

Doctor of Business Leadership Curriculum

The curriculum comprises a proposal followed by a thesis as per the prescribed timetable on an approved topic. Once the proposal was defended successfully in front of an academic panel, the next stage is to submit the study for a scientific review before the candidate can present the study at the following colloquia:

- (i) Research methodology
- (ii) Research final thesis

Satisfactory progress must be demonstrated at the colloquia to ensure re-registration.

From 2020, first time Doctoral candidates are required to submit two (2) manuscript(s) for publication to a peer reviewed accredited journal as part of the thesis phase. The submitted manuscript(s) should be based on the research undertaken during Doctoral studies; and should be deemed acceptable to the supervisor. Results will not be released until the submission of proof of acknowledgement by the Journal Editor is submitted by the supervisor

Colloquia

Colloquia are held every month, with the exception of January and December annually to provide open discussion of a candidate's presentations on his/her research progress. It is strongly recommended that all registered doctoral candidates attend these colloquia since they provide opportunities for constructive interaction between academics and candidates.

STAGE 1: Research proposal module (0 Credits)

After registration, candidates must attend a week-long compulsory research proposal workshop. The dates for the workshops will be communicated. The outcome of the proposal is an acceptable Doctoral proposal within one year, presented at a proposal defence latest mid- November.

STAGE 2: Full thesis module and colloquia (360 Credits)

This includes having the study reviewed by a Scientific Review Committee followed by compulsory presentations at two (2) colloquia and the writing of the thesis.

First colloquium: Research methodology

Second colloquium: Presentation of the final thesis, which entails the successful defence of the study.

Completion of Degree

Candidates will have a minimum of two (2) years and a maximum of six (6) years in which to complete the DBL degree successfully. Starting from the 2021 cohort, Doctoral candidates shall deliver an oral defence (viva voce) of their theses. The oral defence may take place in person, or through videoconferencing or other appropriate technology. An oral defence of a doctoral thesis is always required as part of the examination process. The same examiners are appointed to assess the thesis and adjudicate its oral defence.