HASKAYNE DBA

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Haskayne DBA Academic Curriculum

The DBA curriculum is tailored to senior-level managers or executives with significant experience in their fields and to academics who are looking to delve into the application of management theories and frameworks.

The program involves two stages: the candidacy and the thesis. The candidacy consists of eight courses (six core and two electives) as well as a Field of Study exam and a thesis proposal. The thesis stage includes the thesis work and the final oral defense.

Through their course work, DBA students will receive a grounding in research methodology, which will enable them to design and conduct their own research projects. Students will be equipped with the tools to develop their research proposals, conduct research and prepare their theses, which may also be suitable for publication as articles or books. Graduates of the program will have developed the ability to create new knowledge through rigorous research with practical relevance.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

1. CANDIDACY

- Course work (8 courses: 6 core, 2 elective)
- Period: Year 1: January – Year 2: August
  Anticipated time to completion from program start: 20 months

2. CANDIDACY

- Written Field of Study examination (integrative paper)
- Period: Year 2: Fall – Year 3: Winter
  Anticipated time to completion from program start: 21 to 28 months (September – April)

3. CANDIDACY

- Thesis proposal (based on empirical study) with oral examination
- Period: Year 2: Fall – Year 3: Winter
  Anticipated time to completion from program start: 21 to 28 months (September – April)

4. THESIS WORK

- Refine case study into thesis manuscript