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DBA



Doctor of Business Administration

Your DBA

tailored for your Success.

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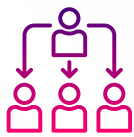
In a Nutshell



Highest Academic Qualification in Business Management



Takes 2 years or more to complete



Pursued by Senior Professionals and Executives



Combination of Academic Coursework & Learner-led Research



Guidance from Research Supervisors



Successful Graduates are awarded with a 'Doctor' title

You need a DBA.

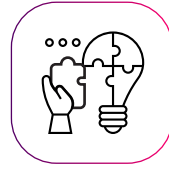
This is why.



Highest Academic
Accolade In Business



Critical
Thinking Skills



Problem
Solving Skills



Research
Experience



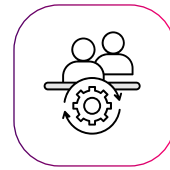
Data Literacy &
Analytical Skills



Access To
Faculty Positions



Entry To Executive
Leadership Roles



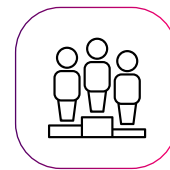
Unlock Business
Consultancy Roles



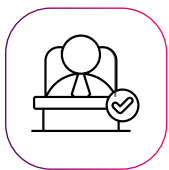
Eligibility For
Policymaking Roles



Established
Credibility of 'Dr.' Title



Build A Competitive
Edge Among Peers



Qualify For Senior Roles
& Increased Remuneration



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MESSAGE FROM



**Col (Rtd).
Anil Ahluwalia**
Academic Director
UniAthena

UniAthena is dedicated to offering our learners the highest quality international programs from Italy, Spain, the US and other prominent countries. We carefully select our partner universities to ensure that each program is fully accredited, internationally recognized, and industry appropriate. Our teaching staff, learner support staff, and partner staff are focused on one thing: your success, both in the classroom and in your career and when you join our programs, from any of our partner universities, you will always have UniAthena by your side, helping you along each step of your path to success.

UniAthena's distinguished international faculties have been educated in renowned universities. Our professors and trainers possess expertise in research and teaching, and they are committed to providing learners with a world-class learning experience. Many members of our faculty also hold significant corporate experience and serve on corporate management boards. Our reports indicate that our graduates leave our programs with the functional industry knowledge they expect from executive education. Our learners move on to become effective leaders and strong team players, with the talent to identify and build opportunities – and we hope to see your success story unfold with us.

We warmly welcome you to UniAthena, the new era of affordable, flexible and accessible learning. I wish you an enriching and enjoyable learning experience and success.

Introducing UniAthena

UniAthena is an Online Learning Platform dedicated to making Higher Education accessible and affordable to Professionals across the globe. We offer self-paced Master, Doctorate, and Microcredit programs in collaboration with European Universities and reputed Professional Qualifications Authorities. UniAthena offers quality UK, Italian, Spanish and American Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level degrees. We have helped thousands of learners from around the world achieve their higher education aspirations and through that, their professional goals.

Accreditation & Partnerships



Why UniAthena?

We strive to ensure that learning is seamless and blends with learners' lives.

100% Online Delivery



Affordable Payment Plans



Academic Advisor and Research Supervisor Support



Accredited and Internationally Recognised Programs



Global Classroom



Application-Centric Coursework



Introducing Guglielmo Marconi University



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Guglielmo Marconi University (GMU) is based in Rome, Italy, and is recognized by the Ministerial Decree of March 1, 2004. GMU's main campuses are based in Rome and are located around the Prati and Vatican neighbourhoods. Currently, GMU has more than **16,000 learners** enrolled in graduate and postgraduate programs, **300 faculty members**, and a team of **200 expert advisors**.

Since 1999, Italian universities have **abided by the 'Bologna Process'**, launched with the Bologna Declaration of 1999 and defined by the **European Higher Education Area (EHEA)**. In relation to this reform, the university is a system organized into **3 cycles: bachelor's degrees, master degrees, and doctorates** in different schools.



Introducing UniAthena's DBA

UniAthena's Doctor of Business Administration delivered in association with the esteemed **Guglielmo Marconi University**, Italy, is a **world-class Doctoral program** tailored for ambitious business professionals. With a curriculum that harmoniously integrates advanced research methodologies with industrial applications, remote delivery and flexible learning, this Doctoral degree offers full-time professionals a rigorous yet accommodative academic experience. The DBA, upon completion, opens greater professional avenues, perfects **research excellence**, and showcases the learner as an expert on the rise.



