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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*For students admitted prior to September 2026 please refer to the following programme regulations: **https://apps.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook/2025/PG/programme/N1R760**.*

Doctor of Business Administration (N1R760)

(For candidates admitted from December 2026)

1. This programme is available in China in collaboration with Fudan University in a part-time (72 months) mode of study.

Programme Structure

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

		Credit Value
Practising Business Research	BUSI4M915	15
Strategic Visioning, Leadership and Change Management	BUSI4N015	15
Global Corporate Strategy	BUSI4N115	15
Understanding the Chinese Economy	ECON48115	15
Doing Business in China	BUSI4X415	15
Design Thinking for Innovation	BUSI4X515	15
Theory into Practice (Level 5) (Fudan)	BUSI5H060	60
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
EITHER Global Financial Markets and Institutions	FINN42515	15
AND Financial Data Analysis and Econometric Methods	FINN43115	15
OR Applied Behaviour Analysis	BUSI4N515	15
AND Advanced Business Data Analysis and Consultancy	BUSI4X315	15

Assessment, progression and award

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 the Theory into Practice (Level 5) module, 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 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 Theory into Practice (Level 5) upon successful completion of the re-assessment.

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 Theory into Practice (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 Theory into Practice (Level 4) (BUSI 4N760) 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 Science in Business Research (N1A409) as an exit qualification.

7. Candidates who are unable to progress to the doctoral thesis stage, will be re-registered for Theory into Practice (Level 4) in place of Theory into Practice (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 (N1A409) 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 (N1A412) 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 Level 4, including *either* Financial Data Analysis and Econometric Methods *or* Advanced Business Data Analysis and Consultancy, shall be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Research (N1A414) as an exit qualification.
10. Compensation of modules is not permitted in relation to the award of Doctor of Business Administration (N1A460). 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.