

# **The Ph.D. Program for International Students**

——*School of Public Finance, Taxation and Public Administration*

*in Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (2017-2020)*

## **1. Train Objective**

The Doctor of Philosophy degree program with a major in **public finance** is designed for students who plan to pursue careers in university teaching and research or in industrial and government research and management. A doctoral student pursuing the degree program in **public finance** may choose to emphasize one of the three research field, i.e. *Theoretic and Empirical Analysis in Public Finance*, *Theoretic and Empirical Analysis in Taxation* and *Public Policy Analysis*.

After completing the program, students must meet the requirements specified below:

- Know how to find and read the research papers and books in public finance; fully understand the updated developments and frontier knowledge related to the current researches; become familiar with the basic theoretical/empirical tools and models of public finance;
- Well know how to write academic papers in English; be able to complete English academic papers and carry out some academic research independently;
- Be able to teach one or two fundamental core or elective courses in public finance for undergraduate and master students.

## **2. Research Direction**

### **Public Finance:**

- Theoretic and Empirical Analysis in Public Finance (Economics Degree)
- Theoretic and Empirical Analysis in Taxation (Economics Degree)
- Public Policy Analysis (Economics degree)

## **3. Academic Structure**

- The duration of the Ph.D. program is three years. It can be extended to at most 6 years if necessary.
- The training period of the student supported by CSC should be in accordance with

the period required by CSC. If the student is unable to finish the program in the due period, he/she needs to apply for an additional study period with scholarship from CSC or be transformed to the student at his own expenses.

#### 4. Course Work

The Ph.D. program adopts a credit system. The student is required to complete 33 credits, including 25 course credits and 8 research credits. There are 4 types of courses: general course, fundamental core course, advanced core course, elective courses. Among them, General Courses are “Introduction to China” and “Chinese Economy& Policy”. Students must take all fundamental core course and advanced core course, and the elective courses of at least 4 credits.

Class Schedule for Ph.D. Student						
Course Type	Course Name	Hours	Credits	Semester	Teacher	Remark
General Course (通识课)	Introduction to China (中国国情介绍)	32	2	1st	Xifeng Zhang、Xiaojun Zhang	
	Chinese Economy& Policy (中国经济与政策体系)	32	2	2nd	Xiaoping Wang、 Yuancheng Hu、jinfa Jiang、Yang Wang、 Fucai Lu	
Fundamental Core Course(基础核心课)	Advanced Microeconomics	48	3	1st	Xiaoping Wang	
	Advanced Macroeconomics	48	3	1st	Hongru Zhang	
	Advanced Econometrics	48	3	1st	Wei Huang, Yuelong Wang	
Advanced Core Course(高级核心课)	Advanced Public Economics	48	3	2nd	Xiaoping Kuang, Lijuan Wang	Select one
	Advanced Taxation Economics	48	3	2nd	Jinfa Jiang, Ying Wan, Hong Wu, Weiqun Xi	
	Introduction to Classic Literatures	32	2	2nd	Zhongfang Zhang, Jianhua Xiao, Deqian Yang	
Elective Course (专业选修课)	Introduction to China's Social Insurance System	32	2	3rd	Zhongfang Zhong, Yi'na Wan	
	Public Administration	32	2	3rd	Chungen Li, Jing Ou'yang	
	Econometric Methods and Application	32	2	3rd	Cheng Shu, Jianbin Xu, Jinjin Wu	
	Regional Development and Local Fiscal Policy	32	2	3rd	Lijuan Wang, Shoukun Wang	

	Dissertation Proposal and Presentation			3rd (June)		
	Dissertation Writing					
	Dissertation Oral Defense			Until the Sixth Semester		

## 5. Examinations

In order to remain in the doctoral program, students are required to pass ( $\geq 60$  of 100) all exams of the fundamental core course, the advanced core course, and the elective courses designed by the teachers in each semester. To continue in the Ph.D. program, a student must pass the exams in at most two attempts for each and within 3 years of being admitted to the Ph.D. program.

## 6. The Guidance Committee

Every student will have a thesis advisor as well as a second advisor as soon as he/she enters the Ph.D. program. The thesis advisor takes the responsibility of guiding the student to find the research direction, and writing the dissertation. The second advisor does some necessary favors during this process. Advisors, committee members and teachers related to the Ph.D. program should follow the principles below.

- Advisors must know how to combine class teaching with social practice, and can trade off the relationship between systematic learning and special study.
- The Guidance Committee will be formed when the student passes both prelims and selects a thesis advisor. Students are under the guidance of both the thesis advisor and committee. The committee member should have good research ability, and is a Ph.D./Associated Professor/Professor such that either: (a) has already had experience of teaching at least one course of more than 16 teaching hours for international Ph.D. students in English, or (b) graduates from the university of an English-speaking country.
- Teachers can teach students in accordance with their aptitude, and should emphasis on the development of the ability of self-study, expression, research collaboration and innovation.

## 7. Attendance at Colloquia and Academic Research

The School has colloquia in every semester. Speakers are either members of the School, public finance economists or those conducting research in other disciplines related to public finance. The School strongly recommends attendance of doctoral students, and occasionally, of masters students. In addition, the advisors may apply for some scientific foundations and do some researches. The School encourages students to enroll in these academic activities under the guidance of advisors.

Before defending the dissertation for applying for Ph.D. degree, students should:

- Have published at least one paper in a Social Science Cited Indexed journal independently or with the advisor as co-author. The student should be the lead author or at least the second author when the advisor is the lead author.
- The first address of the article(s) should be “School of Public Finance, Taxation and Public Administration, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics”.

## **8. Thesis**

A doctoral candidate must demonstrate the ability to carry out significantly original research in Public Finance. This is accomplished through the writing of a dissertation under the direction of a thesis advisor. It is the responsibility of the student to find a thesis advisor.

- A doctoral candidate must present his/her research proposal of the dissertation before the end of the *third* semester after passing the examination of all courses.
- The candidate should read no less than 100 copies of literature related to his/her research direction and the topic of dissertation.
- The research proposal and dissertation must be written in English, but the title and abstract should be translated into Chinese.
- During the spring semester of the last but one year of a student's doctoral study, the student should present a thesis plan to the Guidance Committee. The candidate must make a public presentation as to the results of his/her thesis research around one hour. After that presentation, the Guidance Committee meets further in a closed session to determine whether the student's thesis should be approved. The thesis must be submitted in an electronic form acceptable to the Graduate School. Three hard copies of the thesis must be submitted to the School. The thesis is stored in electronic form by the university.