

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Learning Outcomes

The LMU DBA program provides graduates with the following opportunities:

- Develop state-of-the art knowledge and competence in business administration.
- Integrate interdisciplinary orientation to generate novel ideas, strategies, and practical approaches to address business issues.
- Formulate research questions and problems, integrate the extant literature; design research; analyze data; summarize and present results; and communicate research in written and oral presentation.
- Generate, evaluate, and assess ethical obligations of businesses (e.g., diversity, equity and inclusion; social justice; environmental and social sustainability; business as a force for good).
- Address complex industry challenges using conceptual frameworks coupled with research design and analysis to develop solutions.
- Design and deliver business topics for presentation at the university level.

Admission Criteria

Prospective students need to submit only one application to the LMU Graduate Division.

- Online application
- GMAT or GRE score may be waived depending on past academic performance. *
- TOEFL, PTE, IELTS score, if applicable
- Official transcripts
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Master's or doctorate degree preferred from an accredited institution
- Personal statement, which includes any intellectual contributions
- Research topic of interest (include appropriate resources)
- Resume or CV
- Two recommendation forms/letters (one from current employer, preferably supervisor)
- Interview with academic director

Notes

GRE and GMAT waivers will be at the recommendation of the DBA academic director. Prospective students are advised to meet with the academic director and provide past academic history, i.e. transcripts and resume.

Given the cohort nature of this program, graduate students from LMU programs and other doctoral programs outside of LMU must meet with the academic director to discuss transfer units or course substitutions. Graduate-only courses will be considered. Students must submit course syllabus and transcript for content relevancy review. Only up to three (3) units may be transferred or substituted into the DBA program.

The DBA program is not eligible for LMU faculty and staff tuition remission.

Doctoral Requirements

The DBA program will consist of the following:

- Credit hours: 60
- Years: 3, part-time
- Format: online, with planned in-person residencies
- Grading: courses are letter-grade based
- Degree Requirement: Students must complete all degree coursework with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Students must also pass a preliminary exam in the summer of their first year, a proposal defense the summer of their second year, and complete a dissertation in their third year. Students who pass the proposal defense at the end of their second year and who do not pursue a dissertation may be awarded an M.S. in Applied Business Research.