



Thinking about Your Next Career Step? Interested in Preparing the Next Generation of Accountants?

Enjoy Intellectual Challenges?

Come and Join Us in Blacksburg!



Ph.D. in Business Major in Accounting and Information Systems

Curriculum

The four-year program comprises 90 semester hours, including 45 hours of course work and 45 hours of dissertation research. Course work is tailored to meet the demands of the student's area of research interest.

The first two years are devoted to core courses in accounting research, research and statistical methods, and courses in areas supporting the student's research interest (e.g., economics, psychology, or finance). The remainder of the time is devoted to research and dissertation work.

Funding

Graduate financial support are awarded to all doctoral students. The graduate financial support includes more than \$40,000 in monetary support along with a full tuition waiver (currently \$13,807) and comprehensive fee scholarship (currently \$15,244). The ~\$40,000 in monetary compensation is comprised of stipends averaging \$24,480 per year, additional scholarships up to \$10,000 (dependent upon student performance and department operations), and \$6,000 of summer research grants (guaranteed for 1st and 2nd year students, competitively awarded for 3rd and 4th year students).

Students on assistantships have half-time appointments in research or teaching, and must enroll for a minimum of nine hours of course work each semester.

Assistantship

Each student holds a graduate assistantship for 20 hours per week with one semester devoted to research activities and one semester teaching two sections of an accounting course. *Teaching assignments may vary and are dependent on department needs.*

Faculty Research and Collaboration

The Accounting and Information Systems Department includes research active faculty specializing in areas ranging from auditing, information security, capital markets, and taxation. Refer to faculty research interests on individual faculty websites at the following location: <https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu/dir.html>.

Students frequently collaborate with faculty and with each other to produce high-quality coauthored papers.

Admissions

Interested students can apply online at the Virginia Tech Graduate School website (<http://www.graduateschool.vt.edu/>).

The ACIS PhD program only accepts applications for Fall semester entry. Applicants are **highly encouraged** to apply early (e.g. by December 1), and well before the deadlines. The deadlines are April 15 for Domestic applicants and April 1 for International applicants. The only additional ACIS Department application requirements beyond those required by the Virginia Tech Graduate School on-line application are the applicant must: 1) send their required GMAT score to the ACIS Department, 2) send a copy of their transcripts directly to the ACIS Department, and 3) if the student does not have a degree from an accredited United States university, the applicant must send their TOEFL score.

For Further Information:

PhD Program Overview

<https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu/academic-programs/doctorate-degree.html>

https://acis.pamplin.vt.edu/content/dam/acis_pamplin_vt_edu/forms/phddoc.pdf

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Alumni Perspective

I cherish my time at Virginia Tech because I was able to develop amazing mentor-mentee relationships and lifelong friendships that continue to foster my growth as an academic and as a person. These relationships, combined with a top-notch education in accounting and information systems, allowed me to secure placement at a premiere academic institution and have led to much success in both research and in the classroom.

**–Eric Negangard, 2014, Assistant Professor,
University of Virginia**

