

The Module Ladder — Undergraduate, Graduate, Doctoral, Forever-Learning

The teaching-plan layer of the Dream Pursuit Doctrine curriculum. This page is the index that links the three degree-tier folders and the shared core, so a learner or instructor can see the ladder at a glance.

The repository has **two kinds of teaching plans**:

1. **The shared core and the audience tracks** (single-semester, graduate-altitude): `shared-core.md` is the six-session spine; `strategic-initiative.md`, `mba.md`, and `mpa.md` are the three audience tracks used by the 14-week semester course (`course/syllabus-semester.md`). Two cross-cutting modules sit alongside the tracks: `human-ai-collaboration.md` (running the gate with a machine — brief, review, hold accountable) and `company-building.md` (standing a GovCon firm up from zero, for MBA and Strategic Initiative students).
2. **The degree-tier module folders** (full programs): `undergraduate/`, `graduate/`, `doctoral/`, and `forever-learning/` carry the teaching plans for the four-rung degree ladder. Every module still follows the contract in `modules/module-template.md`.

The ladder

Tier	Program overview	Module folder	What the tier teaches
Undergraduate	B.S. in Government Business Development	<code>modules/undergraduate/</code>	The foundations: DL 101–480, fourteen-week rhythm, literacy scaffolding.
Graduate	M.S. in Capture Management	<code>modules/graduate/</code>	The craft at master's altitude: GC 501–540 core, GE 610–651 electives (incl. GE 650 pipeline economics & GE 651 orals coaching), research methods.

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Doctoral	Research doctorate	modules/doctoral/	The discipline as a research field: methods I–II, empirical design, the research agenda, plus the doctoral-advanced research seminars (AI systems, advanced capture management, partnerships & ecosystems).
Forever-Learning	Lifetime tier (executive alumni post-doctoral)	modules/forever-learning/	The discipline as a lifetime: executive master classes, the post-doctoral fellowship, the alumni community, the refresh machinery, the twenty-year arc.

How to read the ladder

- **Start with the shared core.** Every tier teaches the same durable doctrine — `shared-core.md` is the fastest way to see the spine.
- **Undergraduate spreads it thin.** The undergrad folder (`modules/undergraduate/README.md`) explains how the shared six-session arc becomes a fourteen-week undergraduate rhythm with weekly deliverables.
- **Graduate deepens it.** The graduate modules (`modules/graduate/`) re-teach the same concepts at full working-professional depth — finance, game theory, research methods — and prepare the student for the doctorate. The v0.5.0 electives add pipeline economics & portfolio management (GE 650) and orals coaching & presentation discipline (GE 651).
- **Doctorate makes it a research field.** The doctoral tier (`modules/doctoral/`) is not more depth on the same material; it is the discipline turned into research questions, study designs, and evidence. The ORBITAL Outcome-Data Research Agenda is the map of open questions the doctorate exists to answer.

- **Forever-Learning sustains it.** The forever-learning tier (`modules/forever-learning/`) is the fourth rung: the standing programs — executive education, the post-doctoral fellowship, the alumni community, the refresh and recertification machinery, and the twenty-year arc — that keep a person learning, teaching, and contributing for a career. Its program overview is `course/forever-learning-program.md`.

Keeping this index honest

When you add a module to any tier folder, add it to the manifest (`manifest.yaml`) in the same change, per the repo's editing rules (`CLAUDE.md`). If the ladder itself changes (a new tier, a renamed program), update this page and the crosswalk in `align/concept-to-system-map.md` together.

The federal market is not a lottery. It is a pipeline — and the pipeline is teachable from the first undergraduate week to the doctoral dissertation.