

The Krannert School of Management's doctoral program in accounting provides rigorous, cutting-edge training in research and teaching, so our students can prepare themselves for a successful academic career. Students usually specialize in empirical (archival) or analytical (theoretical/mathematical modeling) research. Applicants should have strong analytical skills. A graduate degree, professional work experience and certification are desired. Successful applicants are expected to arrive with a working knowledge of calculus.

### **Annual Performance Review**

Each student's performance will be evaluated annually by the accounting faculty. Students who are not making satisfactory progress may be asked to withdraw from the program. Students will be evaluated on all dimensions of the accounting PhD program requirements, including performance as research and teaching assistants.

### **Written Examinations**

All students must take and successfully pass two written examinations in accounting:

1. Qualifying exam (January of second year, after taking two accounting seminars)
2. Preliminary exam (January of third year, after taking the remaining two accounting seminars)

The preliminary exam cannot be taken unless the student has met the GPA requirement and completed:

- All research method courses
- All accounting seminar courses
- All minor area courses
- First- and second-year summer research paper requirements
- PhD plan of study

If a student fails an exam, qualifying or preliminary, it must be taken again the following May. If the exam is not passed the second time, the student should expect to be dropped from the program.

### **Summer Research Paper**

All students are required to write two summer research papers, one during the summer following their first year of coursework and the second during the summer following their second year of coursework.

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## Plan of Study

Students are required to have a formal plan of study approved by the director of the Krannert School doctoral programs in management prior to taking the preliminary examination.

The study plan, which will be filed with the Office of the Graduate School of Purdue University, should be approved by the accounting area doctoral academic advisor before it is forwarded to the director of the management doctoral program.



**Ali Alyakoob**  
*Accounting PhD Student*

Krannert has given me the opportunity to work with distinguished faculty who have enhanced my research capabilities while giving me the freedom to pursue research topics in which I am interested. The faculty is always supportive, and I have always been able to find assistance in whatever research I am doing.



**Susan Watts**  
*Emanuel T. Weiler  
Professor in Management*

The goal of the accounting PhD program is to give students the freedom to develop research agendas that play to their strengths and prepare them for successful academic careers. In my own case, the advice and encouragement I received from my faculty mentors led me to develop skills that took my research in directions that have been productive and very rewarding. I wish that for each one of our students and do my best to help them identify areas of research that use their expertise and spark their interest.

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