Let us introduce you to the latest group joining the Ivey Alumni Network. Say hello to our graduating class of 2017.

Class of 2017

EMBA ’17

"My time at Ivey taught me many aspects of business, but the most valuable skill I learned was how to remove life’s obstacles to accomplish my goals, no matter how impossible they may seem. As a single parent with a demanding job, there were many unexpected hiccups throughout the Program that forced me to show up more powerfully than I was used to in order to make it through. What I discovered on the other side was a confident, empowered professional, ready to take on anything."

"I had not been an interviewee for over 20 years, and I remember how incredibly helpful the advice I received from my Ivey faculty and coach was. It helped me to honestly and clearly describe my skills and abilities — especially those that I accrued during my Ivey EMBA."

THE IVEY EMBA PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR MID-CAREER, WORKING PROFESSIONALS WITH AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. THE PROGRAM PREPARES PARTICIPANTS FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR CAREERS AND HAS AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THEM.

CARYN MAXWELL-SMITH, EMBA ’17

MARCEL DVORAK, EMBA ’17

26 74

PER CENT FEMALE

PER CENT MALE

11 COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP

113

LANGUAGES

21

TOTAL GRADUATES IN 2017

BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

THIRTY-FOUR

PER CENT
HBA ’17

The true distinction of an Ivey HBA is in the Ivey leadership essentials that are strongly developed in every HBA grad – they are at the core of everything we do at Ivey. These leadership essentials include the ability to take action, communicate persuasively, maximize team potential, manage complexity, and set priorities.

Eric BuJold, HBA ’17

“Coming out of high school, I knew that I wanted to be my own boss one day and would need to acquire a very particular skill set to do so. Ivey focuses on developing leaders who can not only solve problems in diverse teams, but lead teams under pressure. I don’t think there’s any other business school that puts leadership development at its core like Ivey does. I also applied to Ivey to challenge myself. The School has a reputation for attracting some of the brightest students from around the world and I knew that I wanted to raise the bar higher for myself.”

Michelle Osei-Bonsu, HBA ’17

“To put it simply, Ivey taught me how to lead. Whenever younger students ask me about Ivey, I always compare it to a ‘leadership bootcamp’ because the Program truly took a hands-on approach to teaching me how to lead with confidence. I also credit Ivey for teaching me how to be decisive – a skill that’s severely underrated. In the real world, I’m never going to have all the data or evidence I want when making a decision, but Ivey taught me to stand bold in the face of uncertainty and to trust my better judgment.”

Went on international exchange or study trip

282

Nineteen per cent

Students speaking second language

39 61

Gender of HBA ’17 class

Thirty-three

Languages spoken

609

Total students in class

12 countries of citizenship

Thirty-two

Total sections

Eight

Completed a dual degree

17.5%

University admission average

83.2%

Pre-Ivey academic disciplines represented

Fifty-five
MBA ’17

THE MBA PROGRAM IS DELIVERED IN A ONE-YEAR FORMAT, MINIMIZING TIME SPENT OUT OF THE WORKFORCE WHILE DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO ACCELERATE CAREER SUCCESS. 2017 MARKS 10 YEARS OF THE ONE-YEAR PROGRAM.

62% WENT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDY TRIP

25% South America

77% China

6% India

“On my first day at Ivey during my first case class, my professor called on me and asked me to role-play a situation with another student as if it were real life, in front of my 70 new classmates. While it was certainly a nerve-wracking experience, it reinforced for me how the Ivey education is meant to push us out of our comfort zones. By putting us right in the shoes of the decision-makers in the cases we studied, it reinforced how our takeaways from the cases were applicable in real life.”

SELENA PRITCHARD, MBA ’17

600 POSITIONS POSTED BY COMPANIES TO MBA ‘17 CANDIDATES

26% 74% PER CENT FEMALE PER CENT MALE

20% 80% LANGUAGES SPOKEN

21 COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP

AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, EGYPT, HONG KONG, INDIA, IRAN, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, ROMANIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SOUTH KOREA, SRI LANKA, TAIWAN, THAILAND, UKRAINE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED STATES

169 TOTAL STUDENTS IN CLASS

20% TWENTY-FIVE BIRTH COUNTRIES

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38% INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE (PRE-MBA)

AVERAGE YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE

JUST UNDER 5 YEARS

20-30 TWENTY-EIGHT AVERAGE AGE AT ENTRY INTO PROGRAM

FARID MADHANI, MBA ‘17

“If I were giving advice to a new student at Ivey, I’d recommend three things. First, Ivey is a safe place to make mistakes so you should take the opportunity to learn new things. For example, if you have a background in finance, take courses in other disciplines. Secondly, Ivey attracts well-rounded students, which provides a good opportunity to learn new sports or pick up new activities, such as water polo, squash, etc. Finally, Ivey is a great place to learn about cultures and business practices around the world.”

KWANG PITHAYACHARIYAKUL, MBA ’17

“Initially, I decided to pursue my MBA at Ivey with goals that were very career-focused. Over the last year, my objectives have transformed. I have recognized the strong sense of community at Ivey and the focus on ‘paying it forward’ through interactions with alumni, classmates, faculty, and staff. Beyond successful careers, they have demonstrated what it means to give back and lead positive change consistently, and they have inspired me to do the same. I am proud to be an Ivey alumna knowing that I am a part of a community that shares these values.”
MSc ’17

THE MSc PROGRAM FEATURES TWO STREAMS – AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STREAM THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS THE TOOLS TO LEAD IN AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, AND A BUSINESS ANALYTICS STREAM THAT BUILDS THE SKILLS NEEDED TO TURN TODAY’S REAL-WORLD DATA INTO INSIGHTS FOR BETTER BUSINESS DECISION-MAKING.

TOTAL STUDENTS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CLASS | 65

GENDER IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
FIFTY PER CENT FEMALE
FIFTY PER CENT MALE

ERIC HUANG, HBA ’16, MSc ’17

“The MSc Program brought in so many intelligent students from across the world to Ivey, which created a very unique atmosphere. My time as an MSc student exposed me to many fascinating and interesting individuals and opened my eyes to new cultures. I discovered a ton about myself and my own identity in the process, which was invaluable in helping me decide the next step in my life and career.”

LINLEY McCONNELL, MSc ’17

“Because the MSc Program is so diverse, you are often working on projects with team members from various cultural backgrounds who have distinct skill sets. It can be challenging to communicate and develop solutions on team deliverables when you’re working within strict deadlines. Though a challenge, these experiences have improved my cross-cultural communication skills and I feel more confident about working in an international business setting.”

TOTAL STUDENTS IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS CLASS | 22

GENDER IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS
FOURTEEN PER CENT FEMALE
EIGHTY-SIX PER CENT MALE

BIRTH COUNTRIES IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS CLASS | 6

4 COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS CLASS

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CLASS

NINETEEN LANGUAGES SPOKEN

PhD ’17

YOU CAN FIND OUR 2017 PhD GRADUATES ON PAGE 48 – ALONG WITH THE THESIS EACH PERSON DEFENDED AND THE POSITION THEY LANDED.