

2026 AEO STUDENT HANDBOOK

Your Guide to Advanced Entry Opportunity Status



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INTRODUCTION

This Ivey AEO Student Handbook is intended to answer your questions. We encourage you to read through this handbook and keep it close by for [future reference](#).

During your first and second years at Western, you will be a student in the faculty of your choice. We encourage you to take advantage of the facilities, services, and counselling available from your faculty. There are resources available at Ivey as well. Should you have any questions related to AEO, you can contact the AEO Admissions Coordinator. After joining Ivey in your third year, you will have access to the outstanding facilities available at Ivey, including: HBA Program Services, Career Management Services, Information Technology, the Business Library and the HBA [Student Association](#).

The HBA Team includes: the Associate Director, HBA Recruiting, the Director, Admissions and Financial Aid, the Director, Full-Time Program Services and the Director, Student Experience. They work together to provide support to AEO students and the [HBA Program](#).

We hope your time at Western and Ivey will be filled with wonderful opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime. The HBA team is here to make sure that you have the best experience possible [at Ivey](#).



ADMINISTRATION

Our team manages all AEO and HBA activities as they pertain to you from your initial contact with Ivey, right on through to Convocation. Feel free to contact us if you have questions about your AEO progression requirements, combined degree opportunities, and information about the HBA Program, class visits, information sessions, [and admissions](#).

Who to Contact

For information [regarding AEO](#):

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For information regarding admission to the [HBA Program](#):

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For booking a visit to an [HBA class](#):

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If you are interested in a combined degree, please connect with your home faculty to ensure you are on track to complete an [Honours Specialization](#).

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ADVANCED ENTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Ivey Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) has been designed to offer outstanding students a place in the HBA Program after successfully completing two years of university studies at Western or one of its affiliated [university colleges](#).

Once you receive and accept your Ivey Advanced Entry Opportunity offer, you will enroll in a faculty at Western or one of the affiliated university colleges for your first two years of study. At university, we will be looking for you to maintain a level of achievement similar to your secondary school accomplishments. You will be required to maintain an overall two-year average of at least 80.0%, with a minimum grade of 70.0% in Business 2257, along with strong contribution, while remaining involved in extracurricular activities which will be assessed by the HBA Admissions Committee (see a list of the full AEO progression requirements on [page 9](#)).

What do I do now?

1. Ensure that you have accepted **both** your offer to Western (or to one of the affiliated university colleges) through OUAC **and** your Ivey AEO offer by the deadline stated in each of your offers [of admission](#).
2. To help facilitate your transition to university life, all new students are encouraged to participate in Western's full day Summer Academic Orientation (SAO) program. Parents and family members are also invited to participate in this one-day program, where students can select courses with an academic counsellor, create a course timetable and register in courses. Telephone counselling is available for students who live outside a four-hour travelling distance to Western. Information on how to register for SAO can be found [at www.sao.uwo.ca](http://www.sao.uwo.ca)
3. Make sure to update your Ivey account with your new mailing and email addresses after arriving in London in September. Note that many secondary school email addresses become inaccessible after graduation. Updates may be completed online through your [Ivey account](#).

THE IVEY HBA DIFFERENCE

HBA Program

- 2 + 2 program
 - Years 1 & 2, students study in a faculty at Western or one of its affiliated [university colleges](#).
 - Years 3 & 4, intensive general management program in required and elective [Ivey courses](#).
- Experiential learning, including case study method of teaching – develops analytical and critical [thinking skills](#).
- Learning teams – develop interpersonal and [negotiation skills](#).
- Ivey Field Project – an HBA2 course that includes experience with a real business, non-profit, or [new venture](#).
- Combined Degree Opportunity – combine your HBA with a JD from Law, or an Honours Specialization from: Arts and Humanities, Arts and Social Science (Huron), Engineering, Geography (incl. Urban Development), Global Studies (Huron), Health Sciences, Kinesiology, International Relations, Media, Information & Technoculture, Medical Sciences, Music, Nutrition and Dietetics, Political Science, Psychology (Huron or UWO Main), or Science. Also, Ivey's Master of Science [in Management](#).
- Small class size (76-78 students in each HBA1 section and HBA2 required courses); average of 50 students in [HBA2 electives](#).
- Integration of Career Management curriculum in [the classroom](#).