About this Program

- Earn the **Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)** from **Guglielmo Marconi University (GMU)**, Italy.
- GMU is the first ever Italian Open University **recognised by Italy's Ministry of Education**, University and Research (MIUR).
- GMU also appears among the top 25 universities worldwide in the categories of the U-Multirank ranking system for open-access, international joint and regional joint publications.
- This DBA is an ISCED Level 8, **180 ECTS** credits program, with 60 ECTS earned in Year 1 and 120 ECTS earned in Years 2 and 3. Learners will also specialise in General Management, which will be reflected in their Certification.
- Year 1 features theoretical and practical training to undertake Doctoral-level research projects, and Years 2 and 3 offers learners an opportunity to design, execute and present their original research.
- This DBA is delivered **100% online**, offers quality digital resources, **Academic Advisor and Research Supervisor Support**
- This program is tailored to fit the demanding and unpredictable schedules of senior executives.

Our DBA is Better.



Distance
Delivery for
Convenience



1:1 Teaching
method with
dedicated
Professors for
each learner



Easy-to-Access
Online Course
Materials



Access the
ProQuest Online
Research Library



Earn a M. Research
Degree upon
completion of
1 Year



Flexible and
Affordable
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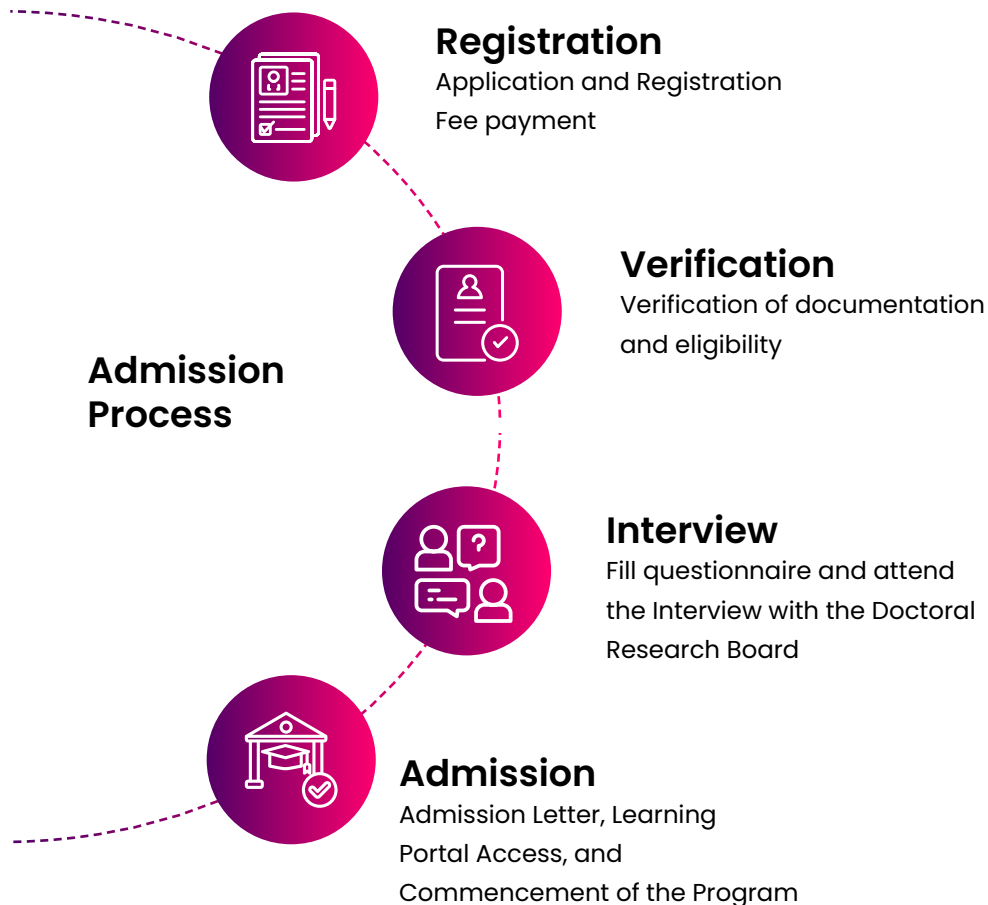


Earn an
Industry-relevant
Specialisation

How to Apply for a DBA?

