DBA in Finance and Business Analytics

Olin's Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) in Finance and Business Analytics is a prestigious, STEM-designated degree that prepares exceptional individuals for advanced corporate, consulting, and banking careers. This full-time, three-year on campus program is ideal for students who hold a master's degree in finance or business analytics from a top-ranked institution and aspire to excel in data-driven roles at leading organizations.

Why choose a DBA over a PhD?

Our DBA is crafted for intellectually driven and talented students interested in pursuing highly technical/advanced industry careers instead of an academic career path. While the PhD program focuses on academic research, the DBA prepares students for high-impact roles in corporations, consulting firms, and the financial sector. Graduates are empowered for careers at the highest levels, equipped with cutting-edge, data-focused expertise.

Key Program Highlights

- **Internships:** DBA candidates have two summer internship opportunities when DBA students already have substantial value added by the program, increasing their competitiveness for top-tier job placements.

- **International student flexibility:** The DBA is a pathway to extend employment authorization in the United States. A doctoral degree offers an opportunity for international students to apply for another STEM OPT, extending U.S. work opportunities by three more years after the three-year program (for a total of six years) in addition to the master's work authorization.

- **Career flexibility:** While the DBA is primarily industry focused, top-performing students with strong research skills who develop an interest in academia may have the opportunity to transition into a PhD program and complete a PhD-level dissertation, pending admission into the PhD track during their DBA studies.

Program Overview
Full-time and onsite at our campus in St. Louis

Prerequisite

A master's degree in finance or an equivalent qualification (e.g., MSFQ, MSFWAM, MSFC, or MSFTA).

72 credit hours

The comprehensive curriculum of the program (72 credits, 12 per semester) dives deep into PhD-level courses in finance, economics, data science, machine learning, big data, and artificial intelligence. Admitted students may transfer up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to an earned degree.

Industry focus

Designed for top-tier candidates who aim to apply their advanced skills in technical and analytical roles outside academia.

STEM designated

Extends OPT for international students by an additional three years, enhancing work opportunities in the United States.

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We make our application process simple.

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