

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for postgraduate programmes](#).

Durham University Business School is accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) for a period of three years from 2014 and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for a period of five years from 2013.

Doctorate of Business Administration (N1A260)

(For candidates admitted after May 2009)

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Admissions

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6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit Value
Practising Business Research	BUSI40D15	15
Macroperspectives on Business	BUSI40E15	15
Applied Behaviour Analysis	BUSI4ZR15	15
Business Research: Functions and Disciplines	BUSI52715	15
Business Research Methods	BUSI4E615	15
Rigour and Relevance in Business Research	BUSI4E715	15
Doctoral Transfer Document (max 15,000 words plus presentation)	-	90
Doctoral thesis (maximum 60,000 words)	-	360

Assessment

7. Before proceeding to the Doctoral Transfer Document stage, candidates are required to have passed all the preceding modules, to the value of 90 credits. Candidates who fail to fulfil this requirement will be re-assessed in the failed module(s) at the next available opportunity, as determined by the Board of Examiners, and only allowed to proceed to the Doctoral Transfer Document stage upon successful completion of the re-assessment.
8. Before proceeding to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates are normally required to have passed the Doctoral Transfer Document, which is assessed on a pass/fail basis. A candidate who fails to fulfil this requirement has the right of resubmission. If the resubmission is also a fail, or the candidate chooses not to proceed to the doctoral thesis stage, the candidate shall be re-registered for the Research Proposal (Level 4) ([BUSI40290](#)) and the resubmitted work assessed against the outcomes for this module and awarded a mark in accordance

with the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates. Candidates who obtain a mark of 50% or more at Level 4 shall be awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Business Research (N1KP07).

9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Arts in Business Research but who have achieved 60 credits from the taught modules at Level 4 shall be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Research (N1KL14) as an exit qualification.
10. An exemption to the core regulations has been granted, exempting students admitted before October 2013 from the normal requirement to achieve an overall average of at least 60% in the assessment of their taught modules, after resits if necessary, to progress to the research phase of a Professional Doctorate.

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Microperspectives on Business	BUSI40C15	15
Writing Workshop (Level 5)	BUSI5G990	90
Doctoral thesis (maximum 60,000 words)	-	360

Assessment

7. Before proceeding to the Writing Workshop (Level 5), candidates are required to have passed all the preceding modules, to the value of 90 credits. Candidates who fail to fulfil this requirement will be re-assessed in the failed module(s) at the next available opportunity, as determined by the Board of Examiners, and only allowed to proceed to the Writing Workshop (Level 5) upon successful completion of the re-assessment.
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