

# Management, PhD

BAMGMTPHD

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: PHD Business Administration (Management)**

Students in the PhD program in business administration with a concentration in management gain current and relevant knowledge of practice and theory from an esteemed faculty of world-class researchers and teachers in the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, including multiple Academy of Management Fellows.

The doctoral program places primary emphasis on the development of research competence and also emphasizes teaching as a vehicle to academic professionalism. It is not intended for those seeking careers in industry or consulting.

The program develops scholars who are prepared to assume the diverse responsibilities of faculty positions at leading research universities. Although management is a broad field, this doctoral program is best suited for students interested in specializing in organizational behavior, strategic management or organization theory.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [W. P. Carey School of Business](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Degree requirements

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

### **Plan of Study**

At least 30 credit hours of the approved doctoral program, which may include research credit, and 12 dissertation credit hours must be completed after admission to the doctoral program. Students may not apply credit hours earned for a doctoral degree previously awarded at ASU or another institution toward

their current ASU doctorate program. However, at the individual academic unit's discretion, students may apply up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree toward their doctoral plan of study.

Doctoral students are required to commit full time to the program, at least until they have successfully defended the dissertation proposal. Full-time enrollment entails a minimum of six credit hours of coursework in any regular academic semester. To reach a total of 84 credit hours for the program, most students enroll for nine to 12 credit hours per semester. In addition, students work closely with faculty members through a research assistantship. The program is relatively small, with an emphasis on high quality, offering a great deal of individual attention and mentoring to students.

### **Comprehensive Examinations**

Upon completion of all necessary coursework on a student's approved plan of study, the academic unit may initiate the scheduling and administering of a student's comprehensive examinations. The comprehensive examinations consist of a minimum of a written exam, and an oral exam also may be required at the discretion of the academic unit.

### **Candidacy**

Doctoral students are notified of achieving candidacy status when they receive a letter from the dean of the Graduate College upon passing the comprehensive examinations and successfully defending the dissertation proposal.

### **Dissertation Requirements**

Students are required to present a dissertation to satisfy the research requirement for the doctorate. The dissertation is defended in an oral examination commonly known as the dissertation defense.

Students must be enrolled for at least one credit hour that appears on the plan of study or one hour of appropriate graduate-level credit during the semester (including summer sessions) in which the student defends the dissertation.

### **Maximum Time Limit**

Doctoral students must complete all program requirements within 10 consecutive years.

## **Admission requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GMAT scores
4. prior academic performance records
5. three letters of recommendation
6. a personal statement
7. employment summary
8. proof of English proficiency

### **Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

Applications are initially reviewed by a faculty committee using a portfolio approach. Materials are reviewed to ensure a good fit between students' goals and research interests and those of the department. Graduate Admission Services admits or denies each applicant and notifies them in writing.

## **Tuition information**

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## **Application deadlines**

**Fall**

[expand](#)

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates are prepared for careers at leading research universities. Possible career opportunities include:

- assistant professor
- professor
- researcher

## **Contact information**

[Business Administration](#) | BA 318

[wpcareymgt@asu.edu](mailto:wpcareymgt@asu.edu) | 480-965-3431