Designed for Leaders, Innovators & Problem Solvers

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
School of Professional Studies

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.) builds on the knowledge and skills of students who have completed master’s level study in business and business-related disciplines. This degree is a 45-hour program including 15 courses and a minimum of 9 supervised dissertation, peer-reviewed publication, conference presentation, or work-based project credit hours. The DBA intends to create scholar-practitioners who are able to provide meaningful contributions to the advancement of business research and practice.

Although DBA students may choose to pursue their degree at a less than full-time pace, the program’s design does enable highly-driven and motivated students to potentially complete their degree in as few as five semesters.

To accomplish this, students would successfully complete nine credit hours per 16-week semester for a total of five semesters. To qualify for the DBA degree, the student must successfully complete the program of study as specified in the degree plan, including the Culminating Experience. This can be done by a total of three peer-reviewed presentations, conference presentation, or work-based project. Students must successfully complete a minimum of three semesters and must make at least two unique selections (students may not publish three articles, make three presentations, or complete three work-based projects) if not completing a five chapter dissertation to satisfy program requirements.

OUTCOMES

• Develop innovative principles & practices in business operations & management
• Conduct research for solving problems, making decisions, & communicating results & recommendations
• Use technology efficiently & effectively to achieve organizational and professional goals
• Employ ethical leadership capabilities to solve a variety of complex domestic & global issues
• Communicate effectively in diverse environments by aligning audience, medium, & message
ADMISSIONS

The D.B.A. requires that applicants hold an earned master’s degree in business (typically a M.B.A.) from a regionally accredited university with an overall master’s GPA of 3.0 or better. If an applicant’s master's degree is not in a business area, the student may be required to successfully complete one or more master’s-level graduate business courses to provide an adequate foundation in core areas of business studies including: accounting, economics, finance, marketing, quantitative methods/statistics, and strategy. If an applicant’s overall master’s GPA is below a 3.0, they may report their Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT) for consideration.

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-Dean Vincent Porter, School of Professional Studies