Outstanding Students

- Natural leaders, team players, good communicators – a dynamic [class experience](#).
- Quality and diversity of the admitted class – academically strong and well-rounded with extra-curricular involvement, leadership skills, and demonstrated achievements; academically and [geographically diverse](#).

World Class Faculty

- Faculty teach across programs – HBA, MBA, MSc, EMBA, AMBA, PhD, [Executive Development](#).
- Active internationally in research, case writing [and teaching](#).

Influential Alumni

- Strong [alumni connections](#).
- 1 in 2 alumni hold senior management positions. We have active employment information on 17,780 of our graduates. Of these alumni, 8,468 hold senior management positions within their companies. This includes job titles such as CEO, CFO, CIO, CMO, CTO, Chair/Vice Chair,

Founder, Head, Managing Director, Owner, Partner, President, Proprietor, Treasurer, Vice President and Director. This is a total of 48% of alumni or approximately 1 in 2. Statistics taken in [August 2017](#).

- Ivey Advisory Boards in Canada [and Asia](#).

Ivey Distinction

- CEMS – Ivey membership in an alliance of some of the top business schools in the world opens up educational and career opportunities for HBA [graduates internationally](#).
- EQUIS accreditation by European Foundation for Management Development – Ivey is in the ranks of top tier international [business schools](#).
- 2nd largest producer of business cases after Harvard; largest producer of Asian [business cases](#).
- Excellent career opportunities for HBA grads supported by outstanding [career management](#).
- Consistently ranked among the best management schools in [the world](#).

The Ivey HBA is more than a return on investment; it is preparation for success, however you may [define it](#).



PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

*Progression to the HBA Program may change from time to time depending on the structure of the HBA Program. To progress to the Ivey HBA Program in third year, Ivey AEO **students must:***

- Enroll at Western or one of the affiliated university colleges for years 1 and 2 with a full course load (5.0 credits) during each regular academic [year \(September-April\)](#);¹
- Achieve an overall two-year average of at least 80.0% in 10.0 full university credits (5.0 in each year; excluding pass/fail courses, pre-university (0001-0999) introductory courses) in any faculty, in any program.² The required two-year average for AEO students registered in the Faculty of Engineering [is 78.0%](#);³
- Pass all courses in the first [two years](#);
- In year 2, enroll in a module (i.e. Major, Honours Specialization, etc.) and take a minimum of 2.0 of the required credit(s) for that module plus Business 2257; students may not be 'undeclared'; consult your faculty as some modules may require more than 2.0 credit(s) in year 2 for progression within [that faculty](#);
- Take all senior level courses (numbered 2000 and higher) in year 2 including Business 2257. Permission to register for a first-year course in year 2 will be granted by the HBA Program Services Office only under [special circumstances](#);⁴
- Take Business 2257 between September and April of year 2, achieving no less than 70.0%. Given the participative nature of the HBA Program and its case-based learning approach, students are strongly encouraged to demonstrate a satisfactory level of class contribution in [Business 2257](#);⁵
- Complete the equivalent of a Grade 12 U-level mathematics course in the first year of university, if not previously taken during [secondary school](#);
- Students may complete a maximum of 0.5 credits through online or distance studies during the Fall/Winter terms. Exceptions to this will require special permission and will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. This limit does not apply to mandatory online courses required for a student's Honours Specialization module;
- Maintain and elevate your engagement in activities and responsibilities that demonstrate your [leadership capabilities](#);
- Adhere to all student code of conduct regulations at Western and its affiliated colleges. Violations of such codes will be considered as part of the [admissions process](#);
- Complete an Ivey AEO Activity Report at the end of year 1 so that Ivey can provide feedback on progression to [date](#); and,
- Complete the Ivey AEO2 Intent to Register application in year 2 to confirm your intention to join the Ivey HBA Program in [year 3](#).

