

"EQUIPPING RESPONSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE LEADERS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING GLOBAL ECONOMY"



the action learning business school

Global Executive DBA

Are you looking to deepen your overall business knowledge while maintaining a commitment to ethical and performance leadership? Do you want to build your capacity and improve your management decision-making process through measurable actions? The Global Humanistic University and Business School Netherlands DBA is a prestigious and challenging program designed to equip you with the skills you need to be a Great Leader. BSN is passionate about Great Leadership.

The DBA is for Great Leaders who are comfortable combining success with responsibility. Great Leaders who (1) are responsible and create a positive impact on society; who (2) are able to transform their own organization; who (3) make informed decisions and who (4) are focused on performance management.

Business School Netherlands and the Global Humanistic University both have a strong tradition of educating business leaders and thinkers who are committed to their organizations and communities. BSN has a very successful track record of offering DBAs worldwide in many countries, including China, the Netherlands, Africa and more.

This DBA program combines the GHU's progressive teaching methodologies with BSN's strong emphasis on measurable and actionable management strategies and philosophies.

ACCREDITATION

The DBA has the accreditation of the AAC. The Accreditation Agency Curacao (AAC) is an independent and professional Accreditation Agency for Higher Education located in Curacao. The AAC is officially recognized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Government of Curacao.







The AAC is an affiliate of ENQA and a full member of INQAAHE. The AAC adopts the standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG; 2015). The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) developed these standards in collaboration with the European Students' Union (ESU), the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE) and the European University Association (EUA).

The DBA collaboration between BSN and the GHU is accredited by the American Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).





The Global Executive DBA focuses more on knowledge creation and practical application than a taught qualification. The online modules and optional DBA conferences and workshops are taught by expert faculty from both the GHU and BSN (refer to the program structure overview)

During the DBA, candidates will have a number of mandatory group sessions and coursework. These will raise your level of academic preparedness and equip you with the capabilities and skills needed to undertake a comprehensive research project. Using these newly acquired insights and combined with the new solid theoretical foundation and understanding of relevant research methodology, you will be expected to identify a complex leadership problem in your work environment, industry or society.

Small classes of 5-10 DBA candidates provide real personal guidance. During your DBA, you will greatly benefit from our Doctoral Degree Mentorship provided by your own Action Learning Coach-facilitated peer interviews.

WHO ARE YOUR PEERS?

They are business owners and senior managers of both SMEs and multinationals or senior professionals such as senior consultants and human resources management consultants, directors and partners of professional service firms. They are, like you, curious, love technology, love challenge, love problem solving, love take responsibility, learning, maintain professionalism, are flexible, patient, enthusiastic and confident.

PHASE 1

Module	ECTS
Research Proposal*	5
Academic Writing/Method Skills*	15
Review of Professional Capabillity (Reflection)*	10
Planning an advanced Practitioner Research Program (Exposé)	30
*Any order	60

PHASE 2

Module	ECTS
Project Report (Thesis)	85
Research Paper	30
Oral Presentation and Viva Voce (Defensio)	5
	120
Total	180

The collaborative DBA is worth a total of 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System/ 90 USA Credits).

The program lasts a minimum of 3 years, with a maximum allowable time of 7 years for completion.

The DBA can be completed in the student's native language, but the research proposal (5 ECTS), exposé (30 ECTS) and research paper (30 ECTS) must also be submitted in English. This can be done in the form of a notarized translation.



ONLINE WITH OPTIONAL CONFERENCES

The collaborative DBA program is offered 100% online through the Online Campus. BSN will organize a non-compulsory study week each year and may also organize various offline short courses, events, etc. Candidates may be asked to make a financial contribution to such offline events.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS & MENTORS

As a DBA candidate, you will have one professor supervising your program from the beginning until graduation and a second marker (professor) assisting and supporting you as you work on the thesis. One professor will be from BSN and the other from the GHU.

GRADUATION AND POST-DBA

DBA candidates who applied through BSN and were enrolled in the GHU system are invited to the annual BSN graduation in the Netherlands. You can publish your thesis in the BSN library and support is provided for publication of a popular version in journals relevant to Action Learning/ Action Research/Responsible Leadership (free of charge). You may also be invited to present your DBA thesis at an event hosted by BSN's Impact Center for Responsible Leadership.

DBA candidates who have applied through BSN are invited to become alumni of BSN. You may also be invited to present your DBA thesis at a special event for BSN's business associates or at an event of one of BSN's Impact Centers, which we are establishing in 2022 and 2023: one for Responsible Leadership, one for Change Leadership, one for Decision-Making Leadership, and one for Performance Leadership. When you excel in your DBA, you may even be invited to become a friend of or join as a scholar in one of our Impact Centers.



DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

The minimum duration of the program is 3 years, with a maximum of 7 years

Each DBA applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- » Hold an MBA or master's degree in a relevant field
- » Possess at least 5 years of professional experience
- » Is employed in a senior executive or significant managerial position or equivalent OR are in the process of making a career change
- » Be pursuing, or have pursued, a significant career in professional or business areas that fall within the research interest of the Global Humanistic University or Business School Netherlands
- » Have access to reliable email and Internet services

TIME FRAME FOR ADMISSION

The Global Executive DBA has a rolling intake, and you can begin your DBA studies as soon as you have applied, been accepted, and registered for the program.



About

Both the GHU and BSN are prestigious universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. BSN is officially recognized as a University of Applied Sciences, while the GHU is officially recognized as a Research University.

has access to all of our activities and programs of study. the GHU policy dictates that all participants must meet four main goals:



THE GLOBAL HUMANISTIC UNIVERSITY

The Global Humanistic University (GHU) has received its charter from the Ministry of Education of Curaçao. This charter gives the GHU the right to establish a university in Curaçao with the aim of offering and teaching high quality online study programs in the fields of business administration, finance and law. The bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs are primarily aimed at international students.

The GHU's modern operation allows candidates all over the world to do their DBA in their native language, whether English, Mandarin, Dutch, German, French, Spanish or something else.

The rector, vice-rector, faculty and staff of GHU have decades of experience in higher education, and quality assurance is one of the foundations of the GHU.

Another principle of the GHU is a strict policy that ensures that everyone - regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status or gender

- Preparing for life as active citizens in a democratic society
- Preparing for sustainable employability
- Personal Development
- Develop and maintain a broad and sophisticated knowledge base
- The GHU strives to provide a welcoming and safe environment that is free from any form of discrimination.



BUSINESS SCHOOL NETHERLANDS

BSN is a Dutch university of applied sciences (founded in 1988) and has a strong tradition of educating managers through executive management programs and short courses. It was also the first university in the Netherlands to offer an accredited MBA program. BSN also boasts more than 20 years of experience in delivering prestigious international DBA programs.

BSN has a global presence in countries such as China, South Africa, Nigeria, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic, and has partners in many more countries.



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