

## Doctor of Business Administration - Fact Sheet

Course Description	This Dual Certification Doctoral program is delivered by Athena Global Education in Partnership with Acacia University, Arizona, US
Number of Certifications	2 Professional Certifications
Part A Certification Title	<b>Level 8 Advanced Diploma in Research and Business Management</b>
Part A Awarding Body	<a href="#">Cambridge International Qualifications. UK</a>
Part B Certification Title	<b>Doctor of Business Administration</b>
Part B Awarding Body	<a href="#">Acacia University, Arizona, United States</a>
Number of Courses	Part A: 10 Courses, Part B: 2 Courses Total: 12 Courses
Credit Breakdown	Part A: 200 UK Credits /45 US Credits (20 UK/4.5 US Credits per Course) Part B: 15 US Credits  Total Program Credits: <b>60 US Credits</b> (NOTE: In Part A, learners earn 200 UK credits which are considered equivalent to 45 US credits and added to Part B to constitute 60 US credits.)
Methods of Assessment	Assignments, Thesis and VIVA VOCE Examination
Duration of the Program	Part A: 20 Months (2 Months per course) Part B: 16 Months (Proposal & Thesis) Total Program Duration: <b>36 Months</b>
Learning Model	Online Delivery
Convocation	No formal convocation ceremony
Certificate Delivery	Certificates are couriered to Students (Charges apply)
Legalization/apo stille from certificate issuing country	Arizona State Board for Private Post-Secondary Education (AZPPSE)
Fee Payment Scheme	Installment based
Early Exit Awards	<b>Level 8 Advanced Diploma in Research and Business Management</b>
Credits Transfer and Exemption	None [With the exception of the 200 UK Credits in Part A being converted to 45 US Credits for Part B]
Part A: Eligibility Criteria for Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Highest Qualification:</b> Candidates must hold an MBA, Master's degree, or an equivalent qualification from recognized institutions in Management, Business, Commerce, Economics, Engineering Management, or other allied subjects.</li> <li>• <b>Work Experience:</b> Minimum of 3 years of professional work experience.</li> <li>• <b>Language Proficiency:</b> A minimum of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent scores in other accepted tests is required.</li> </ul>

<p>Part B: Eligibility Criteria for Admission</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university. The degree must be verified on original transcripts sent to Acacia University. Applicants from Institutions Outside the United States: applicants submitting transcripts from non-US institutions may be required to have their transcript evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member agency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of a master’s degree from an accredited college or university. The degree must be verified on an original transcript duly signed and certified by the Registrar or other responsible officer of the awarding institution directly to Acacia University. Mail or secure electronic delivery is accepted. Applicants submitting transcripts from non-US institutions may be required to have their transcript evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member agency.</li> <li>• There is no minimum GPA required for admission to Doctoral study, but superior academic performance in courses related to the intended field of study is highly desirable. Demonstrated improvement in academic performance over time is also desirable. The Master’s degree must be verified on an original transcript duly signed and certified by the Registrar or other responsible officer of the respective institution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Applicants must currently hold or have held a professional position or be otherwise actively engaged in work that relates to the intended field of study.</li> <li>4. Essay – A personal statement, between three and five hundred (300-500) words that discusses: your reasons for pursuing the doctorate; your career goals; how the doctorate would help you meet career goals; and prior experiences which relate to your interest in, and aptitude for this program.</li> <li>5. Applicants whose first language is not English and who do not have a master’s degree from a university in which instruction is conducted in English must provide evidence of English proficiency. The following are accepted exams and minimum scores required for admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 65 on the paper-delivered Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL PBT), or 80 on the Internet Based Test (iBT)</li> <li>• 6.5 on the International English Language Test (IELTS)</li> <li>• 58 on the Pearson Test of English Academic Score Report</li> <li>• 05 on the Duolingo English Test</li> <li>• 55 on the 4-skill Michigan English Test (MET)</li> <li>• 650/LP on the Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Competency in English (ECCE)</li> <li>• 650/LP on the Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. An online interview – Not mandatory and will only be scheduled if considered necessary by the doctoral committee as part of the admissions process and requirements.</li> </ol>
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