

PhD in

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

(Concentration in Finance)



**BE A TOP
RESEARCHER
OR BUSINESS
LEADER**

The region, and the world, need leading-edge thinking to support their business leaders—individuals equipped with the latest research-based knowledge of their particular specialization.

AUS' PhD in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance, gives individuals the expertise and confidence to become a future leader in finance-related academia or business. Learn more about this program and what it can bring to the careers of those who earn it.

Why AUS?

- Flexible timing of classes, catering to busy professionals.
- Join an elite academic community and work closely with highly qualified faculty.
- Access world-class researchers and highly published academic instructors.
- Based on the North American-style model, providing cutting-edge knowledge through coursework, followed by an independent research dissertation under the supervision of top researchers.

Dual Degree Program

Selected AUS PhD BA students can enroll in the dual degree program offered in conjunction with the prestigious Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina (USC). Through this partnership, selected AUS PhD BA students spend the second year of their program abroad, benefiting from the experience of international study and earning dual degrees from two leading business schools.

Students in the dual program will be under the supervision of faculty from both universities, and their thesis will be co-supervised by faculty from both AUS and USC. However, students will need to sit only one comprehensive exam, which will be administered by both institutions. After the year at USC, students in the program will return to AUS to complete their PhD requirements.

Due to limited places, admission to the dual program is competitive. Those who are successful will benefit from assistance in applying for visas, insurance and housing for their year abroad. Students will also be eligible for scholarships and stipend support to assist with academic and living costs.

DID YOU KNOW?

AUS offers full and partial graduate assistantships for qualified students, along with additional graduate student employment opportunities.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the PhD in Business Administration are prepared for leadership in academia or industry. On completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- critique methods of research and academic inquiry in the field of business administration
- reconcile the results of research in the business field of study with extant theory
- identify, investigate and synthesize complex issues within the field by applying a range of analytical tools and theoretical models
- communicate research outcomes effectively to academic and practitioner audiences both orally and in writing
- publish scholarship in peer-reviewed journals related to business administration and economics
- teach effectively and disseminate fundamental knowledge in the field of study and related areas in business administration
- uphold standards of ethical academic conduct

The PhD BA Curriculum

The program's first concentration is in finance. The required and elective courses therefore reflect this specialization. Required and elective coursework, along with the qualifying exam and the dissertation, are outlined below.

Required Core Courses

BUS 701 Philosophical Foundations of Business Research

BUS 702 Seminar in Business Administration

BUS 703 Advanced Applied Econometrics

BUS 704 Applied Time Series Analysis

BUS 790 Qualifying Examination

BUS 799 Dissertation

Required Courses for Concentration in Finance

FIN 711 Finance Theory

FIN 712 Contemporary Issues in Financial Research

FIN 713 Advanced Topics in Financial Markets and Institutions

FIN 714 Empirical Research Methods in Finance: Asset Pricing

FIN 715 Advanced Corporate Finance Research

Elective Courses *(minimum two courses)*

FIN 721 Seminar in International Finance

FIN 722 Corporate Restructuring and Reorganization

FIN 723 Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance and Compensation

FIN 694 Special Topic Courses in Finance

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the university's **general requirements** for admission to PhD degree programs, applicants to the PhD-BA degree program must meet the following program admission requirements:

- Applicants must have completed a master of science relevant to the concentration applied for, or a Master of Business Administration degree, with a minimum CGPA of 3.0.
- Applicants must submit an official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score.
- Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose and a current vitae/resume.
- Applicants to the PhD-BA with Concentration in Finance will be required to have completed a graduate-level course in applied econometrics.

Our program is designed to drive the careers of ambitious graduates and professionals in either academia or industry.

This program combines the very latest international knowledge and research with an understanding of the GCC's business landscape—a unique combination essential for success in a global and interconnected world. Through our committed and distinguished faculty and impressive facilities, candidates of the PhD BA will be given opportunities to realize their goals and expand their horizons by embarking on this exceptional research-based degree. We look forward to you joining us for this exciting program.

Why SBA?



- Ranked within the **world's top 50 universities under 50 years of age**.
- Ranked among the **top 10 universities in the Arab world** for the past seven years.
- Ranked among the **world's top 400 universities**.
- Ranked among the **top four in the Middle East** for business and management studies.
- Ranked **number one in the UAE** and among the **top 200 universities globally** for accounting and finance.



- Among the **highest percentage of international students of any ranked university in the world**.
- Ranked within the **top 250 universities in the Asia region**.
- Ranked **first in the UAE** and **top 400 globally** for business and economics.
- Ranked in the **top 175** universities in emerging economies.



- AUS is rated **the GCC's best performing university** in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.



- **Bloomberg** has granted AUS **Experiential Learning Partner** status. AUS is the first university in the region and one of only 35 universities worldwide to receive this prestigious accolade.



- **86 percent of SBA faculty hold professorial ranks**, having earned their PhDs from AACSB-accredited, predominantly North American universities.



- SBA is home to the region's **first interactive trading floor**, a replica of the trading firms of Wall Street or the Dubai Financial District.
- SBA maintains **strong connections with the business world** through **professional seminars, real-world projects and research**, and a **global network of successful AUS alumni**.

Detailed information regarding admission and graduation requirements can be found at www.aus.edu/sba/phdba.

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