



Conrad N. Hilton College of
Global Hospitality Leadership

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Hospitality Administration, PhD Degree Plan

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
 Research Interest: _____ First Semester: _____ Anticipated Graduation: _____
 Citizenship: _____ Residency: _____ Major Advisor(s): _____

First Year – Fall Semester	Sec #	Credits	Sem.	Grade	Remarks
GHL 8188: Colloquium		1			
GHL 8303: Multivariate Analysis in Hosp. Mgmt.		3			
GHL 8310: Teaching Methods in Hosp. Mgmt.		3			
<i>Focus Course – Research Topic or Data Analytics</i>		3			
First Year – Spring Semester					
GHL 8188: Colloquium		1			
GHL 8304: Qualitative Design in Hosp. Mgmt.		3			
GHL 8305: Grant Writing or GHL 8320 Guided Research		3			
<i>Focus Course - Data Analytics</i>		3			
FIRST YEAR TOTAL		20			
Candidacy Exam: _____					
Second Year – Fall Semester	Sec #	Credits	Sem.	Grade	Remarks
<i>Focus Course – Research Topic or Data Analytics</i>		3			
<i>Elective Course</i>		3			
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Second Year – Spring Semester					
GHL 8188: Colloquium		1			
GHL 8305: Grant Writing or GHL 8320 Guided Reading		3			
<i>Elective Course</i>		3			
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SECOND YEAR TOTAL		19			
Comprehensive Exam: _____			Oral Comp: _____		
Third Year – Fall Semester	Sec #	Credits	Sem.	Grade	Remarks
GHL 8398: Doctoral Dissertation and Res. Proposal		3			
GHL 8699: Doctoral Dissertation Research		6			
Dissertation Proposal: _____					
Third Year – Spring Semester					
GHL 8999: Doctoral Dissertation Research		9			
Dissertation Defense: _____					
THIRD YEAR TOTAL		18			

PhD Milestones:

- ❖ **Candidacy Exam:** The main objective of the candidacy exam is to assess a PhD student's progress and confirm a student's 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 PhD Candidacy.
- ❖ **Comprehensive Exam:** The purpose of the comprehensive exam is to evaluate a PhD student's 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 PhD 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.