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Doctor of Business Administration (N1R660)

(For candidates admitted from October 2024)

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

Programme structure

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

		Credit Value
Leadership in Organisations	BUSI49I30	30
Marketing Theory and Practice	BUSI4R930	30
The Ecology of Organisations	BUSI49J30	30
Power, Control and Resistance in Organisations ¥	BUSI49KD2	30
Research Design Workshop (Level 5)	BUSI54060	60
Doctoral thesis (maximum 60,000 words)		360

Assessment, progression and award

3. Modules marked with ¥ are delivered twice for two different cohorts in the academic year 2024-2025. The Module code ending with D1 denotes the first delivery and the module code ending with D2 is the second delivery. Students are only permitted to study this module once.
4. All Level 4 modules must be passed with a mark of at least 50%. Additionally, in order to progress to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates must obtain an overall average mark of at least 60% in the assessment of those modules, after resits if necessary.
5. Before proceeding to Research Design Workshop (Level 5), candidates are required to have passed all the preceding Level 4 modules, to the value of 120 credits. Candidates who fail to fulfil this requirement will be reassessed in the failed module(s) at the next available opportunity, as determined by the Board of Examiners, and only allowed to proceed to Research Design Workshop (Level 5) upon successful completion of the reassessment.
6. Before proceeding to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates are normally required (subject to any exercise of discretion, in accordance with the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates) to have passed 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 Research Design Workshop (Level 4) (BUSI 49L60) 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 will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in Business Research (N1A309) as an exit qualification.
7. Candidates who are unable to progress to the doctoral thesis stage, will be re-registered for Research Design Workshop (Level 4) in place of Research Design Workshop (Level 5). Candidates who obtain a mark of 50% or more at Level 4 shall be awarded the degree of Master of Science in Business Research (N1A309) as an exit qualification.
8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Science 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 Science in Business Research or Postgraduate Diploma in Business Research, but who have achieved 60 credits from the taught modules at

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Level 4, shall be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Research (N1A314) as an exit qualification.

10. 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.
11. Compensation of modules is not permitted in relation to the award of Doctor of Business Administration (N1A360). However, and subject to meeting the additional requirements for compensation specified in the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates, modules worth up to 30 credits may be compensated in relation to the award of Master of Science in Business Research or Postgraduate Diploma in Business Research.

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Leadership in Organisations	BUSI49I30	30
Marketing Theory and Practice	BUSI4R930	30
The Ecology of Organisations	BUSI49J30	30
Power, Control and Resistance in Organisations ¥	BUSI49KD1	30
Research Design Workshop (Level 5)	BUSI54060	60
Doctoral Thesis (maximum 60,000 words)		360

Assessment, progression and award

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4. All Level 4 modules must be passed with a mark of at least 50%. Additionally, in order to progress to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates must obtain an overall average mark of at least 60% in the assessment of those modules, after resits if necessary.
5. Before proceeding to Research Design Workshop (Level 5), candidates are required to have passed all the preceding Level 4 modules, to the value of 120 credits. Candidates who fail to fulfil this requirement will be reassessed in the failed module(s) at the next available opportunity, as determined by the Board of Examiners, and only allowed to proceed to Research Design Workshop (Level 5) upon successful completion of the reassessment.
6. Before proceeding to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates are normally required (subject to any exercise of discretion, in accordance with the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates) to have passed 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 Research Design Workshop (Level 4) (BUSI 49L60) 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 will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in Business Research (N1A309) as an exit qualification.

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7. Candidates who are unable to progress to the doctoral thesis stage, will be re-registered for Research Design Workshop (Level 4) in place of Research Design Workshop (Level 5). Candidates who obtain a mark of 50% or more at Level 4 shall be awarded the degree of Master of Science in Business Research (N1A309) as an exit qualification.
8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Science 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.
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Programme structure

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Leadership in Organisations	BUSI49I30	30
Power, Control and Resistance in Organisations	BUSI49K30	30
The Ecology of Organisations	BUSI49J30	30
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Doctoral Thesis (maximum 60,000 words)		360

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List A below:

List A		Credit Value
Marketing Theory and Practice ¥	BUSI4R9D1	30
Marketing Theory and Practice ¥	BUSI4R9D2	30

Assessment, progression and award

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5. All Level 4 modules must be passed with a mark of at least 50%. Additionally, in order to progress to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates must obtain an overall average mark of at least 60% in the assessment of those modules, after resits if necessary.
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preceding Level 4 modules, to the value of 120 credits. Candidates who fail to fulfil this requirement will be reassessed in the failed module(s) at the next available opportunity, as determined by the Board of Examiners, and only allowed to proceed to Research Design Workshop (Level 5) upon successful completion of the reassessment.

7. Before proceeding to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates are normally required (subject to any exercise of discretion, in accordance with the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates) to have passed 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 Research Design Workshop (Level 4) (BUSI 49L60) 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 will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in Business Research (N1A309) as an exit qualification.
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9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Science 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.
10. Candidates who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of DBA or Master of Science 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.
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Assessment

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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

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