Admission Process

The DBA program has a continuous intake with cohorts commencing every alternate month. The ongoing admission process is as follows:



Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ **Highest Qualification**
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.
- ✓ **Work Experience**
Minimum of 3 years of professional work experience.
- ✓ **Language Proficiency**
English language proficiency at a professional level.

What will your DBA Program look like?

Program Structure

Module Name	Credit (ECTS)
Year 1 - DBA Course Work	
Applied Research in Management	10
Foundations of Research Design	10
General Management	10
Research Feasibility Study	20
Applied Doctoral Research Proposal	10
Year 2 & 3 (DBA Research)	
Applied Doctoral Research Thesis	120
Total Credits	180

Program Modules



Applied Research in Management

Level: EQF Level 8
Credits: 10 ECTS

This module develops doctoral-level skills in identifying research topics, designing ethical management projects, and understanding contemporary business challenges.



Foundations of Research Design

Level: EQF Level 8
Credits: 10 ECTS

Equips learners with core research methodologies, from philosophy to data analysis, enabling them to design rigorous business research projects.



General Management

Level: EQF Level 8
Credits: 10 ECTS

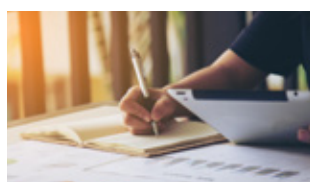
Introduces vital general management concepts, including leadership theories, stakeholder management, and change management, with practical applications for business practice.



Research Feasibility Study

Level: EQF Level 8
Credits: 20 ECTS

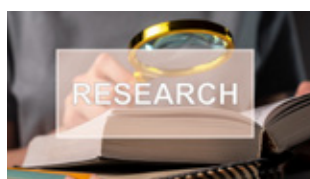
Enables learners to conduct a pilot study, test research feasibility, and refine research methods, establishing a solid foundation for the DBA thesis.



Applied Doctoral Research Proposal

Level: EQF Level 8
Credits: 10 ECTS

Supports the creation of a comprehensive research proposal, offering practical guidance to advance toward the DBA thesis phase.



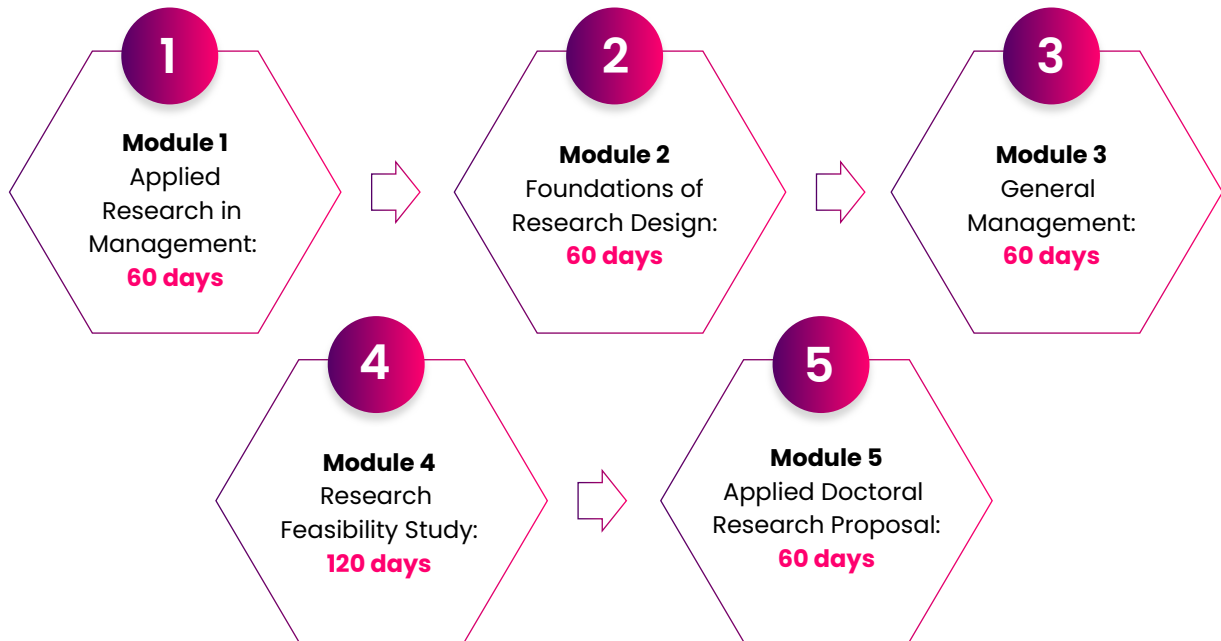
Applied Doctoral Research Thesis

Level: EQF Level 8
Credits: 120 ECTS

This module culminates in a doctoral-level thesis and viva voce defense, supported by supervision and workshops, leading to the DBA degree award.

