Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
DBA Resident Cohort Program
DBA Mission:
To prepare students through advanced business education to conduct applied business research and business consulting services, and/or contemplate entrepreneurial opportunities in business.

DBA Student Learning Goals:
Students will gain educational competencies in communication, critical thinking, entrepreneurship and strategic management.
• **Regional Accreditation:**
  • Approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS – CoC)

• **State License and Approvals:**
  • Approved by Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education – Private School Licensure Division
  • Approved State of Florida Department of Education

*See page 3 of University Catalog for all Accreditations and Memberships*
DBA Admission entrance:

An earned M.B.A., or closely related business/master’s degree with a CGPA of 3.2, from a regionally accredited college/university, is expected for regular admission to the DBA cohort resident program. At least 5 years of managerial experience and 10 years of work experience preferred.

Three letters of reference for doctoral program study, and a current professional resume are required supporting documents.

Highly qualified applicants not selected for the inaugural DBA resident cohort (Fall-15) will be wait-listed for the next cohort opportunity.
DBA Program Curriculum

Program Prerequisite: Non-credit for degree award purposes:
MGT 6000 - DBA Orientation and Writing Workshop (0 credits)

Core courses required:
Departmental sponsored courses: (8 courses that total 24 credits)
MGT 6001 - Strategic Management – Current Topics - 3 ch
MGT 6002 - Organizational Behavior – Current Topics - 3 ch
MGT 6003 - Advanced Studies in HR – 3 ch
MGT 6004 - Advanced Studies in Entrepreneurship and Innovation - 3 ch
MGT 6005 - Advanced Studies in Leadership – 3 ch
MGT 6006 - Advanced Studies in International Business – 3 ch
MGT 6007 - Advanced Studies in Finance – 3 ch
MGT 6008 - Advanced Studies in the Legal Environment in Business – 3 ch

Research and dissertation courses (6 courses that total 18 credits)
MGT 6999 – Quantitative and Qualitative Methods; Special Topics Seminars

Total: 42 credits plus a masters degree in business or other closely related business/management master’s degree
Assessment Strategy

The contemplated learning outcomes for the proposed cohort resident DBA program include: Oral/Written Communications, Critical Thinking, Entrepreneurship, and Strategic Management will be measured via:

• Comprehensive Examination (following successful completion of (8) required courses. (24 credit hours))

• Dissertation (18 credit hours minimum required)

The program will adhere to current Doctoral Graduate Program policy at Florida Institute of Technology
Program Format

• The proposed DBA program will be delivered via the cohort resident model. Classes will meet all day Friday and Saturday one weekend each month. Four class meetings per semester for a total of 64 scheduled contact hours. Pre-course readings and post-course research papers required for course completion. Instructors may utilize course learning management system (Canvas) to deliver and evaluate some portions of pre/post course assignments.

• Students will take 2 required courses per term for three academic terms per year.

• At the end of the required course work students will take a qualifying comprehensive exam. Upon passing the comprehensive examination and acceptance of their dissertation proposal students will be entered into doctoral candidacy.
Program Success Expectations

• Students will be required to write and defend a dissertation proposal per university graduate policy.

• On successful defense of the dissertation proposal, and approval from the IRB, students will conduct research.

• Students per graduate policy and with approval of the dissertation chair must schedule a set date/time to orally defend their dissertation.

• Upon a successful dissertation defense and submission of the final dissertation per graduate policy, students will be certified for award of the DBA.

• DBA candidates for graduation may elect to attend a main-campus commencement service to be formally recognized by campus officials.
Program Costs:

DBA Cost = Tuition Plus Program Material Fee

Current Tuition: $1288/CH Total: $54,096; *Tuition subject to change per University policy*

Other Fees: No registration, technology, or graduation petition fees

- Mandatory Dissertation Binding/Printing Fee: $100 (five copies)
- Voluntary Dissertation Publication Submission Fee: $100
- Official Transcript Requests: $10 per copy

Books: Student Responsibility

Main Campus Commencement (Voluntary): Students must pay own costs of travel/lodging to/from Melbourne, Fl.
Payment Options:

• Full tuition payment due by first day of classes each term. Checks/credit card payments payable to Florida Institute of Technology.

• Four equal payments plan available (PAWS)

• Deferred payment contract available to students whose employer will reimburse them at the end of the terms

• 3rd party direct payment accepted from students’ employers
Financial Aid:

• Federal or Private Student Loans – FAFSA application required for processing by Financial Aid Office

• Loan Eligibility: Half-time attendance = 6 credit hours per term

• Office of Financial Aid Florida Institute of Technology
  150 W. University Blvd
  Melbourne, Florida 32901
  Phone: (321) 674-8070
  http://www.fit.edu/financialaid/
Questions?