PhD Program

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The PhD program in business at the University of Oregon develops scholars who will take their places at leading colleges and universities throughout the world. Students must demonstrate the ability to create knowledge through original research in their areas of specialization.

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Faculty expertise focuses on federal income taxation, disclosure of financial information, and use of accounting information in corporate governance.

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**Youchang Wu, Program Coordinator**

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**Chris Liu, Program Coordinator**

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**Hong Yuan, Program Coordinator**

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541-346-3196

Interdisciplinary training is provided in consumer behavior (topics include judgment and decision-making, affect and emotion, values and lifestyles, social identification, and consumer response to deceptive marketing practices) or marketing strategy (topics include advertising, public policy, satisfaction and service recovery, sports marketing and corporate sponsorship, and marketer-consumer coproduction).

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**Michael Pangburn, Program Coordinator**

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