

Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (HD)

Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (HD) is a four-year part time education, according to Executive Order (Act. no. 1098 of September 19th, 2007). The complete program amounts to 120 ECTS and consists of two parts - Graduate **Certificate** program (HD 1) and Graduate **Diploma** program (HD 2) - each nominated to two-years part-time.

The Graduate Diploma program aims at knowledge-based professionals in their early career. It combines theory and methods with the practical experience of students, using real-life cases and a critical approach to methods applied to decision-making.

The Graduate **Certificate** program (HD 1) consists of a number of basic business and economics-related courses and is completed by a project applying different methods taught. The program is in total 60 ECTS and with two years of relevant full-time work experience it qualifies for admission to the Graduate Diploma program.

The Graduate **Diploma** program (HD 2) accordingly consists of 60 ECTS; however this program is tailored to highly specialised areas in business administration, solving complex problems in the learning process. CBS offers a number of different programs, aiming for specialist functions within the private and/or public sector. The Graduate Diploma program provides access to further learning opportunities in higher education such as MBA and other relevant Master programs.

The Graduate Diploma in Business Administration is comparable to **Bachelor level**, although not identical. According to the reform of lifelong learning introduced in 2000 (Act no. 488 of May 31st, 2000), Diploma programs are comparable to medium cycle higher education level.

For further information on adult and continuing education in Denmark, please see <http://www.ciriusonline.dk/Default.aspx?ID=6085>

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