

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply to the PhD program?

Follow the instructions in the 'Application' section of this web site.

How many recommendation letters are required?

Three letters are required but you may provide more if you wish.

How often are new students admitted?

We admit new students once per year during the Fall semester.

What is the due date for application material?

January 15th of the year requesting admission (e.g., January 15, 2005 for Fall 2005 admission).

How many students are admitted each year?

We typically admit 2 or 3 new students each year.

How long does it take to complete the PhD program?

The program is a 4 to 5 year program (typically 5 year) and requires full-time residence during this period.

Does a master's degree reduce the time required for the PhD program?

No. The required course work in the PhD program rarely overlaps with courses from a professional master's degree program.

Is a master's degree required for admission to the PhD program?

No.

Is a background in accounting required for admission to the program?

A background in business, accounting, or finance is not required for admission to the program because these courses can be acquired during the student's normal course of study.

What is the average test score of recently admitted applicants?

We accept both the GMAT and GRE exams. The average score of recently admitted applicants is 690 (GMAT) or 1480 (GRE verbal plus quantitative).

Is the TOEFL or TSE required for international applicants?

Generally both the TOEFL and TSE are required of international students. These scores are not required from international students who have completed (or will complete before enrolling at UF) a degree from a university with primary instruction in English.

What is the minimum TOEFL score required for admission?

<u>Exam Format</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Computer based	230	25	22	21

Paper based 570 60 55 55

What is the minimum TSE score required for admission?

45

What is the acceptable age for GMAT/GRE/TOEFL/TSE scores?

We prefer scores that are no more than 3 years old.

What is the financial aid package?

We provide financial aid to all admitted students. The financial aid package consists of a reimbursement for tuition and fees and a half-time (20 hours per week) assistantship stipend. The assistantship appointment requires either teaching or research. The specific type of appointment during any term will depend on the School's needs and your scholarly development. The Fisher School also provides a reimbursement for full tuition (matriculation fees) and up to 32 credit hours per year of "other mandated UF student fees" for approved coursework in your doctoral program while on an assistantship.

The School's policy is to provide initial support to eligible doctoral students for four semesters. While receiving the four semesters of funding, a student must remain in residence, be in good academic standing with the University, and be performing satisfactorily. Subsequent funding for the third, fourth, and fifth years is contingent on successfully completing established milestones and the recommendation of the student's supervisory committee. The supervisory committee's annual evaluation of the student is considered in this decision. The Fisher School faculty must approve extended funding beyond a total of five years.

Is health insurance available to graduate students?

The University allows certain graduate students to participate in a low-cost health insurance program. See <http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/faqs-insurance.html> for more details on the program.

What sort of math, statistics, or economics background is useful for the PhD program?

If a student enters the program with an inadequate background in mathematics, statistics, or economics, the deficiency must be overcome as soon as possible. Minimum math skills include a full year of calculus and at least some study of matrix or linear algebra. It is preferable to complete at least the calculus courses before your first semester in the PhD program. The following UF classes (or equivalent at other universities) provide a useful background before starting the PhD program.

MAC 2311 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1

MAC 2312 Analytical Geometry & Calculus 2

MAC 2313 Analytical Geometry & Calculus 3

MAP 2302 Differential Equations

MAS 4105 Linear Algebra 1

STA 4321 Mathematical Statistics I

STA 4322 Mathematical Statistics II

ECO 3101 Intermediate Microeconomics

What is scholarly accounting research?

You can learn more about scholarly accounting research by reviewing recent issues of these journals at your local library:

The Accounting Review

Journal of Accounting Research

Journal of Accounting & Economics

Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory

The Journal of the American Taxation Association

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