

EXECUTIVE DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (EDBA)

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The Sobey Executive Doctorate in Business Administration (EDBA) is designed to educate and train business and organizational leaders to create, conduct, and disseminate applied research for practice in organizational settings such as a specific industry sector, profession, and/or government agency.

The program integrates and emphasizes the following:

- Principles of an evidence-based approach in the context of management and business
- Fundamentals of business and management research following ethical standards
- Applied research methods and data analytic applications in support of research synthesis
- Processes for conducting research to inform policy or apply in practice

Admission Requirements

The EDBA program follows the general admission requirements and procedures (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/academic-regulations/admissions/>) of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research as outlined in the Graduate Studies Academic Calendar with the following additional requirements and procedures.

Decisions regarding admission to the EDBA program will be made on the basis of the applicant's academic qualifications and achievements, demonstrated interests and capacity in a scholarly and/or applied research within the chosen specialization, and the availability of an appropriate supervisor. To that end, all of the following are required for consideration:

1. **Degree:** Students entering the EDBA program must have an MBA degree or equivalent type of master-level degree (e.g., Masters in Public Administration) with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher on a 4.3 scale (high B+ to A-).
2. **GMAT:** A satisfactory GMAT score of 550, or an equivalent GRE score, may also be required to provide evidence of academic performance.
3. **Work Experience:** Relevant work experience (15 years on average) in a managerial and/or leadership role detailed on an up-to-date curriculum vitae.
4. **Recommendation Forms:** All applicants are required to solicit two recommendation forms from persons capable of assessing the candidate's academic ability and research potential.
5. **Interview:** An interview may be required for further assessment, so applicants must agree to a virtual or in-person interview. If this is required, the program will contact the applicant.
6. **Personal Statement:** At the time of application, prospective students should submit a personal statement (maximum 4 pages), including:

- Potential research interests
- Relevant research, volunteer, and work experience
- Career objectives and long-range goals
- Academic honours, awards, and/or scholarships
- A list of publications, conference papers, and/or technical reports
- Any other information that is relevant to your application

These are the normal minimum requirements, but each case will be evaluated on its own merits. However, an incomplete application will not be evaluated for admittance.

Program Requirement

See the FGSR Program Requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/academic-regulations/program-study-research/>) in the Graduate Studies Academic Calendar and below.

The EDBA is a 33-credit hour program that can be completed in four modules followed by a year to conduct an applied research project. This program is delivered over a three-year period in a hybrid format. The program begins with a four-week non-credit onboarding program as official start of course work in the first semester followed by 11 required courses. Students will be considered full-time throughout the three-year delivery period, including both the six defined/active semesters and the cross-over semester "breaks".

Curriculum:

Program Semesters and Courses

The EDBA program's starting semester may vary from year to year – with intake timing having start semesters in either Fall (September), or Winter (January), or Summer (May) of a given year (but no more than one intake semester per year). The program is offered in a cohort model and the courses are in lockstep. Independent of the start semester (Fall, Winter, or Summer), the program will run as follows:

Year 1:

Required courses for the fall and winter semesters are specified in the table that follows. During the summer semester, students enrol in FGSR Program Continuation and complete work from the previous courses and prepare for the upcoming year.

Year 2:

Required courses for the fall and winter semesters are specified in the table that follows. During the summer semester, students enrol in FGSR Program Continuation and complete work from the previous courses and prepare for the upcoming year.

Year 3:

Required courses for the fall, winter and summer semesters are specified in the table that follows. These courses are associated with completion of an applied research project and defence in the final year of the program.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Non Credit Course (4 weeks prior to Semester 1)		
EDBA 7600	Professional Development	0
Year 1:		

EDBA 7601	Assessing Business and Management Evidence	3
EDBA 7602	Applying Methods	3
EDBA 7603	Diagnosing Problems and Generating Options	3
EDBA 7605	Building and Testing Models	3
FGSR 9000	Prog Registration/Continuation	0

Year 2:

EDBA 7604	Making Sense of Data	3
EDBA 7606	Synthesizing Research Evidence	3
EDBA 7607	Translating Knowledge	3
EDBA 7608	Developing an Applied Research Proposal	3
FGSR 9000	Prog Registration/Continuation	0

Year 3:

EDBA 7609	Conducting an Applied Research Project - Part 1	3
EDBA 7610	Conducting an Applied Research Project - Part 2	3
EDBA 7611	Disseminating Findings	3

Total Credit Hours		33
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