Sam Walton College of Business Accounting PhD Competencies

(2022-2027 AACSB Accreditation Cycle)

Students in the Sam Walton College of Business Accounting PhD will demonstrate the following competencies.

Competency	Measurement
Communication: (Written and Oral) Graduates	Written: Passing written comprehensive
of the PhD Accounting program at the Sam M.	
Walton College of Business will be able to	Oral: Passing Oral comprehensive exam,
communicate scholarly research.	second-year paper defense, or oral
Students will demonstrate proficiency in	dissertation defense
academic writing and oral conventions.	
Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving: Graduates	Dissertation Defense Pass rate.
of the PhD Accounting program at the Sam M.	
Walton College of Business will contribute	
knowledge through original research.	
Students will demonstrate the ability to	
develop and conduct original research.	
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Technical Competence (Discipline Knowledge):	Comprehensive Exam Pass rate.
Graduates of the PhD Accounting program at the Sam M. Walton College of Business will	
contribute knowledge through original research.	
Learning Objective 1: Students	
will demonstrate the ability to	
articulate a discipline's main	
theories and foundational	
literature.	
 Learning Objective 2: Students 	
will demonstrate deep	
knowledge of a discipline's	
research methods.	
Teaching: Graduates of the PhD Accounting	Teaching evaluations questions on:
program at the Sam M. Walton College of	Instructor Knowledge
Business will employ quality teaching principles	2. Overall Rating
and practices.	
 Students will demonstrate effective 	
teaching practices.	