Special Notes

The Ivey Business School cannot guarantee admission to all applicants who meet its minimum requirements. While meeting the minimum progression criteria is necessary, it does not guarantee admission to the Ivey HBA Program. Ivey reserves the right to deny admission to any AEO or [HBA applicant](#).

A key part of our assessment involves evaluating leadership potential, which includes leadership character. Examples of situations in which Ivey may exercise its right to refuse admission include, but are not [limited to](#):

- Misrepresentation or omission of facts on any application (e.g., AEO, AEO1 Activity Report, AEO2 Intent to Register, Financial [Aid, etc.](#));
- [Academic misconduct](#);
- Breach of any university [Code of Conduct](#);
- Commission of a statutory [offence](#); and,
- Any conduct that could damage [Ivey's reputation](#).

1 AEO students may take courses in the summer but these will not be counted as part of the 10.0 credit(s) required and, thus, the grades from summer courses will not be included in calculating the two-year average. Students who repeat courses in the summer previously taken during the regular academic year without special permission, will be considered as not meeting their AEO progression requirements.

2 Repeating a course to raise your average is not permitted. If you need to repeat a course in order to progress in your module (i.e. a particular grade is required), please contact hba@ivey.ca and request an AEO Special Permission form. In the event you are required to repeat a course for a legitimate academic reason, the HBA Admissions Committee will count both attempts in the calculation of your two-year average.

3 Engineering students must maintain a full Engineering course load to be assessed with the 78% overall average requirement. If their course load is reduced in any way—even if the total credit count remains above 5.0—they will instead be required to achieve an 80% overall average.

4 Students wishing to complete a first-year course in year 2 must request special permission from the HBA Program Office. Special permission requests are reviewed on a case by case basis and require a legitimate academic reason. Students must submit an AEO Special Permission form at least five days prior to the add/drop deadline for the requested course.

5 Engineering students following the Business Option module must take Business 2257 during the regular academic year (September – April). Engineering students following a regular module are permitted to complete Business 2257 during Intersession (May-June) following Year 1 or Year 2. The same minimum grade (70%) in Business 2257 is required for all AEO students.

YOUR FIRST TWO YEARS

Year 1

Courses

For most programs at Western and the affiliated university colleges, the first year is a general one where you'll take introductory-level courses in a range of subjects. Begin your undergraduate degree exploring your academic interests and finding new ones. The HBA Program requires numeracy, quantitative literacy, familiarity with descriptive statistics, and proficiency with Microsoft Excel. Building these skills in your first- and second-year coursework can help you prepare for excellence in the program. There are many courses available at Western that can help you develop and practice these skills. We encourage all AEO students to take a university-level course to help strengthen your [numeracy skills](#).

In February-March of your first year, during Intent to Register, you'll choose which program or module you would like to enter for year 2. Ivey does not value any particular program or module over another. Choose a program that suits your interests and for which you meet the requirements. Academic counsellors and department advisors across campus offer information sessions during Intent to Register to help students navigate their choices. They will also review required courses with you to help you plan your next year. By June, once final grades are available, you'll receive a message online in your Student Center as to whether you were eligible for the module [you selected](#).

Business 1220E Introduction to Business

This first-year course is offered by Ivey to give students from all faculties the opportunity to learn business fundamentals in finance, marketing, operations, organizational behavior, and general management. While the course is not required for admission to the HBA Program, it is recommended since it will introduce you to Ivey's case method and provides a good foundation for [Business 2257](#).

Transfer Credits

Many AEO students enter university with transfer credits from IB or AP courses taken in high school. While these courses will be listed as credits on your academic record, they will not be counted towards the 10.0 courses required for your AEO progression. All AEO students are required to complete 5.0 courses during the regular academic year in each of years 1 [and 2](#).

