

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE

Hospitality Administration, PhD Degree Plan

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Research Interest: _____ First Semester: _____

Citizenship: _____ Residency: _____ Anticipated Graduation: _____

Major Advisor: _____

First Year – Fall Semester	Sec #	Credits	Sem.	Grade	Remarks
HRMA 8188: Colloquium		1			
HRMA 8303: Multivariate Analysis in Hosp. Mgmt.		3			
HRMA 8310: Teaching Methods in Hosp. Mgmt.		3			
		3			Focus Course – Research/Analytics
First Year – Spring Semester					
HRMA 8188: Colloquium		1			
HRMA 8304: Qualitative Design in Hosp. Mgmt.		3			
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		3			Focus Course - Data Analytics
FIRST YEAR TOTAL		20			
Candidacy Exam: _____					
Second Year – Fall Semester	Sec #	Credits	Sem.	Grade	Remarks
		3			Focus Course – Research/Analytics
		3			Elective Course
		3			Elective Course
Second Year – Spring Semester					
HRMA 8188: Colloquium		1			
		3			
		3			Elective Course
		3			Elective Course
SECOND YEAR TOTAL		19			
Comprehensive Exam: _____			Oral Comp: _____		
Third Year – Fall Semester	Sec #	Credits	Sem.	Grade	Remarks
HRMA 8398: Doctoral Dissertation and Res. Proposal		3			
HRMA 8X99: Doctoral Dissertation Research		6			
Dissertation Proposal: _____					
Third Year – Spring Semester					
HRMA 8X99: Doctoral Dissertation Research		9			
Dissertation Defense: _____					
THIRD YEAR TOTAL		18			

PhD Milestones:

- **Candidacy Exam:** The main objective of the candidacy exam is to assess Ph.D. students' progress and confirm students' capability to proceed to the advanced curriculum.
- **Committee Composition and Approval:** The student selects a dissertation advisor and committee to guide them through the dissertation research and preparation. The naming of a dissertation advisory committee is a requirement for Ph.D. Candidacy.
- **Comprehensive Exam:** The purpose of the comprehensive exam is to evaluate Ph.D. students' progress in the academic development process, assess the need for additional coursework, and ensure the readiness to conduct a doctoral dissertation.
 - **Oral Comprehensive Exam:** Upon receiving the results of the written comprehensive exam, the oral comprehensive exam is scheduled within the next two weeks.
- **Dissertation Proposal Approval:** The Ph.D. candidate is required to develop and propose an original research plan to the supervisory committee.
- **Dissertation Defense:** The student presents and defends the dissertation in a public lecture to be followed by committee only.