

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 five years from 2017 and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for a period of five years from 2013.

Doctor of Business Administration (N1A360)

1. This programme is available in Durham City in a part-time (72 months) mode of study.

Admissions

2. Candidates must normally have a business-related Masters Degree, or equivalent qualification, together with a minimum of three years' business and management experience at an appropriate level.
3. Candidates will normally be required to participate in an extended workshop at the Business School to assess their suitability for entry onto the programme.
4. English language requirements: Candidates whose first language is not English will normally be required to possess recent English Language test scores of 7.0 or above (with no element below 6.0) in IELTS, or an equivalent qualification.
5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit Value
Leadership in Organisations ~	BUSI49I30	30
Power, Control and Resistance in Organisations ~	BUSI49K30	30
Change in Organisations ~	BUSI49H30	30
The Ecology of Organisations ~	BUSI49J30	30
Research Design Workshop (Level 5)	BUSI54060	60
Doctoral thesis (maximum 60,000 words)	-	360

Assessment

6. Before proceeding to the Research Design Workshop (Level 5), candidates are required to have passed all the preceding modules, to the value of 120 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 Research Design Workshop (Level 5) upon successful completion of the re-assessment.
7. Before proceeding to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates must have achieved an overall average mark of at least 60% in the assessment of the four 30-credit modules, after resits if necessary. They must also have passed the Research Design Workshop (Level 5), 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 Design Workshop (Level 4) ([BUSI49L60](#)) and assessed in accordance with the approved module outline. Candidates who obtain a mark of 50% or more at Level 4 will be awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Business Research (N1A307) as an exit qualification.
8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Arts in Business Research but who have achieved 120 credits from the taught modules at Level 4 shall be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Business Research (N1A312) as an exit qualification.
9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Arts in Business Research or Postgraduate Diploma 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 (N1A314) as an exit qualification.
10. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.

11. Candidates who have completed at least 54 months of study may, with the support of their supervisory team, seek a concession to submit early from the relevant Chair of Faculty Education Committee.