

Doctor of Philosophy - Hospitality Administration

Plan Ph. D. Program Plan Description

The Ph.D. program is a multi-conceptual and research-based degree program designed to produce top quality hospitality and tourism educators and researchers. It focuses on preparing students to be excellent teachers at the university level, and engages them in scholarly research in hospitality and tourism management. Upon graduation, students will be able to teach and conduct research at the university level, and work at industry research institutions. The Ph.D. program is highly competitive, seeking motivated individuals who are committed to pursuing academic and research careers in hospitality and tourism. The program is partly supported by the Ace Denken Co. Ltd. Endowment. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Plan Admission Requirements

Application ~~deadlines~~ **Applications Deadline Deadlines** (<https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/application-deadlines>) ~~(The doctoral program is only a fall entry entrance only program) program~~ **Admission Requirements:**

~~Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.~~ **Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.** ~~To be eligible for this program, applicants must~~ **Applicants need to meet the following requirements below to be considered for the program.**

- 1. Master's degree from an accredited institution with at least 24 credits in hotel administration, food service administration, tourism-convention administration, or a closely aligned field. It is preferred that applicants have completed a thesis-based master's program.**
- 2. An overall GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for all work completed at the post-baccalaureate level.**
- 3. A minimum of one year of full-time work experience in a management/supervisory capacity in the hospitality industry, or three years of full-time, front-line experience is preferred. To apply, applicants must submit the following materials materials materials materials materials following materials following materials materials by the application deadline to be considered for admission into the program.**
 - 1. Complete and submit the online UNLV Graduate College home page admissions application and payment of pay the required admission application fee.**
 - 2. Submission of Submit all post-secondary transcripts sent directly from all educational institution(s) institutions attended after high school are required by both the Graduate College and the William F. Harrah College Hospitality Graduate Studies Office. Unofficial these transcripts may must be uploaded to into the online application system. Please note Note: it is a requirement of the UNLV Graduate College that students with class credits and/or degrees from educational institutions outside the United States must provide a course-by-course evaluation of those credentials by a Graduate College approved NACES Evaluation Agency. This is to obtain an evaluation of the courses, verification of degrees, and establish accreditation of the schools and/or universities and/or universities. A copy of this evaluation should must be sent to both uploaded into the UNLV Graduate College and on line online application system by the William F application deadline. Harrah College of Hospitality Graduate Studies Office**
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 - 4. An overall GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for all work**

completed at the post-baccalaureate level. Three or more years. A minimum of one year of management/supervisory full-time work experience in a management/supervisory capacity in the hospitality industry, or three years of full-time, front-line experience is preferred. GRE or GMAT test. The Harrah College of Hospitality requires all international applicants to must submit the results sent directly of the TOEFL or IELTS IELTS as evidence of English proficiency proficiency proficiency. Scores Test scores must be less than two years old from the testing center first day of class at the proposed term time of entry application in order to be valid. For more information, visit UNLV English Proficiency Proficiency (link to the William F. unlv unlv. Harrah College of Hospitality Graduate Studies Office edu/graduatecollege/English-proficiency) edu/graduatecollege/English-proficiency) edu/graduatecollege/English-proficiency). Students who are completing a master's degree at an institution in the United States must make submit a copy of their TOEFL or IELTS scores at the time they applied to that institution.

4. Submit either GRE or GMAT scores. A satisfactory composite score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), UNLV (UNLV institution code, 4861, William F. Harrah College of Hospitality Code 7549 College code 7549) 4861), with a minimum preferred score of 155 on the quantitative portion and 148 on the verbal portion, or of the exam. Or, the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), UNLV (UNLV institution code 71T, William F. Harrah College of Hospitality College code 71T-TD-73 71T-TD-68), with a minimum preferred score of 550 with at least 25% on the verbal portion. A statement of 500 words outlining what All scores must be sent directly from the applicant expects testing center to accomplish during the Ph William F. D Harrah Harrah Harrah College Harrah College of Hospitality Office Office Office of Graduate Programs (mygradfuture@unlv-program and edu). Applicants are required to submit exams scores that have been completed within the last 5 years 5 years by the applicant's particular the the application deadline.

5. A Submit a two-page Statement State ment Statement Stat ement Statement of Purpose that addresses addres ses addresses addresse s addres ses the following: why you want want to earn a PhD, your research interests, and what faculty you are interested in working with and why.

6. Current Submit a resume (must have three or more years of management/supervisory CV that outlines research experience, conferences, published papers, internships, full-time employment in the field of hospitality industry), and leadership experiences.

7. Three Submit three Letters of Recommendation are required. It is preferred that these letters come from two college faculty members and one current or former employer. However, recommendations from one faculty member and two employers will suffice.

8. Applicants must complete the KIRA Virtual Interview. After submitting the UNLV Graduate College admissions application, applicants will receive an email invitation from KIRA Talent to complete a virtual virtual virtual virtual virtual virtual interview. This invitation invitati on invitation will be sent to the applicant's email address that was provided in his or her admission application. KIRA interview submissions MUST be be completed be complet ed completed no later than January 15 1 5 15 5 days after application deadline. In addition, applicants 9. Applicants Applicant s Applicants may be be be be be required requ ired required to participate in i n parti cipate par ticipate p articipate participate in an online recorded video v ideo video, Skype, or other personal interview at no cost to the applicant. A master's level thesis or the equivalent 12 13 10. All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Application Requirements Application Requirements. Application Deadline: Refer to the Graduate College website for specific specific deadlines January 15. This program does not admit for the spring semester. All documentation and application materials Applicants must be in submitted through the Graduate College and the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality Graduate Studies Office online submit all application system materials by the admission application deadline for through the online application system to be considered by the admission committee. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

