Northcentral University – Graduate Degree Programs with Homeland Security Specialization

Northcentral University is offering an online Master of Business Administration (MBA), Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), and a Doctor of Philosophy Business Administration (PhD) with a Homeland Security Specialization.

Master of Business Administration - Homeland Security Specialization:

*Homeland Security*
This specialization is designed to prepare senior managers of law enforcement, public safety, and emergency medical care and disaster preparedness agencies for positions of executive leadership in the field of homeland security. Courses will span the spectrum of management, budgetary rules, personnel, and critical issues relating to crisis management and terrorism. The final specialization project will assess competencies learned within the previous specialization courses.

Northcentral's 100% online accredited MBA program prepares Learners to advance to higher levels of leadership in business. Advanced coverage of classic and contemporary theory in business administration is blended with key practical skills managers need to succeed. Exposure to best practices in the business world enhances comprehension of the challenges and opportunities facing modern business leaders and the various stakeholders they serve.

The Northcentral University online accredited MBA program is structured to present managers and prospective managers with the conceptual overview of modern theory and practice in each of the key areas of managerial responsibility. The Learner is encouraged to integrate formal academic learning with business related experiential learning so that meaningful personalized learning results.

The Master of Business Administration requires 30 credit hours beyond the bachelor’s degree. The MBA program includes 15 credit hours of foundational courses. The foundational courses are taken by all students regardless of their undergraduate degree to form and strengthen fundamental business skills. The remaining 15 credit hours may be fulfilled with courses from a single specialization aligned with a student’s career goals, or students may opt for a general business program by electing 115 credit hours of courses from different specializations.

In both the general business program and specialization options, the last 3 credit hours of the MBA program consist of a required Specialization Research Project course.

Doctor of Business Administration Overview – Homeland Security: Leadership & Policy Specialization:

*Homeland Security: Leadership & Policy*
This specialization prepares senior leaders of public administration, law enforcement, public safety, and emergency medical care and disaster preparedness agencies for executive leadership positions in the field of homeland security. Students are provided with a rigorous educational
opportunity to research and explore advanced concepts and methods, and apply theory and emerging concepts to real world issues through innovative approaches to complex problems. Students choose from a number of courses that cover terrorism, strategy, intelligence, emergency management, and critical infrastructure security issues. Students will complete a final written research project demonstrating the ability to conduct an investigation on a workplace problem, identify an area for intervention, critique, justify, and recommend a plan of preventative action.

At Northcentral University the Doctor of Business Administration degree program serves as preparation for advanced positions of leadership in business, government, philanthropy, and policy and advocacy organizations.

The ongoing growth of the information economy and the increasing complexities of the workplace underlie the need for advanced graduate training in business administration. The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) online doctoral business degree emphasizes the application and communication of research as the basis for sound business decisions. The DBA serves as preparation for advanced positions of leadership and requires a dissertation.

The DBA dissertation comprises significant research intended to establish a learner's research competence through the application of research to a practical business problem. Although a DBA dissertation is required to address a practical problem of an organization, it is not required to produce an original contribution to the body of knowledge in Business Administration.

The DBA program may be completed in 54 credits. Up to an additional 12 credit hours will be allowed as needed to complete dissertation research. In order to enter the doctoral (DBA) program, applicants must have earned a master’s degree from an accredited university.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration – Homeland Security: Leadership & Policy Specialization:**

*Homeland Security: Leadership & Policy*

This specialization prepares senior leaders of public administration, law enforcement, public safety, and emergency medical care and disaster preparedness agencies for executive leadership positions in the field of homeland security. Students are provided with a rigorous educational opportunity to research and explore advanced concepts and methods, and apply theory and emerging concepts to real world issues through innovative approaches to complex problems. Students choose from a number of courses that cover terrorism, strategy, intelligence, emergency management, and critical infrastructure security issues. Students will complete a final written research project demonstrating the ability to conduct an investigation on a workplace problem, identify an area for intervention, critique, justify, and recommend a plan of preventative action.

Northcentral's Business PhD online program helps the doctoral student learn through rigorous reflection on their own professional experiences, through in-depth exposure to the insights offered by the world's leading organizations, review of classic and cutting edge theory and research, and mastery of methods and techniques to identify, assess, understand and communicate strategically critical knowledge.
As stewards of the discipline of Business Administration, Northcentral's Business PhD online Learners focus upon the creation of new knowledge in Business Administration in a program which emphasizes research and preparation for scholarship and systematic inquiry. The dissertation comprises original research intended to establish a Learner's research competence and to produce an original contribution to the body of knowledge in Business Administration. An oral presentation of the dissertation is required.

The PhD program may be completed in 60 credits. Up to an additional 15 credit hours will be allowed as needed to complete dissertation research. In order to enter the doctoral (PhD) program, applicants must have earned a master’s degree from an accredited university.

Northcentral University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), one of the regional accreditation bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Northcentral University program in the School of Business and Technology Management are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

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