Doctor of Philosophy - Finance
Outcomes Assessment and Program Improvement

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The PhD Program curriculum goals and learning outcomes are:

- **Acquire Advanced Disciplinary Competence**
  Year 1: Students will understand existing knowledge and theory and their role in research.
  Year 2: Students will be able to apply existing knowledge and theory to new research.
  Year 3: Students will create new knowledge and theory for research and application.

- **Establish a beginning research program or agenda**
  Students will write a dissertation proposal explaining the research question, relevant literature and theory, and data collection methods.

- **Contribute to the body of knowledge in the area**
  Students will demonstrate their ability to function as an independent researcher by writing a dissertation based on original research in his/her chosen field.

- **Prepare for teaching responsibilities**
  Students will be rated as competent by faculty observation and student evaluation.