

Module Details	
Module Title	DBA Thesis
Module Code	MAL8013-T
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	420
School	School of Management
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 8

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Tutorials	97
Directed Study	4103

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Academic Year

Module Aims
<p>The aim of the thesis research module is to produce managers and leaders who, through advanced scholarship are able to conceptualise, design and implement a research project for the generation of new knowledge at the forefront of business and management studies. You will combine your academic and business expertise, make important contributions to both business and management theory and also organisational and management practices.</p>

Outline Syllabus
<p> Generation and interpretation of new knowledge. New empirical research and advanced scholarship. Systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge. Conceptualise, design and implement a research project. Critically engage in key academic and practitioner debates. A detailed understanding of applicable research techniques and advanced academic enquiry. Extend the forefront of business and management studies. Preparing for viva voce examination. </p>

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Create and interpret new knowledge through original research and advanced scholarship, to extend the forefront of business and management studies
02	The systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of business and management studies and organisational/ management practice
03	Conceptualise, design and implement a research project for the generation of new knowledge and understanding at the forefront of business and management studies
04	A detailed understanding of applicable research techniques and advanced academic enquiry
05	Make informed judgements on complex issues and clearly communicate ideas, findings and conclusions to specialist and practitioner audiences
06	Address major challenges for business and society. These may include, but are not limited to such, issues as globalisation, corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainable development

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>The learning and teaching approach is independent study guided by a supervisory team who have expertise in the area of your research. You and your supervisors will meet on a regular basis (a minimum of four times a year) to discuss research plans and academic progress. Once you transfer to the research stage of the DBA, you and your supervisor will complete Annual Progress Review forms. This process will reflect on your progress every year. You will be provided with a range of opportunities to improve your work and develop your skills, such as, Peer Review Workshops, the Faculty of Management, Law and Social Sciences Annual Doctoral Conference and additional training modules available to all doctoral students (learning outcomes 1 to 4).</p> <p>You will have progressed from the taught to the research stage of the DBA by writing an extended research proposal and defending their research plans in front of a panel consisting of the DBA Director of Studies, an internal assessor and their supervisors. You will proceed to complete a thesis of 60,000 words. For the final assessment (learning outcomes 1 to 6), you will submit the thesis to the University and defend it in a viva voce examination in front of external and internal examiners and an independent chair.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Dissertation or Project Report	Doctoral thesis of up to 60,000 words defended at a viva voce examination	100%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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