

## Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) (Part-time)

Conduct practice-based research within an organisation as a professional manager

### OVERVIEW

A Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) is a qualification that allows you, as a professional, to conduct practice-based organisational research. The programme is explicitly intended to facilitate you in applying theory and professional practice perspectives.

A DBA award is a doctorate designed to encourage action-learning through reflective practice. The course of study is intended to be an experience that will challenge you personally and to encourage you to critically explore existing practice in your research organisation.

Reflective learning will be beneficial as a means to develop your own understanding of theory (and its limitations), to equip you with a repertoire of tools and techniques to carry out organisational change. Upon completion you should be a committed lifelong learner.

The doctoral qualification is a journey that assists you to develop competence and confidence in academic principles (theory) and in appreciating what practice consists of and how it may be improved.

Completion is typically achieved within three-four years.

### OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE

**Those undertaking and completing the DBA will be able to achieve the following:**

- Focus on organisational challenges in a new way, based on a doctoral level understanding
- Develop an action research and learning approach to solving problems
- Achieve critical engagement through consultancy and research processes
- Extend your knowledge of ideas and skills to create organisational change
- Enhance your professional practice by developing practice-based learning.

### HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?

The DBA includes both a series of taught elements through lectures, seminars, workshops, and discussion work, as well as work-based research.

By completing the taught elements, reflecting on practice and writing up your research thesis you will be able to demonstrate competence as both a professional and an academic researcher.

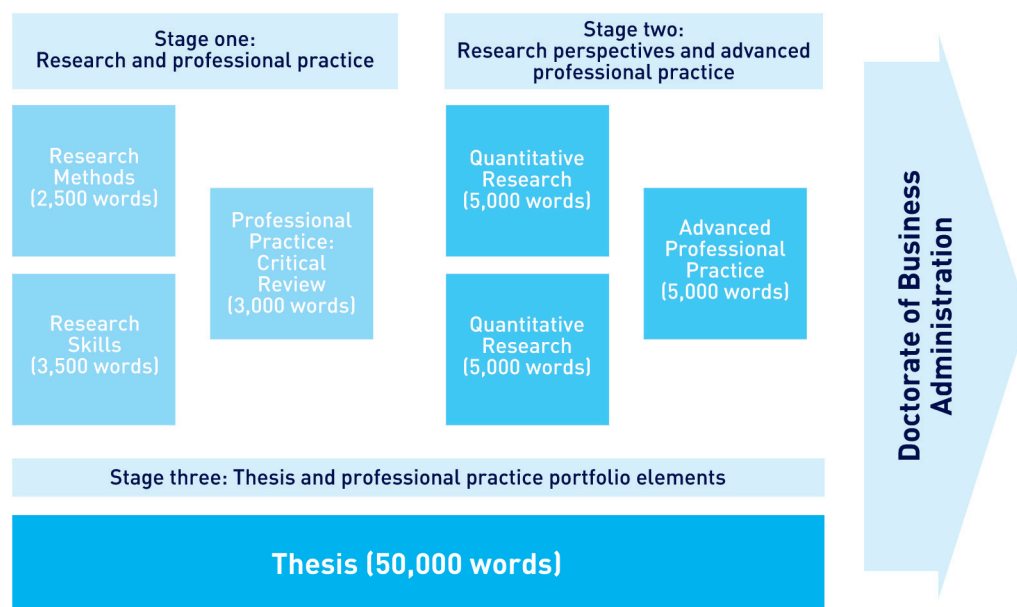
The course is made up of six taught elements and a thesis. These elements will enable you to develop expertise and confidence in developing a research proposal.



## HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT? (CONTINUED)

The taught elements are essential as 'building blocks' to developing the research elements and skills that will enable you to complete the 50,000 word thesis that is examined by viva (oral examination). This gives you the doctoral qualification.

## COURSE STRUCTURE



Note: Further details on the modules are available on the DBA course page on the Birmingham City Business School website: [www.bcu.ac.uk/dba](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/dba)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A completed MA, MSc or MBA degree in a particular area of business-related professional practice.
- At least five years related professional practice experience, as well as being employed in the professional capacity that you propose to study.
- You must have the formal agreement and active co-operation of the organisation where the DBA studies are to take place.

Please note, the course is only offered as a part-time programme.

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A whole section of the University website is dedicated to the needs of international students. Should you want to find out more or complete the international enquiry form, please visit [www.bcu.ac.uk/international](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/international)

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