
Doctor of Business Administration [DBA]

- [University of Pretoria](#)
- [Study at UP](#)
- Doctor of Business Administration [DBA]

Programme Code

07264003

Closing Dates

- **SA** - 31/05/2026
 - **Non-SA** - 31/05/2026
-

Admission Requirements

General Admission Regulations:

Refer to the UP Institutional Admissions Policy as well as the General Academic Regulations and Student Rules (Go to <https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home> and click on General Rules and Regulations, then on General Academic Regulations and Student Rules)

1. All applications must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. Certified full academic transcripts from undergraduate to current level;
 - b. Certified copy of ID or passport;
 - c. A research concept note (not applicable to honours or coursework master's degrees): A description of the proposed research field indicating a research topic and the broad scope of the proposed study, not exceeding 500 words.
 2. All applicants with international qualifications must submit the following documents, subject to provision number 9:
 - a. A SAQA evaluation of the completed qualification or a comprehensive Foreign Qualification Report
 - b. *TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English or Oxford Test of English test results (if applicable)
 - c. Certified copy of passport.
-

3. All postgraduate applications are subject to departmental admissions processes.
4. Admissions is based on the content of and performance in the prior degree, bridging arrangements (where required), academic merit and prior work experience (if applicable).
5. Admission to all qualifications is subject to supervisory capacity and/or research projects in the field of specialisation in a department, therefore the relevant department has the right to limit the number of students per year.
6. Complying with the minimum admissions requirements, does not automatically guarantee admission to the degree.
7. Proposed research studies for masters and doctoral applicants should align with the research focus of the relevant department.
8. *If a qualifying candidate has expressed an interest in a field of study that the relevant department cannot accommodate, the applicant may be considered for an alternative project.*
9. All postgraduate applicants must be proficient in English as English is the official language of tuition, communication and correspondence at the University of Pretoria. Candidates who cannot provide evidence that previous studies were completed in English, must submit TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English or Oxford Test of English test results with their application.
10. All applicants must be computer literate.
11. All students need to have access to an internet enabled device, as well as consistent email and internet access.
12. Allowance will be made for the diversity profile of students in accordance with the University strategy.

Minimum admissions requirements:

1. Master of Business Administration degree or master's degree in a business-related discipline on NQF level 9
 2. Two referee reports from professional referees
-

Selection Process

Candidates will be subjected to a selection process:

- Candidates will be required to complete an application form with two references and an essay
 - Candidates will be required to complete a prescribed entrance assessment
 - Should an applicant be non-degreed, they will be required to complete a prescribed entrance assessment in line with RPL policy (UP General Academic Regulations and Student Rules, G.55). All non-degreed applicants will be required to attend panel interviews
 - Once an applicant has completed the application process, the application will be submitted, via Faculty Board, to the Senate Committee for Admission Status for consideration.
 - Once all the required processes have been completed, the applicant is informed of the outcome of the
-

application.

Minimum duration of study

2 years, full-time

Faculty Notes

GIBS is the University of Pretoria's internationally accredited business school, based in Sandton, Johannesburg - South Africa's economic hub.

GIBS enjoys global recognition from organisations like the UK *Financial Times*, which since 2003, has ranked GIBS among the *Financial Times*' top 50 business schools for Executive Education Open and Custom Programmes. Our GIBS MBA is ranked among the top 100 business schools globally in the *Financial Times* Executive MBA Rankings.

GIBS offers prospective students a wide range of post-graduate academic programmes that are deeply intensive and interpersonal, discussion-based programmes designed to push the boundaries of management education. We focus not only on knowledge and skills, but the overall development of the person as a leader. Academic programmes are the flagship of the GIBS offering.

Enquiries about the programme

[Click Here](#)



How to apply



Online Application



Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

Disclaimer: Due to the continuous restructuring of the Faculty and this website, some of the information displayed here may not fully reflect the most recent developments in the Faculty. Any discrepancies that are experienced may be taken up with Student Administration of the Faculty.