EU GLOBAL

Doctor of Business Administration

DBA

Setting the European Standard for Practice-Led Research

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Program Snapshot

A practice-oriented Doctor of Business Administration for senior leaders aiming to translate organizational problems into actionable, research-grounded approaches, combining executive coursework with tailored supervision.

Grounded in EU Global's European academic standards, global faculty, and formal accreditation, the DBA is supported by an institutional framework that ensures rigorous, professionally relevant doctoral research.

About EU Global

A Reputable Institution for Career-Defining Studies.

European Global Institute of Innovation & Technology (EU Global) is an accredited institution of higher education established to deliver high-quality, internationally recognized programs that enhance learners' employability and global mobility. The institute combines European academic standards with an international outlook to prepare professionals for leadership in complex, changing environments.

EU Global's teaching approach emphasizes project-based learning and reflective practice, enabling participants to apply conceptual frameworks directly to real-world decision-making. Instruction is designed to bridge theory and practice, developing research-led skills that produce measurable organizational impact.

The institute is committed to building future competencies through lifelong learning. Its Competency Lab cultivates research, entrepreneurial, sustainability, and professional capabilities, and develops the interpersonal skills and leadership attitudes required for tomorrow's leaders.

Accreditations and Recognitions

Credibility at a Glance.

EU Global is a Malta-licensed higher education institute with recognized European accreditation and multiple international credential evaluations.
The EU Global establishes its qualifications for international credential evaluation and secures acceptance from national assessment bodies across multiple countries.

Key recognitions include:

- Malta Further & Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) - Licensed in Malta to award ECTS-aligned higher education qualifications. (License No 018 2024).

- MFHEA membership of EURASHE - MFHEA shares learning and best practice with EURASHE and its accredited degree providers.

- European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) - Degrees awarded by EU Global carry ECTS credits to support credit transfer and international recognition within the Bologna Process framework.

- Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF) referenced to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and QF - EHEA - Qualifications mapped to Malta and European frameworks for comparability.

- Erasmus+ ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education) - Holds the Erasmus charter enabling participation in Erasmus+ activities.

- ENIC NARIC Network - Listed within the European recognition network that supports cross-border academic recognition.

- Bologna Process / EHEA alignment - Programs follow European higher education standards and quality guidelines.

- Council for Higher Education Development (USA) - Cites international recognition from a US higher education body.

- Association of Professional Higher Education Institutes (APHEI), USA - Holds an international USA membership with APHEI.

- ENQA affiliation (via MFHEA) - Quality assurance alignment through MFHEA's ENQA links.

- EduQua (ESDST) - Programs of the European School of Data Science & Technology (ESDST), a fully owned entity of EU Global, hold the Swiss EduQua quality label.

- Malta Chamber of Commerce membership - Listed as a member, indicating local business engagement.

- **World Education Services (WES)** - Included in WES listings to support credential evaluation for study and work in WES using jurisdictions.

- **International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)** - Comparable Maltese master's qualifications are generally assessed as equivalent to Canadian master's degrees.

- **Foundation for International Services (FIS)** - Maltese master's degrees have been assessed as comparable to U.S. regionally accredited degrees for academic purposes.

- **South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)** - Comparable Maltese master's qualifications are recognized as equivalent to South Africa's Level 9 master's standard.

- **New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)** - Maltese qualifications have been assessed and recognized for academic equivalence in New Zealand.

- **Italy Automatic Recognition Database ARDI** - Comparable Maltese qualifications are recognized at the appropriate QF EHEA level in Italy.

- **Lithuania Study Quality Evaluation Center** - Maltese qualifications have been recognized as Level 7 and, in some cases, are eligible for third cycle (Ph.D.) entry.

Why Institutional Quality Matters

EU Global provides the governance, supervision, and quality assurance that enable working leaders to complete a rigorous DBA while remaining in full-time roles. The institute's structure ensures applied research meets European academic standards and delivers measurable impact for organizations and sectors. Graduates receive a Malta-issued qualification that supports international mobility, further study, and professional recognition.

The EU Global Advantage.

A Trusted European Provider.

EU Global combines Malta-licensed European accreditation with practice-focused doctoral study delivered for working professionals. The institute structures supervision, assessment, and career support so candidates can complete rigorous, relevant research while remaining in full-time roles.

