

# DOCTOR OF STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP (D.S.L.)

## Purpose

The Doctor of Strategic Leadership program seeks to provide an opportunity for qualified students to attain academic, professional, and practical competence in the field of leadership and to prepare them for opportunities, and corresponding additional responsibilities. The program emphasizes practical and real-world applications in both the coursework and the major applied doctoral research project requirements. Importantly, all subjects are explored within a biblical worldview. The program is designed for individuals seeking to advance in their current careers as well as those pursuing careers in leadership consulting or academia.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate strategic leadership principles based upon current leadership theories and concepts.
- Recommend analysis methods to perform strategic leadership research.
- Recommend strategic leadership solutions based upon research, knowledge of the literature, and best practices.
- Integrate a Christian Worldview into strategic leadership principles.

## Program Specific Admissions Requirements

The DSL has a competitive admissions process. Meeting the requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. In addition to any admission requirements established by the Graduate school, DSL Admission Requirements include:

1. Academic Records. Applicants must submit an official transcript indicating successful completion of a master’s degree program from any discipline from an institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above on the applicant’s graduate degree is required for entrance into the program
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

## Transfer of Credit

Applicants may transfer up to 24 hours of coursework. In order for a transferred course to replace a Liberty University course, the following requirements must be met:

1. The school at which the course was taken must be appropriately accredited.
2. The course credit must be at least three semester hours or five quarter hours.
3. The student must have earned a grade of B- or better in the course.
4. The course must overlap one of Liberty’s courses by at least 80%. The course(s) to be transferred must have been completed within seven (7) years of the start date of the student’s program at Liberty University.

5. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Transfer credit will not be given for the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
BMAL 700	DSL Program Orientation	3
BMAL 785	DRP Research Concept	3
BMAL 887	Doctoral Research Project I	4
BMAL 888	Doctoral Research Project II	4
BMAL 889	Doctoral Research Project III	4
BMAL 890	Doctoral Research Project IV	0

## Program of Study

### Delivery Format: Online Only

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## Career Opportunities

- Company Executive
- Management Analyst
- Management Consultant
- Training and Development Specialist