

DBA Programme Assessment Grid

<u>Module</u>	<u>Weekly course assignments & mentoring drafts to be submitted for formative assessment and feedback</u>	<u>End of course / mentoring written and oral assessments</u>	<u>End of module conference assessments</u>
Module 1: Research Objectives	<p>Week 1 - Summary that outlines the exact issue you are facing in your organisation, as well as what you have already found about this issue from the literature and how it is impacting other organisations.</p> <p>Week 2 - Summary that outlines what the exact problematics within the current situation are, as well as what is it you have already found from the literature about the actual problem(s) and how it is impacting other organisations.</p> <p>Week 3 - A set of possible research questions that work wants to explore and that are derived from the research problem.</p>	<p>A draft paper detailing the problem statement, research questions, and research methods that were applied in related research studies.</p> <p><i>Type: Individual assignment.</i></p> <p><i>Weighting: 20%.</i></p> <p><i>Written component: Word count: 2,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</i></p> <p><i>Oral component: Presentation of 10 minutes.</i></p>	<p>Final draft of the research outline and its presentation.</p> <p><i>Type: Individual assessment.</i></p> <p><i>Written component: Word count: 4,000 words.</i></p> <p><i>Weighting: 70%.</i></p> <p><i>Oral component: Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</i></p> <p><i>Weighting: 10%</i></p>

	<p>Week 4 - Draft research plan that pinpoints the potential research methods and instruments that answer the research question.</p> <p>Week 5 - Discussion of possible alterations to the draft research plan based on the results of the 'Problem Framing' activity carried out in this task.</p> <p>Week 6 - A critical analysis detailing how the Task 5 responses relate to the initial research question/s, research problem/s or the larger issue; or if they should be framed differently.</p> <p>Week 7 - Revision of the initially developed issue and problem statement/s and the research question/s based on the outcomes of your Task 6 analysis.</p> <p>Week 8 - Compilation of either (1) a poster, (2) a presentation, or (3) an abstract that provides an overview about your workplace-based issue, the underlying problem/s, the possible research</p>	<p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
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	question/s your work could explore, the available methods and instruments that could be used to answer the research question/s, as well as the key literature that has been guiding you through this course.		
Module 2: Doctoral Thesis Research Proposal	<p>Week 1 - Summary that outlines the exact problem or issue that the research will be tackling.</p> <p>Week 2 - Document providing an overview of existing studies that have looked at this problem.</p> <p>Week 3 - Document outlining what is already known about the research problem, what still remains unknown and therefore, what your research wants to examine further.</p> <p>Week 4 - Document outlining who the stakeholders are to whom the issue and problem relates.</p>	<p>A draft thesis research proposal. The proposal shall integrate the proposal development and enhancement achieved during the course, a comprehensive literature review and a dedicated methodology section.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assignment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 3,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</p>	<p>A revised draft (final draft) of the thesis research proposal and its presentation.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 8,000 words.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 70%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</p>

	<p>Week 5 - Diagram that illustrates the relation in between the (research) problem, (research) question(s), and the outcome expectations of your research.</p> <p>Week 6 - Document based on the previous studies identified in Task 3, what research methodology will be considered and what are the research methods to be adopted for the research.</p> <p>Week 7 - Skeleton draft doctoral thesis research proposal.</p> <p>Week 8 - First working draft of your Doctoral Thesis Research Proposal.</p>	<p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p><i>Weighting:</i> 10%</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
	<p>Week 1 - Summary of conceptual and / or theoretical frameworks used in comparative studies and / or studies that this research will be building on.</p>	<p>A draft research methodology chapter including-philosophical underpinning of discipline independent research, and details of</p>	<p>A revised methodology draft chapter (final draft) and its presentation.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p>

<p>Module 3: Research Methodology</p>	<p>Week 2 - Discussion how such existing frameworks were deployed and what type of knowledge and findings they produced.</p> <p>Week 3 - Discussion how existing frameworks could be deployed in this research.</p> <p>Week 4 - Draft conceptual / theoretical framework to be adopted for this study.</p> <p>Week 5 - Illustration of the proposed framework.</p> <p>Week 6 - Draft research plan.</p> <p>Week 7 - Plan how the research plan will be operationalised during the club study phase, including any pre-testing foreseen.</p> <p>Week 8 - Draft research methodology.</p>	<p>research methods and techniques planned in this research.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assignment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 3,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 5,000 words.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 70%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 10%</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
	<p>Weekly updated drafts of the “T1_8 Research Analysis Template Sheet” which will be used as a starting point for the subsequent module 5.</p>	<p>A draft of the “T1_8 Research Analysis Template Sheet” including assessment of suitability of the</p>	<p>A data collection draft chapter (final draft) and presentation of findings including evaluation of a</p>