- Recognized European qualification - Malta license (MFHEA) and ECTS alignment support international credential evaluation and further study.

- Applied, practice-led research - Doctoral projects target real organizational problems and produce actionable outcomes.

- Experienced supervision - International academics and senior practitioners provide tailored guidance and industry insight.

- Competency Lab - Structured development of research, entrepreneurial, sustainability, and professional skills.

- Career support and industry links - Industry references and applied projects enhance employability and mobility.

- Quality assurance and governance - Institutional processes ensure academic standards, assessment integrity, and degree verification.

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Doctor of Business Administration

A Professional Doctorate for Executive Practice and Applied Research

The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) is a professional doctorate for experienced leaders and managers who want to combine advanced leadership skills with practical research. It focuses on applying academic ideas to real business problems so candidates can lead change and create evidence-based solutions.

The Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) at EU Global is a Level 8, fully accredited doctoral degree on the Malta Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework. The program requires candidates to produce original work that advances knowledge or practice in their field through independent research or the innovative application of existing knowledge.

Purpose and Focus

The DBA develops the ability to combine rigorous analysis with practical problem-solving. It prepares experienced professionals to investigate complex organizational challenges, design evidence-based solutions, and apply findings to improve practice and policy. The program emphasizes research that has clear relevance to industry, public organizations, and professional practice.

Candidate Profile

The program is intended for senior managers, executives, consultants, and experienced practitioners who already hold a master's degree or have equivalent professional experience. Candidates are expected to bring subject-matter expertise and a clear professional context for their research.

Research Topics and Flexibility

Candidates may pursue research in any area where they have prior expertise, including but not limited to marketing, finance, technology, operations, human resources, data analytics, healthcare, and agribusiness. Supervisors work with each candidate to define a research question that is both original and practically meaningful.

Program Accreditation

EU Global's Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) is a Level 8 doctoral degree, fully accredited on the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF) and aligned with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). The program is recognized internationally and confers the right to use the academic title "Dr".

EU Global's DBA is supported by recognized European and international accreditations and credential evaluations:

- 180 ECTS credits - Confirms the program's credit value within the European higher education system.

- EQF-aligned (Level 8) - Confirms the program meets the learning outcomes expected of a doctoral qualification in Europe.

- Malta Further & Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) - Accredited and registered as MQF/EQL Level 8.

- MQF-accredited - Registered and accredited on the Malta Qualifications Framework.

- WES-recognized - Recognized by World Education Services for international credential evaluation.

- ENIC-NARIC-recognized - Listed within international recognition networks for academic credentials.

- CHED-accredited - Accredited by the Council for Higher Education Development USA (CHED).

- APHEI affiliation - Affiliated with the Association of Professional Higher Education Institutions (USA).

Program Structure and Learning Pathway

Andragogical approach for the doctoral program.

EU Global's Doctor of Business Administration applies adult learning principles to help candidates achieve maximum research and professional impact. Delivered in staged phases with clear milestones, the program lets scholars build their thesis progressively.

The doctorate at EU Global is organized into three stages:

Stage 1

Professional Reflection and Research Foundation

Milestone 1: Professional reflection and application to practice

i.   DOC 101 Strategic Leadership and Innovation for Sustainable Development — links leadership practice with sustainable and innovative strategies.
ii. DOC 102 Professional Review and Translating into Research — converts professional experience into researchable problems.
iii. RES 101 Research Objectives Proposal Writing and Ethics — develops research questions, drafts proposals, and secures ethical approval.

Key outputs: reflective portfolio, initial proposal draft, ethics clearance

Stage 2

Proposal Development and Methodology

Milestone 2: Research proposal and defense

i. DOC 103 Literature Review for Doctoral Studies — methods for reviewing and positioning research within existing knowledge.

ii. DOC 104 Advanced Research Methodologies — advanced qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods for applied research.

iii. RES 102 Academic Publications — guidance on preparing work for journals and planning dissemination.

Key outputs: completed literature review, final research proposal, and formal proposal defense.

Exit Award / Qualification

An interim award of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is granted to scholars who have completed the research coursework.