~~Degree Requirements~~

~~Total Credits Required: 60~~

~~Course Requirements~~

~~Required Course — Credits: 3~~

HOA 794 Issues and Trends for Hospitality Educators	1
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~~Additional Required Courses — Credits: 18~~

HOA 735 Research Methodology	3
HOA 795 Research Seminar in Hospitality Education	3
HOA 796 Advanced Research Methodology	3
HOA 797 Philosophy of Science in Hospitality Research	3
HOA 798R Readings in Hospitality Management	3
EPY 718 Qualitative Research Methodologies	3

~~Required Statistical Analysis Courses — Credits: 6~~

~~Complete two of the following courses:~~

STA 713 Experimental Design	3
STA 715 Multivariate Statistical Methods	3
EPY 722 Inferential Statistics and Experimental Design	3
EPY 732 Multiple Regression	3
EPY 733 Multivariate Statistics	3
EPY 734 Structural Equation Modeling	3
EAB 763 Linear Statistical Models	3
EAB 783 Multivariate Methods for the Health Sciences	3
PSC 702 Advanced Quantitative Methods I	3

~~Major and Minor Area of Study — Credits: 15~~

~~Complete five courses authorized by your Chair and Academic Advisor.~~

~~Major Area of Study: Three 3-credit courses~~

~~Minor Area of Study: Two 3-credit courses~~

~~Electives — Credits: 6~~

~~Courses used to fulfill prerequisite requirements can count toward these elective credits if the courses are at the 700-level or higher.~~

~~Dissertation — Credits: 12~~

~~**HOA 799R Dissertation**~~

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~~Degree Requirements~~

- ~~1. Must have at least 24 credits in the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality (excluding dissertation credits) and 12 credits outside of the College of Hospitality. All credits must be from 700-level courses.~~
- ~~2. Successful completion of all courses approved on the student's graduate program of study with a 3.00 GPA or better. Any credits completed with less than a 2.00 GPA may result in the student's termination from the program.~~
- ~~3. After the first year of course work, students will complete the Q-Exam. Students will be given two attempts to pass this exam. Failure to pass the exam may result in dismissal from the program.~~
- ~~4. The student must file an approved degree plan before the start of the third semester after admission to the program. The degree plan must be developed in consultation with the student's Doctoral Advising Committee Chair, the Doctoral Advising Committee, the Faculty Ph.D. Program Coordinator, and the Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs.~~
- ~~5. In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a thesis committee of at least three departmental members and a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.~~
- ~~6. Simultaneous to the last semester of content-related coursework (non-dissertation credits), students must pass a major and minor area comprehensive exam. This exam must be taken within five years of the admission date.~~
- ~~7. The student must successfully write and orally defend his/her dissertation proposal and the completed dissertation. The dissertation must be of substantial quality and length, original in thought and research, and make a significant contribution to the body of knowledge in the field of hospitality administration. Upon approval of the Doctoral Advising Committee, the student will orally defend both the dissertation proposal and the completed dissertation.~~

~~8. If necessary, students may spend the equivalent of two semesters completing an approved internship.~~

~~New Core Program PhD Ph. D. Plan Coursework and Dissertation Requirements~~

Total Credits Required: 60

~~New Core Required Course – Credits: 3~~ **Core Coursework (12 credit hours)-Credits: 12**

HOA 794 is repeated for three different semesters for a total of 3 credit hours.

HOA 794 Issues and Trends for Hospitality Educators	1
HOA 798R Readings in Hospitality Management	3
HOA 797 Philosophy of Science in Hospitality Research	3
HOA 795 Research Seminar in Hospitality Education	3

~~New Core Additional Required Courses – Credits: 18~~ **Quantitative Methodology and Qualitative Methodology Courses (9 credit hours)-Credits: 9**

HOA 735 Research Methodology	3
HOA 796 Advanced Research Methodology	3
EPY 718 Qualitative Research Methodologies	3

~~New Core Required Statistical Analysis Courses – Credits: 6~~ **(6 credit hours)-Credits: 6**

Complete two of the following courses:

STA 713 Experimental Design	3
STA 715 Multivariate Statistical Methods	3
EPY 722 Inferential Statistics and Experimental Design	3
EPY 732 Multiple Regression	3
EPY 733 Multivariate Statistics	3
EPY 734 Structural Equation Modeling	3
EAB 763 Linear Statistical Models	3
EAB 783 Multivariate Methods for the Health Sciences	3
PSC 702 Advanced Quantitative Methods I	3

New Core Major Main Primary and Minor Secondary Area of Study Coursework (15 credit hours)-Credits: 15

Select coursework in consultation with your Chair and the Faculty Ph. D. Program Coordinator. 1. Major Area of Study: Three 3-credit courses 2. Minor Area of Study: Two 3-credit courses

New Core Elective Courses (6 credit hours)-Credits: 6

Complete 6 credit hours of advisor-approved 700-level elective coursework. Courses used to fulfill prerequisite requirements can count toward these elective credits if the courses are at the 700-level or higher.

New Core Dissertation (12 credit hours)-Credits: 12

HOA 799R Dissertation

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New Core Degree Requirements

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Plan Graduation Requirements

1. The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements. **2.** The student must submit and successfully defend his/her dissertation by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public. **3.** After the dissertation defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their dissertation to the Graduate College for format check. Once the dissertation format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for dissertation defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found here.