

## Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Programme Title:	Doctorate of Business Administration
2. Final Award:	Doctorate of Business Administration
3. Exit Awards:	Master of Professional Practice in Business Administration
4. Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5. Period of Approval:	September 2023 to September 2028
6. School:	Glasgow School for Business and Society
7. Host Department:	Finance, Accounting and Risk
8. UCAS Code:	N/A
9. PSB Involvement:	N/A
10. Place of Delivery:	Any GCU Campus Online/Distance Learning, Full-time, Part-time.
11. Subject Benchmark Statement:	QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Master's Degrees in Business and Management
12. Dates of PSP Preparation/Revision:	October 2022

### 2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

*An introduction should be included here which describes the overall aim of the programme together with the educational aims of the programme at the exit points*

The Doctorate of Business Administration's philosophy is based upon the principles of lifelong learning to create a researching professional, in effect a professional who can apply higher order analysis and reasoning skills within their own organisation and their own profession. In this respect, practice can be located in the public, voluntary or private sector, but is subject to the idea that outcomes are conditioned by the principle of the Common Good. Gaining a Professional Doctorate.

The aim of the Doctorate of Business Administration is to provide middle/senior professionals with an academic framework to question the complex relationships between professional practice, theory, policy and research. The process will enable the student to synthesise their professional knowledge in a body of work, most notably their doctoral thesis that will impact positively on their organisation and the profession in terms of practice and theory. Underpinning this aim is a set of objectives.

These objectives will enable learners through a rigorous academic programme to become scholarly practitioners capable of appropriate higher-level cognitive skills relevant to the participating organisation's goals and society more broadly, notably the ability to be an independent lifelong learner in a chosen field making an original and valuable contribution to knowledge and practice.

The programme aims to deepen their professional knowledge to more effectively engage and lead within their chosen sector becoming a research expert. On completion students will be able to demonstrate professional project management skills, including goal setting, prioritising, designing and executing data acquisition and collation, planning and organizing written work and effective time management.

### 4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS

#### SCQF Level 11

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
MMN430180	Ethics, Sustainability and Governance (B)	15
MMN121381	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (A)	15
MMX225607	Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (A)	15
MMX224423	Quantitative Data Analysis (B)	15
MMN121382	Applied Skills in Qualitative Research Methods (B)	15
MMN930206	Academic Skills & Reflective Practice (A)	30
	Optional Module:	15

MML430208 MMN230231	Public Policy Analysis or Strategic Management (B)	
<b>SCQF Level 12</b>		
<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>
MDN230207	Research Design & Management (C,A)	60
<b><i>Exit Award – Master of Professional Practice in Business Administration</i></b>		<b>180</b>
<b>SHED Level STAGE 2 SCQF 12</b>		
<b><i>Module: Doctoral Thesis</i></b>		<b>360</b>
<b><i>Exit Award - Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)</i></b>		<b>540</b>
<p><b><u>Doctor of Business Administration</u></b>          To be eligible for the exit award of the Doctor of Business Administration, students will require to achieve a total of 540 credits in line with the Programme Structure shown above which must include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successful completion of Stage 1 of the programme and the achievement of all 180 credits of taught modules comprising of the 165 credits of core modules and 1 of the 2 optional modules at 15 credits from the modules listed above, and,</li> <li>- Successful completion of Stage 2 of the programme and the achievement of a further 360 credits at SCQF 12 comprising of a Doctoral Thesis and Viva Assessment</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Master of Professional Practice in Business Administration</u></b>          To be eligible for the exit award of the Professional Masters in Business Administration, students will require to achieve a total of 180 credits in line with the Programme Structure shown above which must include successful completion of Stage 1 of the programme and the achievement of all 180 credits of taught modules comprising of the 165 credits of core modules and 1 of the 2 optional modules at 15 credits from the modules listed above.</p> <p><b>Entry Point</b>          The entry point to the DBA programme September and January</p> <p><b>Modes of Delivery available:</b>          Full time on campus          Part-time Online/Distance Learning</p>		

## 8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

*Students should expect to complete their programme of study under the Regulations that were in place at the commencement of their studies on that programme, unless proposed changes to University Regulations are advantageous to students.*

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations which apply to this programme, dependent on year of entry can be found at: [GCU Assessment Regulations](#) with the following approved exceptions:

The GCU Taught Postgraduate Assessment regulations shall apply to all modules in Stage 1 **except Module** Research Design and Management in which the GCU Regulations for The Award of Research Degrees shall apply. GCU Regulations for The Award of Research Degrees shall apply shall apply to Stage 2.