DBA

Doctor of Business Administration

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The DBA is a professional doctorate programme designed to develop applied research for managers in business, public services and non-profit organisations.

Mode of Study: Part-time
Duration: 3 years
Start Date: March/October

Course Details

The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) programme, designed for senior managers and leaders, has a unique blend of theoretical learning and practical experience tailored to cultivate reflective practitioners in their respective industries.

Unlike traditional academic pursuits, the DBA focuses on real-world application, evaluating progress through continuous assessment and a culminating research project centered on your workplace.

Joining our DBA programme will elevate your skills and knowledge, equivalent to a PhD in rigor and significance, and make a profound contribution to academia and business practice, while advancing your career as a dynamic leader.

Careers:

On successful completion you will have the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to access a variety of career opportunities in leadership, consulting and/or academia.

All information is correct at time of publication – February 2025.

Why study with us?

1 Edinburgh Napier University's Business School is AACSB Accredited

2 We are a top 10 UK Modern university for Business & Management (The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025)

3 Top Scottish modern university for research power and research impact (REF 2021)

MODULES*

- Stage 1: Compulsory completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods (PGCert RM)
- Stage 2: Research completion and DBA thesis of 50 000 – 60 000 words
- Dissertation

* These modules are indicative only and reflect the course structure in the current academic year. Some changes may occur between now and the time that you study.
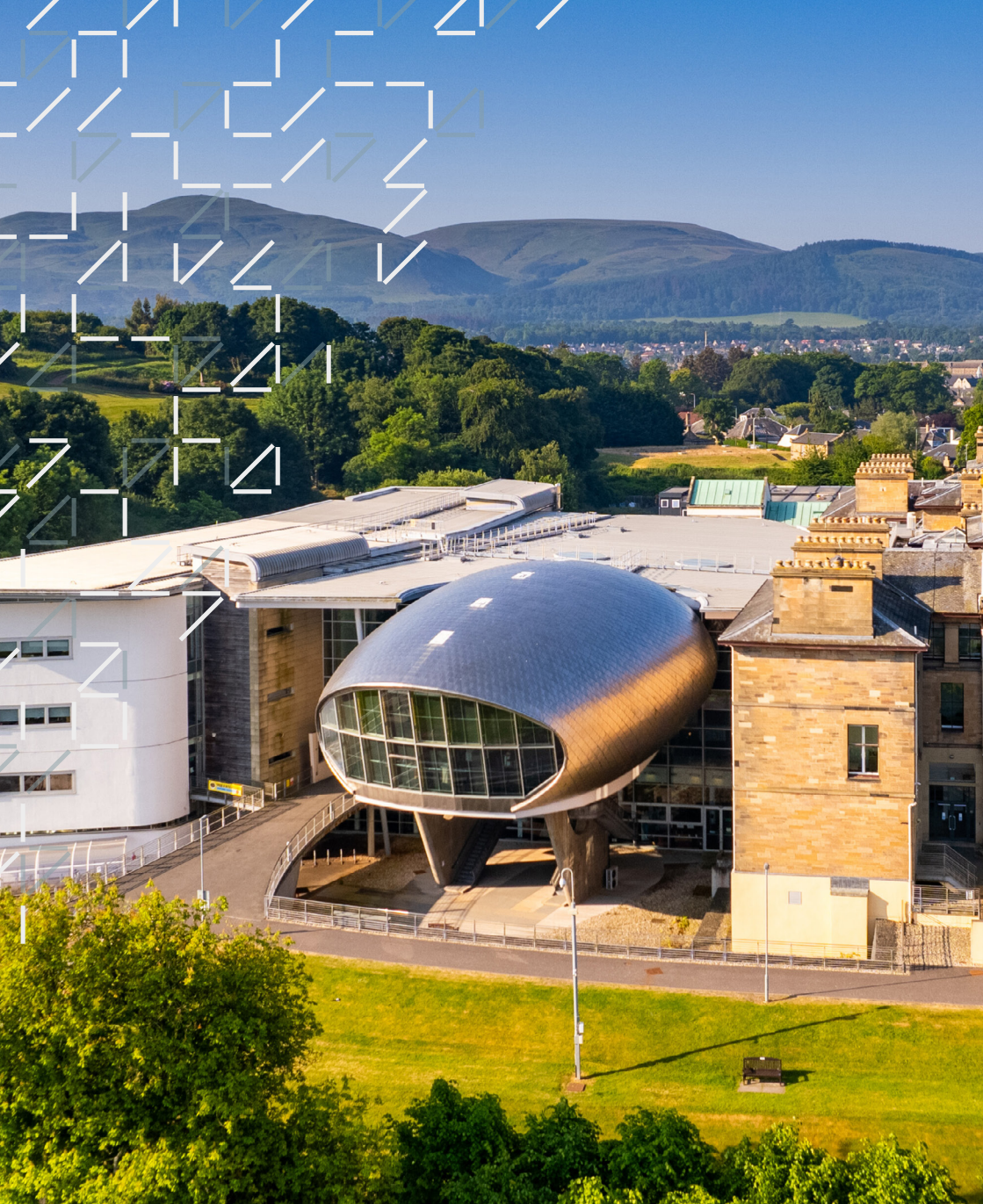
Career Opportunities

Designed for senior professionals, we have subject expertise in the following areas to support you in achieving excellence throughout the programme:

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics and Governance
- Human Resource Management
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Intercultural Communication
- Labour and Employment Market
- Law
- Leadership and Strategy in Practice
- Marketing
- Public services
- Tourism, Hospitality and Events

Entry Requirements

Applicants should be currently employed in a senior management role with a Masters level qualification, or MBA, in a relevant area, alongside relevant work experience in a senior management role (approx. 5 years). In addition, an IELTS score of at least 7.0 and two references must be provided (1 academic and 1 professional).

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