The Doctor of Business Administration is a professional doctorate designed for research-oriented individuals working in management positions.

Course requirements
The DBA consists of five coursework units and a thesis.

Coursework
Students complete the following units:
- Business Research: Principles and Processes
- Quantitative Methods in Business Research
- Qualitative Methods in Business Research
- Literature Review and Criticism
- Research Proposal and Defence

Candidates must pass each unit with a minimum grade of 65 per cent. Research Proposal and Defence is the final unit before candidates commence their thesis, and requires students to defend their research proposal before an academic panel.

Thesis
Students must write a thesis of up to 60,000 words. The thesis will normally focus on a topical and relevant business issue and is expected to make a significant contribution to the understanding of management or business issues, policies, strategies or practice.
Delivery
The Doctor of Business Administration can be completed in three years of full-time study, or the equivalent in part-time study.

The course is delivered on UWA's Crawley campus, and the next intake commences in January 2016.

Course fees and scholarships
While most Australian postgraduate students do not pay fees for research courses, international students must pay tuition fees unless they have a scholarship. For further information, see studyat.uwa.edu.au/courses-and-careers/postgraduate/doctorates/researchfees.

DBA students are only eligible to apply for a Living Allowance Scholarship when they achieve Confirmation of Candidature and move into the Thesis Phase of the DBA. For further information on scholarships, visit scholarships.uwa.edu.au.

Admission requirements
To be eligible for admission into the Doctor of Business Administration, you must have completed a Master of Business Administration (or equivalent as recognised by the Faculty) or meet the University’s entry requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). For information on entry requirements to the PhD, see handbooks.uwa.edu.au.

In addition, applicants must have a minimum of seven years’ appropriate experience and satisfy the requirements for English language competency (see studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgraduate/admission/english-competency).

How to apply
To apply, complete the application form (available from studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgraduate/research-applications) and attach all relevant documentation. Application forms should be submitted as per the relevant instructions.

The application closing date for commencement in 2016 is to be advised.

International students
International students should visit international.uwa.edu.au/students/emos for more information about the study environment, course fees and refund policy, support services and schooling obligations for dependent children.

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