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DOCTORATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – DBA

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Program Overview

The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program is an advanced professional doctoral degree designed to develop senior-level business leaders, executives, and scholars with a profound understanding of business theory and practice. The program prepares candidates for a variety of leadership roles across different sectors, including multinational corporations, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and consulting firms. The DBA program emphasizes a combination of advanced theoretical knowledge, practical application, and original research, equipping graduates with the skills to address complex business challenges in a rapidly evolving global environment.

Key Features

- **Flexible Online Delivery:** Fully online, accessible globally
- **Interdisciplinary Approach:** Integration of multiple business disciplines
- **Research-Driven:** Emphasis on original research and practical application
- **Professional Relevance:** Direct applicability to real-world business scenarios
- **Expert Supervision:** Mentorship from renowned academics and industry experts
- **Attendance in person:** Required at one GIOYA event during the first year and at graduation
- Senator **membership:** Enrolment in this course includes a subscription to the GIOYA Senator Membership, along with all its associated benefits
- **Reside in UPEACE/GIOYA Office in Geneva:** possibility to reside up to 12 months in Geneva at GIOYA and UN University of Peace Office with access to UN facilities

Potential career paths include

1. International Relations and Diplomacy
2. International Business and Sustainability
3. Strategic Management
4. Organizational Behavior and Leadership
5. Finance and Accounting Leadership
6. Global Business and International Management

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General Information

EQF/MQF Level: 8

Program Duration: 3 years

Mode of Delivery: fully online

Language/s of Instruction: English, French, and Spanish*

Language Proficiency: C1 or IELTS Level 6 (or equivalent); exemptions available

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Entry Requirements

Master's Degree: MQF Level 7 in Business; exemptions available

Bachelor's Degree: MQF Level 6 and at least 10 years of professional experience (to be assessed by the RPL commission)

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Option

Up to **50% recognition** possible based on prior formal, non-formal and Informal learning, for example relevant professional experience or selected MBA.

Double Degree Recognition Option

Possibility of obtaining **additional PhD recognition** or partnership

The Programme Structure

First year modules will be assessed through class assessment and interview.
Second year module will be assessed through an assignment.
Third year will be the final DBA assessment through the written original research and an oral defence.

First Year: The candidate acquires the knowledge and develops the skills necessary to undertake doctoral-level work, while beginning to evaluate and define a potential specific area of focus.

1. **Advanced Qualitative Research Methods for Doctoral Study** (12h workshop)

2. **Advanced Quantitative Research Methods for Doctoral Study** (12h workshop)

3. **Applying Theory to Professional Practice** (12h workshop)

4. **International Business Strategies and Trends** (12h workshop)

5. **Sustainability in Business** (12h workshop)

Second Year: The candidate concentrates on the specific research topic to be developed, which is formally outlined in a structured research abstract.

6. **Research Abstract** (12h workshop and an assignement)

Third Year: The candidate completes the research project and presents it in a written dissertation, followed by a final oral defense.

7. **Dissertation** (written original research and oral defense)

Note: Workshop attendance: not compulsory and flexible.

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