

DCU Business School

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Overview

This document details the structured pathway for DCU Business School. While the main focus for each research candidate is to complete a piece of original research, presented in thesis format, students are also supported in developing a range of skills and competencies through taught modules and other learning opportunities.

Selection and Registration

During their registration, all research students may take a mix of credit bearing modules (Graduate Training Elements or GTEs), and other non-accredited training opportunities such as workshops, seminars and short courses.

These opportunities provide both discipline-specific and transferable skills and knowledge to support students in their research and enhance their research qualification.

Engagement in these activities is an important aspect of the graduate researcher experience.

Students following a structured pathway typically take between 20 and 40 credits, with the final year most likely focused solely on completing their research thesis.

Progression

The structured pathway for each student should be discussed and agreed in the first instance with the supervisor and progress recorded on the annual PGR2 form. Once approval has been given, the student can register for his/her chosen GTE/s during the online registration process.

Induction and Training

Students are encouraged to take advantage of additional training opportunities offered by the Graduate Studies Office (GSO) and by the School as appropriate. All students are required to attend the orientation and induction sessions organised by GSO in semester one. GSO communicates details of the training schedule to each student at the beginning of each semester.

All students must take the Online Research Integrity Training Module during the first year of their studies.

Structured Doctoral Pathway 2022-23

Core Discipline Specific Modules

- Qualitative Research Methods **MT610** (5 ECTS)
- Quantitative Research Methods **MT611** (5 ECTS)
- Advanced Quantitative Research Methods **MT612** (5 ECTS)
- Discipline-Specific Modules with accompanied ECTS as required

Doctoral Workshops:

- DCU Business School Annual Doctoral Colloquium
- EIASM (www.eiasm.org/r/eden-introduction)
- UCD Summer School

Core Transferable Skills Modules

Choose from these modules:

- *Strategies for Academic Writing **GS608BS** (5 ECTS)
- Postgraduate Tutoring Principles & Practice **GS602/A** (5 ECTS)
- English for Academic Purposes **LC600** (5 ECTS)
- Qualitative Research Summer School **NS5055** (5 ECTS) (Limited places. Students must also register for summer school sessions separately.)
- Research Methods **LG608** (5 ECTS)
- Research Design for the Social Sciences **LG609** (5 ECTS)
- Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences 1 **LG602** (5 ECTS)
- Research Ethics **TP602** (5 ECTS)

*Where possible, it is recommended that these are taken in the first year of study, or at the earliest opportunity.

Non-accredited Training, Workshops and Masterclasses

- *Graduate Studies Office Orientation Programme
- *Online Research Integrity Training Module (non - accredited)

Students are also expected to attend/present at relevant local and international conferences:

Year 1

- Local conference attendance and paper presentation

Year 2

- International conference attendance and paper presentation

Year 3

- International conference presentation
- National and international specialist advanced workshops in statistics, NVivo, SEM as required.

- Students should also engage with centrally offered workshops and seminars which align with their development needs at a given time.