Georgia State University
Robinson College of Business
Finance Ph.D.

Typical Program Sequence

Prior to the First Fall
- Linear Algebra (if needed)   MATH 6435
- Math Stats II (of needed)   MATH 6752
- Other math courses as needed

First Fall
- Microeconomic Analysis I   ECON 9010
- Econometrics I: Stat Foundation  ECON 9710
- Math for Economists   ECON 8030
- Theory of Risk Sharing   MRM 8600
- Mentored research with faculty

First Spring
- Econometrics II   ECON 9720
- Microeconomic Analysis II   ECON 9030
- Finance Seminar   FI 9100 or FI 9400
- Mentored research with faculty

First Summer
- Self-study for first-year exam
- Mentored research with faculty
- Optional elective as approved by Ph.D. Coordinator

First-year exam prior to start of fall semester

Second Fall
- Advanced Econometrics   ECON 9730
- Finance Seminar   FI 9200 or FI 9300 and FI 9500
- Optional elective as approved by Ph.D. Coordinator
- Mentored research with faculty

Second Spring
- Finance Seminar   FI 9100 or FI 9400
- Game Theory and Mechanism Design   RMI 9050
- Or
- Optional elective as approved by Ph.D. Coordinator
- Mentored research with faculty

Second Summer
- Work on second-year paper
- Mentored research with faculty
Second-year research paper due prior to start of fall semester

**Third Fall**
Finance Seminar
FI 9200 or FI 9300 and FI 9500
Optional elective as approved by Ph.D. Coordinator
Mentored research with faculty

*** Coursework should be completed ***

**Third Spring**
Comprehensive exams in late January

**Fourth Fall**
Students begin to teach

**Notes**
1. Students must receive credit 14 courses as approved by the Ph.D. coordinator. The Ph.D. coordinator may allow a student to transfer up to five courses from another accredited graduate program. With approval from the coordinator, students may enroll in courses at Emory or Georgia Tech under cross registration. These courses count as if they were taken at Georgia State.
2. Finance seminars are offered on a rotating basis.
   a. FI 9100 – Theory of Asset Valuation
   b. FI 9200 – Seminar in the Theory of Investments
   c. FI 9300 – Seminar in Corporate Finance
   d. FI 9400 – Theory of Financial Management of Financial Institutions
   e. FI 9500 – Advanced Topics in Contemporary Finance Research
      i. When paired, FI 9300 and FI 9500 provide comprehensive coverage of corporate finance
      ii. Students may take FI 9500 more than once if it is a different topic
      iii. Topics vary. Recent topics include (i) Corporate Finance (ii) Research Methods in Finance and (ii) Contemporary Research in Finance
3. Students work as a research assistant for the first three years.
4. Most students will enter the job market in the fourth fall.
5. Most students will complete the degree within five years.
6. The faculty may impose additional requirements as deemed necessary.
7. Students must maintain suitable progress toward their degrees. To determine suitable progress, the faculty will evaluate classroom performance, productivity as a research assistant, the ability to think independently, contributions to research seminars and the department’s research environment, the development of research skills, performance on the first-year exam, the second-year paper, performance on the comprehensive exam, and dissertation progress. Students in good academic standing may be dismissed from the program for failure to maintain suitable progress toward their degrees.