Learner Journey – 36 Months

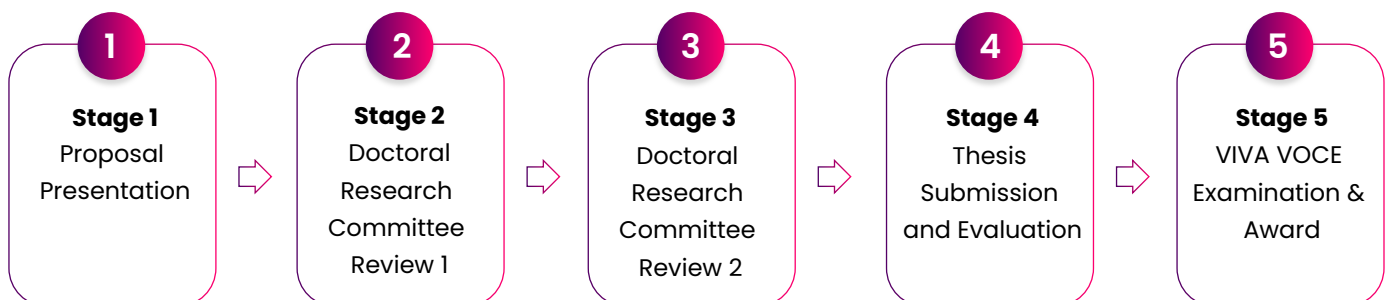
Year 1: Module 1 - 5



Years 2 & 3: Module 6 (Stages 1 - 5)



Thesis Progression Stages:



Fee & Charges

Monthly Payment Plan

Registration Fee	\$2000 (Due Upon Provisional Approval)
First Year Fees	\$4800 (To be paid on a monthly basis, \$400 Per Month, Total 12 Installments)
Research Registration Fee	\$1200
Second Year Fees	\$4000 (To be paid on a monthly basis, \$400 Per Month, Total 10 Installments)
Total Fees	\$12000
M.Res Certification Fee	\$1500 (Must Complete 2nd Year Clearing Fees Dues - Optional)
Courier Fee	\$50 (For Each Certificate)

Quarterly Payment Plan

Registration Fee	\$2000 (Due Upon Provisional Approval)
First Year Fees	\$4000 (Paid in 4 Quarterly Installments of \$1000 each)
Second Year Fees	\$4000 (Paid in 4 Quarterly Installments of \$1000 each)
Third Year Fees	\$2000
Total Fees	\$12000
M.Res Certification Fees	\$1500 (Must Complete 2nd Year Clearing Fees Dues - Optional)
Courier Fee	\$50 (For Each Certificate)

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Dr. Cheick Aboubacar Francis Kone

Administration &
HR Delivery Specialist
ERICSSON AB Ivory Coast
Ivory Coast

I am **experiencing something unique** in terms of studies, support, and program delivery at UniAthena. It is a **fantastic program** with high-class references in terms of partnership and study programs.

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Dr. Patience Dapaah

Advocacy Advisor
PATH, Ghana

Choosing UniAthena was a **great decision**. It provided valuable materials and offered all the administrative support I needed.

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**Dr. Michael Plal
Chemorei**

Head of Talent
Amref Health Africa -
Global Headquarters
Kenya



This has been **an amazing journey** that has led me through the rigors of academic research and **promoted my personal and professional growth.**



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**Dr. Audrey Ruth
Kudzanayi
Robertson-Tarugarira**

Managing Partner
A Robertson Law Chambers
ZIMBABWE



My DBA journey with UniAthena has been an **incredible experience!** The administrative staff and tutors always go out of their way to ensure that **I get all the assistance that I need, study-wise and personally.**



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in Italy

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at the Guglielmo Marconi
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