

DBA Thesis Assessment Form

Please complete this assessment form following the viva voce examination with the DBA candidate.

Assessor information

Full name	
Title	
Affiliation(s)	
Date of <i>viva voce</i> assessment	

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Assessment Guidelines

DBA thesis guidelines

The thesis comprises a detailed and high-level academic discourse on a specific subject in a discipline area applicable to the field of Business and Management. The DBA thesis will normally comprise:

- a) an introduction, indicating the position of the research compared with another related research in a national or international context;
- b) the academic discourse on a specific subject;
- c) a general discussion, which includes a reasoned representation of the doctoral candidate's point of view in relation to the main topic, or the most important topics of the thesis;
- d) a reasoned adoption of a methodology, a collation of primary data and a sound analysis;
- e) a summary of the thesis;
- f) a reflection, in layperson's terms, on the impact of the research, as well as, if applicable, the social impact anticipated or already achieved.

Assessment criteria

The external examiner and internal College examiners will provide the College's Academic Dean a reasoned opinion on the question of whether the doctoral candidate has provided, by means of the DBA thesis, such evidence of their competence to carry out independent academic work, that the DBA thesis can be accepted as doctoral level work which meets the requirements of Level 8 of the Malta Qualifications Framework.

In assessing the DBA thesis, the external and external examiners shall have regard to the following factors:

- a) the contribution to the body of academic knowledge and the impact of the research;
- b) the importance of, and a clear definition of, the problem statement;
- c) the originality of the approach;
- d) the academic level of the structuring, analysis and processing of the material presented in the DBA thesis;
- e) the soundness of the methodology used in the analysis of the material;
- f) the drawing of new insights and new views from the analysis of the material;
- g) a critical analysis of the findings of the DBA candidate and existing theories or views;
- h) a creative approach to the academic field covered in the thesis;
- i) balance in the structure of the DBA thesis and clarity of the style; and,
- j) self-imposed restriction in the volume of the text.

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	Outstanding	Very Good	Acceptable	Marginal Pass	Unacceptable
Introduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					
Literature Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					
Research Question(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					
Methodology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					

Results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					
Discussion and Conclusions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					
Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					
Original contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					

Overall judgement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observations:</i>					

Signature: ☐.....

Date: ☐