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Additional Policies of the Ph. D. program  
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- Students will take the written portion of their qualifying exams one month after the end of the spring semester of their second academic year. The exam will be developed and graded by the student's advisory committee with assistance from professors who have participated in teaching their accounting doctoral seminars. The outside member of the advisory committee may elect not to participate.
- The oral portion of the exam will be given within one month of completion of the written portion. This will be given and graded by the student's advisory committee.
- If the student fails the qualifying examination, he/she may retake it, but not earlier than six months from completion of the first examination. The advisory committee will determine the exact date. Failure of the second attempt will result in dismissal from the program.
- Students are required to present their preliminary dissertation ideas informally to a School of Accountancy brown-bag and to their dissertation committee in a pre-proposal.
- The defense of the dissertation proposal will come after the student presents his/her proposal before a School of Accountancy research workshop. If, in the judgment of the Ph.D. committee, the workshop is not satisfactory the director of the doctoral program will request the student's dissertation chair to have the student give another workshop.
- A memo prepared by the student's dissertation chair and signed by a majority of the student's dissertation committee members indicating that the proposal is acceptable will document successful defense of the proposal. The memo and a copy of the proposal will be filed with the Director of Graduate Studies of the Gatton College of Business and Economics and in the candidate's file in the custody of the Director of the School of Accountancy Ph.D. Program.