Stage 3

Research Execution and Thesis Completion

Milestone 3: Dissertation submission and defense

i. DOC 105 Data Collection — practical approaches to gathering primary and secondary data.

ii. DOC 106 Data Analysis and Interpretation — tools and techniques for analyzing results.

iii. DOC 107 Discussion Conclusions and Recommendations — linking findings to practice and policy.

iv. DOC 108 Writing and Structuring Dissertation — thesis structure, academic writing, and presentation.

v. RES 103 Dissertation Submission and Viva Preparation — final submission checks and viva preparation.

Key outputs: completed thesis (target 60,000 words), submission, viva voce.

Supervision Assessment and Support

- **Supervision:** Each candidate receives a dedicated supervisor and regular progress reviews.
- **Assessment:** Module assignments, proposal defense, publication activity, thesis submission, and oral defense.
- **Support services:** Research seminars, online library access, statistical and qualitative analysis help, and peer cohorts

Progression Duration and Outcomes

- **Progression:** Module work feeds directly into the thesis to ensure continuous development.
- **Study duration:** Two years (24 months)
- **Outcome:** A practice-focused doctoral thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge and offers actionable recommendations for professional practice.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the Doctor of Business Administration, EU Global scholars will be able to:

- **Create and advance knowledge.** Analyze complex problems and produce original research or scholarship that extends the discipline and is suitable for peer-review publication.

- **Master current knowledge.** Acquire and organize a substantial, up-to-date body of knowledge that sits at the leading edge of their professional field.

- **Design and manage applied research.** Translate professional experience into a clear research question, design and implement a project to generate new insights, and adapt the project when unexpected challenges arise.

- **Use rigorous research methods.** Select and apply appropriate quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods techniques for high-quality academic enquiry and practical investigation.

- **Uphold research integrity.** Recognize ethical issues, follow institutional and disciplinary ethical standards, and conduct research with honesty, transparency, and respect for participants.

Key Features of the EU Global DBA Program

- Qualification level - A Level 8 doctoral degree fully accredited on the Malta Qualifications Framework and aligned with the European Qualifications Framework.
- Modular design - Eight taught modules that progressively build research skills and subject knowledge.
- Residency model - Three online residencies that provide focused workshops, peer engagement, and viva preparation.
- Research emphasis - Strong applied research focus that translates professional practice into original, evidence-based contributions.
- Methodology training - Advanced instruction in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods tailored to applied doctoral research.
- Assessment pathway - Continuous assessment through module work, proposal defense, publication activity, thesis submission, and oral defense.
- Recognition and title - International recognition through credential networks and the right to use the academic title "Dr." upon successful completion.
- Career impact - Designed to prepare graduates for senior leadership, consultancy, board roles, policy advisory, and academic or executive education positions.
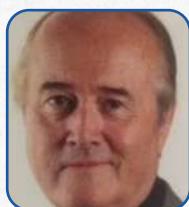
The EU Global DBA delivers applied research training, accredited recognition, and personalized supervision. Graduates complete a publishable, professionally relevant thesis and gain the credibility to influence organizations and policy. Designed for working professionals, the program combines rigorous methodology, industry engagement, and publication support to accelerate career progression, consultancy opportunities, and academic impact. Completing the DBA represents an investment in advanced expertise, professional authority, and measurable organizational influence.

Faculty and Research Experts

Scholars and Practitioners Leading the Way

Dr. Peter Hill   Dr. Michael Courteney   Dr. Rob Angell   Dr. Rosie Raffety   Dr. Sarah Turner

Dr. Peter Stokes   Dr. David Gordon   Dr. Alexander Tziamalis   Dr. Chiemela F. Anyanwu   Dr. Clayton Davies

Requirements for Admission

- Copy of Master's degree certificate with official transcript
- Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Residence Visa
- 1 front-facing photograph

2026 Fee Structure

Registration Fee:	AED 5,000
Course Fees: (AED 3,100 x 24)	AED 74,400
Administration Fee:	AED 5,000
Total Fees:	AED 84,400

Convocation/Graduation Ceremony Fee - To be informed later
Certificate Attestation: AED 2,500

5% VAT exclusive

Refer to the Course Fee Contract for other charges.

Any fees paid are non-refundable under any circumstances

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