

## TIMELINE AND MILESTONES FOR DBA PROJECT DISSERTATION

Sequence	Student Activities/Outcomes
1. Literature Review (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather literature on topic content</li> <li>• Develop research problem</li> <li>• Draft chapter on Literature Review (Chapter 2)</li> <li>• Submit the draft chapter to the lecturer</li> <li>• Consultations with the lecturer</li> <li>• Revise Literature Review Chapter after marking</li> </ul>
2. Research Methods I (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand and appreciate research methodology &amp; design</li> <li>• Consideration of proposed research methodology</li> <li>• Consultations with the lecturer</li> <li>• Feedback from the lecturer</li> <li>• Work on Research Method Chapter</li> <li>• Revise first stage of Research Method Chapter after marking</li> </ul>
3. Research Methods II (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop analysis and interpretation knowledge and skills</li> <li>• Complete a draft Methodology chapter</li> <li>• Consultations with the lecturer-in charge</li> <li>• Revise Research Method Chapter after marking</li> </ul>
4. Research Proposal (10 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft chapter on Research Proposal (Chapter 1) and submit to lecturer</li> <li>• Consultation and feedback from the lecturer in charge</li> <li>• Forward revised Literature Review and Research Method Chapter to appointed Supervisor</li> <li>• Prepare Ethics application -make any corrections as suggested by lecturer and supervisor</li> <li>• Submit Ethics application through Blackboard after receiving approval of supervisor</li> <li>• <b>Dissertation Research Proposal form due for submission</b></li> </ul>
5. Dissertation Phase (Total 60 units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Students notified of their supervisor and final dissertation submission date, students commence direct regular communication with supervisor</b></li> <li>• Revise Research Proposal with supervisor and finalise Research Proposal Chapter (Chapter 2)</li> <li>• On receipt of ethics approval - organise and commence data collection</li> <li>• Refine Chapters on Method (Chapter 3) with supervisor</li> <li>• Refine Literature Review (Chapter 2) with supervisor</li> <li>• Continue and complete data collection</li> <li>• Prepare final draft of Chapter 3, Methodology with supervisor</li> <li>• Prepare and present to the DBA Progressive Workshop</li> <li>• Prepare and submit a formal progress report which is due one week after the workshop</li> <li>• Analyse data</li> <li>• Draft Results Chapter (Chapter 4) with supervisor</li> <li>• Complete analysis of data and discuss with supervisor</li> <li>• Finalise Results Chapter (Chapter 4) and refine Research Proposal Chapter (Chapter 1) Supervisor</li> <li>• Submit draft of Chapter 4 to supervisor</li> <li>• Finalise Chapters 1- 4 and revise draft of dissertation</li> <li>• Finalise Chapter 5 on: discussion of findings, limitations, and future research, conclusion, and policy implications</li> <li>• Revise Dissertation Project in light of supervisor's comments. Submit the final draft to the supervisor</li> <li>• Submit final dissertation by the due date, to the University</li> <li>• Submit a copy of the final dissertation to your supervisor</li> </ul>