

Things To Know Before Applying

In-person Residencies:

- There are seven residencies per academic year (3 fall, 3 spring, 1 summer) for the first two years (Total 14). DBA calendars are available on the DBA website. Residencies are not required in the third year of the program.
- Residencies are all day Friday 8am – 9:00pm and Saturday 8am – 5pm. No late arrivals or early departures permitted. The first residency of the program also requires Thursday attendance for orientation and a service project.
- Students are required to attend all residencies. Exception are only permitted in extreme circumstances including but not limited to illness or travel delays due to weather. In such cases, all efforts are made for the student to attend virtually.
- Most residencies are held at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, with one residency per year typically held at a sister Jesuit University outside of Omaha.
- All students, including local area, are required to stay at the designated hotel on Friday night. The DBA program pays for up to two nights at the designated hotel (3 nights for the first residency).
- Students are expected to be on time and to wear business or business casual attire.
- Meals during residency are provided by the program. Special dietary restrictions are supported to the best of our ability.

Virtual Sessions:

- Business content courses (typically one per each fall and spring in the first two years) include a virtual online session one night per week.
- Virtual sessions are typically scheduled between 6-8pm CST on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. Students are advised at least one month, but typically 3 months, prior to the semester which evening and timeframe has been established for their course.
- Attendance requirements are the decision of the faculty.
- Although it is not typical, any DBA course (not just business content courses) may opt to hold virtual sessions, as needed. Students would be informed about these expectations as they are decided.

Typical Schedule and Time Commitment:

- Each fall and spring semester of the first two years, a student will have one business content course (3 credits), one statistics/methods course (3 credits), and a Reflection/Formation course (1 credit).
- Summer of the first two years typically includes one or two teaching and/or research courses (3-6 total credit hours).
- Students have reported that they take on average between 20-30 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters of the first two years to complete assignments. Statistics and reading knowledge tend to be the most important determining factors.

Pre-program Summer Statistics Bootcamp:

- Accepted/deposited students will take an online statistics exam during the first week of June.
- Students scoring less than 80% on the exam will be required to successfully complete a series of

online statistical modules with deadlines.

- Non-completion or unsuccessful completion of the modules can result in a delay in program start of one year or dismissal from the program depending on circumstances.
- No tuition or fees are assessed for the bootcamp. It is a non-credit bootcamp provided by the program for the benefit of the students.

Non-refundable Deposit, Tuition, DBA Program Fee, Financial Aid, and Withdrawal:

- Accepted students are required to submit a \$5000 non-refundable deposit to hold their spot in the cohort. After the two-week deposit window, individuals will only be able to deposit if space is still available in the cohort.
- The non-refundable deposit will be applied to the first semester tuition.
- Please note that financial aid is not awarded until the student is registered for credit-awarding courses, so the deposit must be paid through other means.
- Refer to the financial aid link on the DBA website.
- Refer to the tuition and fees link on the DBA website.
- Refer to the Withdrawal/Refund link on the DBA website.

Technology Requirements:

- Students must provide their own laptop
- Laptops must comply with university technology specifications outlined here: <https://online.creighton.edu/resources/technology-requirements>
- Statistical software required for use in methods and business content courses is purchased for students by the DBA program; however, due to licensing permission limitations, software purchased by Creighton for use in the DBA program cannot be downloaded onto a university or corporate issued laptop in possession of a student. Individuals that currently work for a university and have a university issued laptop have two options: 1) use a personal computer for the DBA program, or 2) use their university laptop and have their home institution provide SPSS Premium latest version software (or purchase it on their own).
- Students must have administrative rights on the laptop in order to download required software.