

“DBA”

Doctorate of Business Administration

Duration:

Full time: 3 Years
Part time: 5-7 Years

Hybrid Module:

Online - Classroom

About Programme

The Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) program at Ascencia Business School offers an enriching academic journey designed for seasoned professionals to attain the highest level of scholarly and strategic expertise in business leadership. The program spans 3 years for full-time students or 5 to 7 years for part-time students, providing flexibility to accommodate professional commitments.

The DBA program includes a blend of six core modules delivered through both face-to-face and online learning, ensuring a dynamic and flexible educational experience. These modules cover advanced quantitative and qualitative research methods, critical thinking in business decision-making, scholarly writing, and strategic decision-making frameworks essential for doctoral research.

Our Mission & Values

Lifting Learners Higher & Further

Achieving your potential is Ascencia's ambition. Through individualized monitoring of students, our teams are at the service of your future: come and present your projects to us, and we will do everything possible to help you make them a reality.

Our training courses are based on a participatory and innovative pedagogy based on the value of example and constant exchange between learners and experienced professionals. The realities of corporate life lie at the very heart of the personalized learning methods we employ. They are intended to identify potential and foster the vocations of managers and business developers.

Excellence, a Priority for Ascencia Malta

Excellence is also embodied in our speakers, whom we recruit from among the best professionals in order to teach the company's trades as they are practiced.

Studying Benefits

- Schengen country
- Easy visa process
- No language barrier
- Stay Back Available
- Emerging business tech career opportunities
- Students are legally allowed to work 20 hrs a week
- Gain a globally recognized degree taught in English

Accreditation Category:

MQF (Malta Quality Framework) - Level 8

EQF (European Quality Framework) - Level 8

Key Benefits of the Program

Blended Learning

The program is delivered through a combination of face-to-face and online learning, with 60% of contact hours online and 40% face to face, ensuring flexibility and accessibility for working professionals.

Focused Research Pathways

Candidates engage in intensive weekend schools, thesis proposal presentations, and a rigorous viva examination, allowing them to concentrate on their specific research interests.

Expert Mentorship

Led by experienced supervisors with Level 8 qualifications, ensuring high-quality guidance throughout the research journey.

Comprehensive Skill Development

Emphasizes critical thinking, research skills, strategic decision making, and advanced leadership capabilities tailored for professionals in senior roles.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the DBA program will:

- Exhibit mastery of advanced academic theories and technology-enabled opportunities in global business administration.
- Apply financially justified analysis techniques to navigate complex business scenarios.
- Conduct research operations with precision, incorporating market-based economy insights into decision-making processes.
- Integrate interdisciplinary knowledge, generating innovative ideas and strategies to address multifaceted business issues.
- Demonstrate proficiency in high-level research skills, including designing and executing research studies with methodological rigor.

Requirements to Enroll on the Course

To be eligible for the DBA program, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

Pathway 1

Academic Qualifications: Completion of an MQF Level 6 Degree and an MQF Level 7 Master's degree, in fields such as management, business administration, engineering, and education.

Professional Experience: Professionals from other disciplines who meet the Level 7 and Level 6 requirements and possess at least 7 years of managerial experience.

Pathway 2

Academic Qualifications: Hold a Level 7 Master's Degree comprising 90 ECTS in management, business administration, engineering, education, or another relevant field. Additionally, they should have a Level 5 Higher Diploma equivalent to 120 ECTS.

Professional Experience: A minimum of 5 years of management experience in a specialized area directly pertinent to the doctoral research topic.

NOTE

Exit Awards: Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Organizational Philosophy (MQF Level 7)

Awarded if the student completes all phases but the thesis is not approved or if they complete the taught component but discontinue before presenting a proposal.

Target Audience

Experienced Professionals

Individuals with a solid foundation in business and management, typically acquired through previous masters-level studies and substantial professional experience.

Executives

Seasoned executives looking to enhance strategic leadership abilities and contribute to cutting-edge research in business practices.

Experienced Managers

Professionals aiming to deepen their understanding of advanced management principles and refine their decision-making capabilities.

Consultants and Coaches

Individuals seeking to integrate theoretical insights with practical applications and contribute to the development of innovative business solutions.

Academics in Business Settings

Educators and researchers within business environments who aim to bridge the gap between and industry by conducting research directly relevant to professional practice.

