DBAR PROGRAM PROGRESSION

The Diagram shows the course progression for the DBAR program ***from 2013 onwards***. Each section of the program is building towards the dissertation; it is important to have a dissertation topic (area) when entering the program and to ***focus the selected dissertation topic in a school's areas of expertise***.

Entry	**MBA phase** (4 courses)	**Pre- dissertation Phase** (4 RM courses)	**Revision of progress**	**Dissertation phase** **MGT 9601 TO MGT9608** (8 courses = 16 units)
1. Application guidelines: • Meet academic & language requirements • Preliminary research proposal • Completed MBA 2. Head of School confirms availability of specific supervisors after consultation. 3. Ensure that DBA topic is within school's ***areas of expertise.*** 4. ***A***cceptance into DBA (DBA program coordinator and FoB RHD manage process). 5. Two intakes per year.	• Fulfil the requirements of the four MBA level 8000 courses. • Prior postgraduate studies are evaluated in terms of relevance to selected topic. Supervisors may require candidate to complete specific coursework. • Where FOUR exemptions for postgraduate studies are granted, maximum and minimum duration for the program will be ***adjusted*** in the same proportion as exemptions.	Research methodology related to proposed dissertation topic : • MGT8401 Research Methodology 1 • MGT8402 Research Proposal • MGT8403 Research methodology 3 • MGT8404 Research methodology 4 • Student prepares revised research proposal and defends it before a Faculty panel. • Panel advise Head of School and ADR regarding acceptability of proposal and changes needed.	The purpose of this process is for the Supervisors & HOSs to evaluate progress and guide candidate: • student has to maintain good academic standing • each student's achievement in previous four courses is evaluated • if the research proposal is changed, ensure that topic is within School's area of expertise and supervisors are available. • ***Postgraduate Certificate of Business Research is offered <u>as exit</u> if student does not maintain good academic standing or completion within the time frame;*** • or candidate can progress to the dissertation phase	• The dissertation builds on previous coursework phases. • Principal and associate supervisors are confirmed to guide candidate in the writing of the dissertation**.** • Supervisors work directly with individual students and submit regular progress reports. ADR & DBA coordinator monitor progress. • ***Structure of the dissertation courses*** ***MGT 9601 – Proposal changes & updates are finalised ; start Chap1*** ***MGT 9602 – Chap 1 Background, Justification, overview – finalised; draft literature review*** ***MGT 9603 – Literature review*** ***MGT 9604 – Dissertation methodology*** ***MGT 9605 - Results*** ***MGT 9606 - Analysis of results*** ***MGT 9607 – Discussion & Conclusions*** ***MGT9608 Revisions and External examination***