Feng Chia University Ph.D. Program in Business Ph.D.
Degree Requirements and Policies

I. Ph.D. program time limit
A. Ph.D. program is limited to two to seven years. If the graduate student should exceed this limit, he or she is required to drop out of the program.
B. Graduate students may take temporary leave for up to two years. He or she must apply for re-admission at the end of the leave period. After passing the qualifying exams, student is required to take the Ph.D. dissertation course.

II. Course Requirements
A. Prerequisite Classes: zero credits.
Those who never took economics, mathematics, or financial management courses must complete at least 3 credits of the prerequisite courses for each course before they can take the required graduate courses.

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>Statistics, economic (or any specific economic courses), management mathematics (or calculus, linear algebra, operations research)</td>
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<td>Accounting and taxation</td>
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Those who have not taken the courses, but have the relevant academic background can apply at the beginning of the school year for equivalency examination. Those that have passed the equivalency examination may be exempt from the prerequisite courses.

B. A total of 36 credits are required for graduation. The Courses are divided into three categories: (1) program required courses, (2) major required courses and (3) elective courses. Students are required to take 3 program required courses (9 credits), 4 major required courses (12 credits), and at least five elective courses (15 credits). Elective courses should be taken from those offered by Ph.D. program in Business and Ph.D. program in Finance. Any other courses must be approved by the “Curriculum Committee”. Students are required to take Seminar I, Seminar II and Seminar III in the second semester of the 2nd year through the 1st semester of the 3rd year (1 credit per semester). “Individual Research” course should be taken in the 4th year till graduation (1 credit per semester). These credits
do not count towards the graduation credits.

C. Students may apply to study abroad upon the approval of the Director of the program or his/her advisor. Only 8 credit hours earned from overseas are eligible for counting into the total credits of the Ph.D. program.

III. Qualifications for Candidacy
Please refer to the “Qualifications for Candidacy Policy”

IV. Dissertation Advisor and “Advisory Committee”
A. The graduate student must submit the application for dissertation advisor after passing the candidacy examination. The advisor must be a full time professor at Feng Chia University and have a position of assistant professor or higher. Each dissertation advisor may advise up to 5 graduate students at one time.

B. The advisory committee consists of the dissertation advisor and two additional members recommended by the dissertation advisor. The advisory committee is responsible for reviewing the student’s dissertation proposal defense. The committee recommends intensive elective courses, advises its students on the course of study and dissertation research and reviews and approves dissertation proposals.

C. In the case of changing the dissertation advisor, the student or the current dissertation advisor must submit the application and the request must be approved by the Program Committee.

V. Dissertation Proposal and Plan Review
A. Once the graduate student passes the qualifying examination and complete all the required credits, the student should present the dissertation proposal with the consent of the dissertation advisor to the “Program Committee” for dissertation review. The dissertation review is conducted via oral defense.

B. The dissertation review is conducted once every semester and the application must be made at least one month in advance.

C. The passing grade for the dissertation review is 70 percent. Those that do not pass the dissertation review must submit a new dissertation proposal review application before the Ph.D. program limit. The review must be passed at least two months before the doctorate examination.

VI. Doctorate Candidacy Examination
A. Students are eligible to take the doctorate examination after the Program Committee confirms the student meets all qualifications in accordance with
“Feng Chia University Ph.D. Program in Business Application Requirement for Ph.D. Candidacy Examination”.

B. Members of the candidacy review committee must recommend 2 to 3 other members (those from outside of Feng Chia University cannot make up more than 1/3 of the committee) in addition to the members of the advisory committee. The dissertation advisor is not allowed to be the head of the committee. At least five members must be present in person at the time of the candidacy examination.

VIII. The regulation became effective upon the approval of both the Program Committee and the president of university. Any revisions require re-approval.