

DBA (BUSINESS ECONOMICS)

Overview

NFQ Level 10, Major Award

The Doctor of Business Administration in Business Economics degree is a full-time research programme running over 48 months from the date of first registration for the programme and consisting of taught modules and research. The programme is delivered on a cohort basis emphasising a participatory ethos and the collaborative nature of learning appropriate to professional practice development. Applicants should note that start-dates for each cohort are dependent on sufficient demand and available staff and other resources. Prospective students are advised to complete their applications at least six months in advance of their desired start date, usually September, subject to demand.

Students take taught modules to the value of **110** credits and undertake research work to the value of **250** credits that meets the satisfaction of the Programme Board (**360** credits in total). As a doctoral research degree the programme involves the completion of research work - thesis (research portfolio) - of approximately 40,000 words of publishable standard. The research must be worthy of publication, in whole or in part, as a work of serious scholarship. The research will be completed and submitted for assessment by viva voce at the end of Year 4.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take 90 credits as follows - all listed taught modules (40 credits) and research work to the value of 50 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
BU7001	Applied Research Design	5
BU7002	Exploiting Literature in Practitioner-Research	5
BU7003	Applied Research Project	20
EC7008	Developmental Approaches for Practitioner-Researchers	10
<i>Research</i>		
Students undertake research work to the value of 50 credits that meets the satisfaction of the Programme Board.		50
Year 2		
Students take 90 credits as follows - all listed taught modules (30 credits) and research work to the value of 60 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
EC7003	Research Design and Methods for Practitioner Researchers	15
EC7004	Research Analysis and Evaluation	15
<i>Research</i>		
Students undertake research work to the value of 60 credits that meets the satisfaction of the Programme Board.		60
Year 3		
Students take 90 credits as follows - all listed taught modules (20 credits) and research work to the value of 70 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		

EC7009	Research Presentation, Analysis and Evaluation for Practitioner Researchers	20
<i>Research</i>		
Students undertake research work to the value of 70 credits that meets the satisfaction of the Programme Board.		70
Year 4		
Students take 90 credits as follows - all listed taught modules (20 credits) and research work to the value of 70 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
EC7010	Enhancing Research Practice, Communication & Visualisation	20
<i>Research</i>		
Students undertake research work to the value of 70 credits that meets the satisfaction of the Programme Board.		70
Total Credits		360

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for DBA (Business Economics) (NFQ Level 10, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Communicate and work effectively to a high professional standard;
- Demonstrate advanced analytical and problem-solving skills associated with effective practice;
- Identify and synthesise relevant literature to effectively theorise Business phenomena
- Engage in advanced application of frameworks and techniques in organisational settings;
- Display an original contribution to practitioner knowledge through a portfolio of practitioner-centred research outputs;