

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

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Doctorate of Business Administration (N1A060)

(For candidates admitted after January 2009)

1. This programme is available in Durham City in a full-time (36 months – last intake 2009) or part-time (72 months) mode of study.
2. The last intake of students for this programme was April 2010.

Admissions

3. Candidates must normally have a business-related Masters Degree, or equivalent qualification, together with a minimum of two years' business and management experience at an appropriate level.
4. Candidates will normally be required to submit a research proposal of 2-3000 words as part of the selection process and may also be required to attend an interview.
5. 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.
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, progression and award

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.

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| Applied Behaviour Analysis | BUSI4ZR15 | 15 |
| Or | | |
| Microperspectives on Business | BUSI40C15 | 15 |
| Writing Workshop (Level 5) | BUSI5G990 | 90 |
| Doctoral thesis (maximum 60,000 words) | - | 360 |

Assessment, progression and award

7. Candidates registered from January 2008 are required to take Applied Behaviour Analysis ([BUSI4ZR15](#)). Candidates registered before January 2008 are required to take Microperspectives on Business ([BUSI40C15](#)).
8. 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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