econ 400. Continue taking specialization courses in consultation with your faculty mentor/coursework advisory committee. Pass the Accy Core Exam.
 - c. Third Year – In the summer, make significant progress towards developing a student research paper proposal. In the fall and spring, meet milestone deadlines for the research project. Complete the remaining specialization courses and the Accy 494 requirement. Accy 494 requires development of a viable research proposal for your dissertation, and thus all or substantially all of specialization courses must have been completed prior to taking Accy 494.
 - d. Fourth Year (and Fifth Year for a Challenging Dissertation) – In the summer, develop a dissertation proposal. Present the dissertation proposal in an Accountancy forum in the fall. Complete any remaining Stage III coursework. Complete the dissertation research and pass the final defense.
 - e. In addition to the chronological progress noted above, the Ph.D. Program Committee also examines the following areas to evaluate progress of doctoral students:
 - Participation in scholarly affairs of the Department, including participation in Accountancy forum and brown bag discussions, completion/submission of research articles, research grant awards, and teaching awards.
 - Satisfactory progress towards timely completion of the Ph.D. degree.
 - Your self-evaluation of progress.
 - Quality of work if assigned as a NCTA or Research Assistant.
 - CEQ ratings and faculty evaluation if assigned as a teaching assistant.