

Admission Prerequisites

The right to study in the doctoral educational programme in Business Administration is granted to a person who holds a Master's degree or an equivalent academic degree and who meets the requirements for admission to doctoral studies in accordance with the rules in force at Georgian Technical University (GTU). The candidate must submit:

1. A research project outlining the applicant's research aim and direction;
2. A relevant international certificate confirming knowledge of English at no lower than B2 level, or successfully pass a B2-level English language test organised and administered by GTU. A candidate who has completed a recognised English-language educational programme at any level of higher education is not required to pass the examination or present a certificate (completion of an English-language programme is confirmed by the relevant qualification document, i.e. a diploma);
3. Document(s) confirming previous work/publications in the relevant field and/or participation in scientific research projects and events and/or at least 2 years of work experience in the relevant field;
4. Other documentation/information predetermined by the University on the basis of the Regulations on Doctoral Studies of the LEPL Georgian Technical University.

A candidate whose submitted documentation fully meets the formal requirements is interviewed by the Temporary Faculty Commission. In accordance with the procedure established by the legal acts of GTU, the Temporary Faculty Commission ensures the assessment of persons wishing to be admitted to the programme in compliance with the principles of objectivity, fairness and transparency. Consideration is given to the assessment of the candidate's experience and abilities necessary for the successful completion of the doctoral educational programme, including (where available) the candidate's scientific publications, experience of participation in scientific conferences, and other documents and materials related to teaching/research activities (certificates, diplomas, patents, etc.).

Full information on the rules of admission to doctoral studies and the conditions of enrolment, as well as sample(s) of the English language examination tests, is available on the official website of the University.

<https://gtu.ge/apply/phd.php/>

Enrolment in the programme through mobility is possible twice a year, within the time frames set by the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Georgia, in compliance with the conditions and rules defined by the legislation of Georgia and the legal acts of GTU.

Enrolment in the programme from a recognised higher education institution of a foreign country is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Georgia.

Programme Goal

The goal of the educational programme is to:

- ✓ Prepare researchers who are capable of planning and conducting research, oriented towards strategic research directions and competitive on the labour market, with knowledge based on the latest achievements in the field of business administration and in compliance with the principles of academic integrity;
- ✓ Provide graduates with knowledge based on the latest achievements in the development, research and application of innovative methods in the field of business administration;
- ✓ Equip graduates with the ability to carry out academic/pedagogical activities, as well as innovative activities and research in business administration, shape a vision oriented towards the contin-

uous development of business, and develop the relevant skills for free integration into the community of academic researchers;

Provide graduates, through knowledge based on interdisciplinary approaches, with the ability to analyse, evaluate and solve the global and local challenges facing business administration, in compliance with the principles of professional integrity.

Learning Outcomes/Competences (General and Professional)

1. Analyses the latest achievements in the field and applies them in scientific research and practical activities. Independently solves complex problems in the field of business administration, taking into account new, complex and contradictory ideas, approaches, theories and principles;
2. Identifies the main theories and contradictions of business administration and relates them to specific research;
3. Substantiates in a well-argued manner their own views on the need to research problematic issues of business administration, on scientific ways of solving them, and on the development of innovative research and analytical methods oriented towards the creation of new knowledge, in line with the requirements of influential scientific publications, seminars, conferences and other scientific events;
4. Plans theoretical research using modern methods of business administration, in compliance with the principles of integrity;
5. Observes the norms of professional and academic integrity in the learning and research process;
6. Carries out academic activities by sharing knowledge based on modern, including innovative, findings and by using modern methods of teaching, learning and assessment.

Student Knowledge Assessment System

Assessment is carried out on a 100-point scale.

Assessment of the study component:

Positive grades are:

- **(A)** – Excellent – 91–100 points;
- **(B)** – Very good – 81–90 points;
- **(C)** – Good – 71–80 points;
- **(D)** – Satisfactory – 61–70 points;
- **(E)** – Sufficient – 51–60 points.

Negative grades are:

- **(FX)** – Did not pass – 41–50 points, which means that the student needs more work to pass and is given the right to sit an additional examination once after independent work;
- **(F)** – Failed – 40 points or less, which means that the work carried out by the student is not sufficient and the subject must be studied anew.

If **FX** is received, GTU schedules an additional examination no earlier than 5 days after the announcement of the results of the final examination. The grade obtained by the student in the additional examination is not added to the points received in the final assessment. The grade obtained in the additional

examination is the final grade and is reflected in the final assessment of the component of the educational programme.

If, taking into account the grade obtained in the additional examination, the student receives 0–50 points in the final assessment of the educational component, the student is awarded the grade F – 0 points.

Assessment of the scientific research component/components:

- a) Excellent (*summa cum laude*) – an outstanding piece of work;
- b) Very good (*magna cum laude*) – a result that exceeds the set requirements in every respect;
- c) Good (*cum laude*) – a result that exceeds the set requirements;
- d) Average (*bene*) – a piece of work of average level that meets the basic set requirements;
- e) Satisfactory (*rite*) – a result that, despite shortcomings, still meets the set requirements;
- f) Unsatisfactory (*insufficient*) – a piece of work of unsatisfactory level that does not meet the set requirements due to significant shortcomings;
- g) Completely unsatisfactory (*sub omni canone*) – a result that completely fails to meet the set requirements.

The scientific research component is assessed once, at the defence of the dissertation.

The study and research components of the doctoral educational programme and the rules for their assessment are available on the University website.

"Instruction on the Management of the Educational Process at Georgian Technical University": <https://www.gtu.edu.ge/uploads/2026/03/educational-process2-1.pdf>

Rules for the assessment of the research component of the doctoral educational programme:

<https://www.gtu.edu.ge/uploads/2026/03/edu-research-components.pdf>

Subject	Credits
Academic and Scientific Communication Techniques B	5
Research Methods in Business Administration	10
Modern Teaching Methods	5
Global and Innovation Problems of Economics and Business	5
Professor's Assistantship (Business Administration)	10
Elective Courses	5
Cluster Policy in Business Management	5
Research in International Finance	
Intellectual and Creative Management	
Modern Trends in the Development of Transport and Industry	
Total	40