<p>Module 4: Data collection and engagement</p>		<p>adopted methodology and suggestions of potential corrective actions.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assignment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: Table T1_8 and 3,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p>need to collect additional data considering data collection methods/techniques for additional data collection and engagement.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 6,000 words.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 70%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 10%</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
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<p>Module 5 Analysis & Evaluation</p>	<p>Week 1 - Updated draft of the “T1_8 Research Analysis Template Sheet”.</p> <p>Week 2 - Discussion detailing what the data is telling about the apparent problem domains and the problem (domain) properties.</p> <p>Week 3 - Reworked T2 by examined stakeholder group.</p> <p>Week 4 - Illustration of the relations and connections across the problem domains, the problem properties and the different stakeholder groups.</p> <p>Week 5 - Summary of the key literature and the type of knowledge that it provides to the research findings.</p> <p>Week 6 - Overview about the main outcomes of the analysis and evaluation.</p>	<p>A draft data analysis and evaluation chapter presenting-main outcomes of the analysis and evaluation process as well as first conclusions based on the analysis and evaluation.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assignment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 2,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p>An analysis and evaluation chapter (final draft) including presentation of main findings and outcomes to answer the research question(s) as well as draft discussion section.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 6,000 words.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 70%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 10%</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p>
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	<p>Week 7 - Document detailing the conclusions that can be derived from the analysis and evaluation.</p> <p>Week 8 - Revised T4 Illustration bringing out the key findings and open questions of this research.</p>		<p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
<p>Module 6: Research Conclusions</p>	<p>Week 1 - Synthesis providing clear answers to the research question(s) or hypothesis.</p> <p>Week 2 - Summary of the main research findings and / or outcomes.</p> <p>Week 3 - Discussion about the connections between the findings and related studies.</p> <p>Week 4 - Explanation and significance of the findings.</p> <p>Week 5 - Summary of the implications of the findings.</p> <p>Week 6 - Summary of the limitations of the research and methodology.</p>	<p>A draft research conclusions chapter synthesising the main research findings and outcomes of the study as well as first conclusions, implications and revised draft discussion section.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assignment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p> <p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 10,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</p>	<p>A research conclusions chapter (final draft) including synthesis of the main research findings and outcomes of the study considering answers to the research question(s) as well as discussion of the findings regarding their significance, contribution and novelty. Implications, limitations and future research are part of this chapter too.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p>

	<p>Week 7 - Recommendations for future research.</p> <p>Week 8 - Presentation illustrating the conclusions of the study.</p>	<p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 20,000 words.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 70%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 10%</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
	<p>Week 1 - Draft table of content, introduction chapter, and list of key terms according to T0_2 Template sections 1 to 5.</p>	<p>A draft version of the complete thesis (thesis structure and content).</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p>	<p>A final draft version of the complete thesis (thesis structure and content).</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p>

<p>Module 7: Writing up and Structuring your Thesis</p>	<p>Week 2 - Outline of the key findings, such as apparent patterns or common themes and how these match to the T1 draft (T0_2; 6).</p> <p>Week 3 - Draft of data excerpts in support of T2 key findings (T0_2; 6) and how these match with T2 and T3 drafts.</p> <p>Week 4 - Please use the mirroring technique and work through the T0_2 document and check how consistent the key terms are used through the sections.</p> <p>Week 5 - Complete T0_2 section 7 about key findings, key literature, and how this matches to the earlier T0_2 sections.</p> <p>Week 6 - Complete T0_2 section 8 about methods used in the research and how this matches to the earlier T0_2 sections.</p>	<p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 40,000 – 50,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p><i>Written component:</i> Word count: 40,000 – 50,000 words.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 70%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 10%</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
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	<p>Week 7 - Identify 'blank spots' and 'inconsistencies' within the thesis by using the mirroring technique.</p> <p>Week 8 - Identify next steps and concrete actions for finalizing the thesis document.</p>		
<p>Module 8:</p> <p>Getting Ready for Submission</p>	<p>Written defence of the thesis to a set of questions focusing on:</p> <p>Week 1 - Thesis Introduction.</p> <p>Week 2 - Literature Review.</p> <p>Week 3 - Methodology.</p> <p>Week 4 - Data and Findings</p> <p>Week 5 - Analysis and Evaluation</p> <p>Week 6 - Conclusions, recommendations, and future research.</p>	<p>A draft version of the revision plan (chapter by chapter) for the final write up of the complete thesis based on the individual feedback and questions.</p> <p><i>Weighting: 20%.</i></p> <p><i>Written component: Word count: 5,000 – 10,000 words (excluding table of content, figures, references).</i></p>	<p>A submission-ready thesis draft</p> <p><i>Type: Individual assessment.</i></p> <p><i>Written component: Word count: 40,000 – 60,000 words.</i></p> <p><i>Weighting: 70%.</i></p> <p><i>Oral component: Presentation of 5 minutes, followed by a 15 minutes Q/A session, and a final 10 minutes on the next development steps.</i></p> <p><i>Weighting: 10%</i></p>

	<p>Week 7 - Impact, actionability and personal development.</p> <p>Week 8 - Outline providing a holistic account of the thesis.</p>	<p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week after the last lecture of the module.</p>	<p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>
<p>Module 9:</p> <p>Viva</p> <p>Preparation</p>	<p>Oral defence of the thesis to a set of questions focusing on:</p> <p>Week 1 - Thesis Introduction.</p> <p>Week 2 - Literature Review.</p> <p>Week 3 - Methodology.</p> <p>Week 4 - Data and Findings</p> <p>Week 5 - Analysis and Evaluation</p> <p>Week 6 - Conclusions, recommendations, and future research.</p>	<p>Mock Viva defence.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 20%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> Presentation of 10 minutes.</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 3 days after the Week 7 lecture of the module.</p>	<p>Doctoral thesis defence pitch.</p> <p><i>Type:</i> Individual assessment.</p> <p><i>Weighting:</i> 80%.</p> <p><i>Oral component:</i> 60 Minutes Mock Viva session</p> <p><i>Submission:</i> on-line in the DoctorateHub system.</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 1 week before the conference.</p>

	<p>Week 7 - Impact, actionability and personal development.</p> <p>Week 8 - Mini Mock Viva – Speed navigation through the thesis.</p>		
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