

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. General admission requirements listed below. Applicants should visit the DBA Admissions webpage (<https://cba.lmu.edu/academics/grad/dba/admission/>) for details on the application requirements.

- Online application
- GMAT (<https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/>) or GRE (<https://www.ets.org/gre/>) test scores are not required for DBA applicants who are able to demonstrate, through past academic performance and work experience, sufficient strength in the areas of quantitative and analytical reasoning.
- 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 (see prompt on admissions page)
- Research topic of interest (see prompt on admissions page)
- Resume or CV
- Two recommendation forms/letters
- Interview with academic director

Notes

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
- Format: blended 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 qualifying exam in the summer of their second year, a proposal defense the fall of their third year, and complete a dissertation in their third year.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Semester Hours
DBAD 7000	Transformative Business Innovation for Global Sustainability	3
DBAD 7010	Becoming and Researcher	3
DBAD 7001	Global Immersion for Transformative Business Innovation and Sustainability	3
DBAD 7011	Introduction to Research Methods	3
DBAD 7012	Generating Business Knowledge	3
DBAD 7020	Topics in Business I	3
DBAD 7021	Topics in Business II	3
DBAD 7031	Data Driven Business Transformation II	3
DBAD 7030	Data Driven Business Transformation I	3
DBAD 7040	Frameworks In Business I	3
DBAD 7051	Doctoral Colloquium II (Professional Development)	3
DBAD 7041	Frameworks In Business II	3
DBAD 7050	Doctoral Colloquium I (Independent Research)	3
DBAD 7052	Doctoral Colloquium III (Scholarship)	3
DBAD 7053	Doctoral Colloquium V (Dissertation)	3
DBAD 7080	Dissertation I	6
DBAD 7081	Dissertation II	6
Electives ¹		3
Total Semester Hours		60

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Elective course is to be determined and dependent on student research projects and needs.

Curriculum

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
DBAD 7000	Transformative Business Innovation for Global Sustainability	3
DBAD 7010	Becoming and Researcher	3
DBAD 7011	Introduction to Research Methods	3
DBAD 7020	Topics in Business I	3
Semester Hours		12
Spring		
DBAD 7012	Generating Business Knowledge	3
DBAD 7021	Topics in Business II	3

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DBAD 7030	Data Driven Business Transformation I	3
Semester Hours		9
Summer		
DBAD 7001	Global Immersion for Transformative Business Innovation and Sustainability	3
DBAD 7050	Doctoral Colloquium I (Independent Research)	3
Semester Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall		
DBAD 7031	Data Driven Business Transformation II	3
DBAD 7040	Frameworks In Business I	3
DBAD 7051	Doctoral Colloquium II (Professional Development)	3
Semester Hours		9
Spring		
DBAD 7041	Frameworks In Business II	3
DBAD 7052	Doctoral Colloquium III (Scholarship)	3
Electives		3
Semester Hours		9
Summer		
DBAD 7053	Doctoral Colloquium V (Dissertation)	3
Semester Hours		3
Year 3		
Fall		
DBAD 7080	Dissertation I	6
Semester Hours		6
Spring		
DBAD 7081	Dissertation II	6
Semester Hours		6
Minimum Semester Hours		60