

TIMELINE

DBA RESEARCH COURSES & DISSERTATION PROJECT

Introduction

The research component of the DBA is made up of forty (40) units of research courses and sixty (60) units of the Dissertation Project.

A minimum of four (40 units) of the non-research courses must be completed prior to commencing the research courses.

All research courses must be completed prior to commencing the dissertation project (it is also recommended that all non-research courses are completed prior to commencing the dissertation).

This timeline specifies the recommended enrolment and research sequence that you are expected to follow once you have commenced the research component of the DBA program.

Sequence/ Course		Student Activities/Responsibilities	Supervisor Activities/ Responsibilities
1	GSR6203 Literature Review (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather literature on topic content. • Develop research problem. • Draft chapter on Literature Review (Chapter 2). • Consult with the Course Instructor. • Revise Literature Review (Chapter 2) after marking. 	
2	GSR6201 Research Methods I (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an understanding & appreciation of research methodology & design. • Review and select the preferred research methodology. • Consult with the Course Instructor. • Work on Research Method (Chapter 3) and revise after marking. 	
3	GSR6202 Research Methods II (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop knowledge and skills in analysis and interpretation of raw data • Complete draft Research Method (Chapter 3). • Consult with the Course Instructor. • Revise Research Method (Chapter 3) after marking. • Resubmit your Dissertation proposal to GradSchool.com to facilitate appointment of your supervisor. 	
4	GSR6204 Research Proposal (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive notification of supervisor and commence direct regular communication with him/her. • Forward revised Literature Review and Research Method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor is notified of their candidate; contracts are signed and returned to GradSchool.com.

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	GSBR6204 Research Proposal (10 units) (continued)	<p>Chapters to your new Supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Research Proposal (Chapter 1) and submit to Course Instructor. • Consult with the Course Instructor and your Supervisor. • Prepare Ethics application. Make any corrections as suggested by the Course Instructor and your Supervisor. • Submit Ethics application through Blackboard after receiving approval of Supervisor. The form is located at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/business-law/research/peer-review-process.html 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email addresses are exchanged and Supervisor commences regular direct contact. • Upon receipt of the Literature Review and Research Method Chapters, commence review. • Assist the student with the Ethics application • Sign-off final Ethics application before student submits it to the Faculty Ethics Committee. • Assess/ mark the draft Chapter 1 assessment item for Research Proposal course and provide feedback to the student.
5	GSBR6301 Dissertation Project I (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Research Proposal with supervisor and finalise Research Proposal Chapter 1. • On receipt of ethics approval, organise and commence data collection. • Refine Literature Review (Chapter 2) and Research Methods (Chapter 3). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor to provide feedback on chapter drafts.
6	GSBR6302 Dissertation Project II (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue and complete data collection. • Prepare final draft of Research Methods (Chapter 3). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor to provide feedback on chapter drafts.
7	GSBR6303 Dissertation Project III (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse data. • Draft Results (Chapter 4). • Complete analysis of data and discuss with Supervisor. • Prepare and submit a formal Progress Report (form will be sent to you by GradSchool.com.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft of Results (Chapter 4). • Supervisor is to prepare and submit formal report on the progress of candidate. (The Progress Report Form is usually sent to Supervisor by his/ her student.)
8	GSBR6304 Dissertation Project IV (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Results (Chapter 4) and refine Research Proposal (Chapter 1). • Submit draft of Results (Chapter 4) to supervisor. • Finalise Chapters 1- 4 and revise draft of dissertation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback on Chapter 4.
9	GSBR6305 Dissertation Project V (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Chapter 5 including a discussion of findings, limitations, future research, policy implications and conclusion. • Ensure all elements of the dissertation project have been submitted to Turnitin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback on draft Chapter 5. • Ensure that all elements of the dissertation have been submitted to Turnitin. • Notify DBA Coordinator of names of possible

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise dissertation project in light of supervisor's comments. Two months prior to submission date submit 'Notification of Intent to Submit' form. This form can be downloaded at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/graduate/professionaldocorates.html 	examiners. Examiners' appointment to be finalized before student submits dissertation.
10	GSBR6306 Dissertation Project VI (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise Chapter 5 and revise dissertation project in light of supervisor's comments. Submit a copy of the final dissertation to your supervisor. Complete the Candidate sections of Supervisor's Certificate and send to supervisor. This form can be downloaded at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/graduate/professionaldocorates.html Submit final dissertation and Supervisor's Certificate by the due date, to the University. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise correction of final copy. Complete Supervisor's Certificate and return to student (to be submitted with dissertation).

NOTES

Enrolment in the Dissertation Project Parts I to VI (sequence 5-10)

Through discussions with your supervisor, you will be able to plan a timetable for the completion of your Dissertation Project. This timetable can then be used to calculate how you will enrol in the 60 units of the dissertation project. Generally, students who are employed full-time will enrol in 20 units per trimester for 3 trimesters, thus allowing one year for completion of the dissertation. If you wish to complete your studies in a shorter time frame you should discuss this carefully with your supervisor, as there are financial penalties if you do not complete your dissertation and have already completed 60 units of studies towards your Dissertation Project. If additional time is required to complete, you will be required to enrol in a minimum of 20 additional units and pay the fee current at that time.

Dissertation Due Date

The date for the submission of the dissertation is the last day of the examination period of the trimester in which you have enrolled in GSBR6306 Dissertation VI. For trimester dates (including examination period dates) please refer to:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/dates/trimester/2009.html>

DBA Dissertation Project Guidelines Keep this document and the DBA Dissertation Project Guidelines in a safe place for easy reference as you progress through the DBA research courses and Dissertation Project.

Turnitin

All chapters of your Dissertation Project must be submitted through Turnitin before submission to the supervisor. It is essential that the final dissertation is also submitted through Turnitin prior to final submission to the University. More information about Turnitin is available at: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/turnitin/index.html>

Dissertation Chapter Structure

The chapter structure as described in this timeline:

Chapter 1 = GSB6204 Research Proposal

Chapter 2 = GSB6203 Literature Review

Chapter 3 = GSB6201 & GSB6202 Research Methods I & II

Chapter 4 = Results

Chapter 5 = Findings, limitations, future research, conclusions.

This listing is a guide only as supervisors may advise on a variation to this structure depending on the research undertaken.

Dissertation Evaluation & Outcomes

Please refer to the DBA Dissertation Guidelines for further information on the examination process including information about Evaluation and Outcomes.

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