The benefit of transfer credits is that they can free up your schedule for other first-year courses, or they could be used as prerequisites for senior-level courses. An Academic Counsellor will be able to explain this when you choose your courses during Summer [Academic Orientation](#).

Demonstrated Leadership

During your first two years, the HBA Admissions Committee will look for you to maintain strong demonstrated leadership in order to meet your progression requirements. All fields—arts, student and residence government, athletics, clubs and organizations, part-time jobs, internships and community involvement—are equally valuable. The skills and knowledge you acquire through these activities will be beneficial in the daily discussions that will take place in your [HBA classes](#).

AEO1 Activity Report

By April of your first year, you will be required to fill out an activity report online in Ivey's Student Portal. This report will focus on your involvement in activities since you graduated from grade 12 as well as those during year 1 at university. You will also be expected to provide verification by way of a contact name and email address for each activity. This report will allow us to give you feedback on your level of involvement so that you may make any necessary adjustments during your second year. We will communicate instructions on how to complete this report via email, so it is critical that you keep your email address updated through your [Ivey account](#).



Year 2

Courses and Module(s)

All AEO students must enter a module (i.e. Major, Honours Specialization, etc.) in year 2 which will allow them to continue in a program should they not maintain Ivey AEO status, or should they decide not to pursue the HBA Program. AEO students are not permitted to be “undeclared” in [year 2](#).

Once your choice of module has been confirmed in your Student Center, you will register for your year 2 courses. Keep in mind that of the 5.0 credit(s) you select, 1.0 must be Business 2257 (see details below) and at least 2.0 must be **required** for your module(s). For a full list of the courses required for your chosen module, consult the Academic Calendar, an academic counsellor in your home faculty, or a program advisor in your home department [or program](#).

If you are considering an HBA combined degree you'll need to be registered in the appropriate Honours Specialization module and follow the list of required courses as outlined in the Academic Calendar. Please note that all Western breadth and essay requirements must be completed if pursuing [combined degrees](#).

Please note: Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded and that all course prerequisites have been successfully completed. It is your responsibility to ensure you are meeting the progression of the Ivey Advanced [Entry Opportunity](#).

Business 2257 Accounting and Business Analysis

Students must complete Business 2257 during the regular academic year (September-April) in year 2 with a final grade of 70.0% or higher and a satisfactory contribution grade (Engineering students, see page 9 for details). Students who do not meet these requirements will be considered as not meeting their AEO progression requirements and are ineligible for consideration for the HBA Program. Students may, however, re-take Business 2257 during Intersession in order to remain eligible for consideration for the HBA Program. **Note:** doing so will not replace the first attempt – both grades will be used in the overall [average calculation](#).

Students participating in an international academic exchange program in year 2 may register for Business 2257 during Intersession prior to, or after, their exchange. In extenuating circumstances, these students may take an equivalent course to Business 2257 at their exchange institution. If the course is not found on [this list](#), a copy of the course outline must be approved for equivalency by the HBA Program [Services Office](#).

For more information, please [contact \[hba@ivey.ca\]\(mailto:hba@ivey.ca\)](#).

The grading system for Business 2257 traditionally includes 10% for class contribution. **There is a direct correlation between success in the HBA Program and contributing in class.** We encourage you to become comfortable with participating in [Business 2257](#).

BMOS Courses

Also, although **Business 2257** is a required course for some BMOS module(s), it does not count as 1.0 of the 2.0 required credit(s) in year 2. That is, you must take 2.0 credit(s) required for your module in addition to [Business 2257](#).

International Exchange in Year 1 and 2

Western's International Exchange Program provides opportunities for eligible students to spend a semester or a full year studying at a partner university. Interested students must apply to the Western Exchange Program (for information please email: goabroad@uwo.ca) and have their courses approved by their home faculty's Academic [Counselling office](#).

Ivey AEO students must request permission from the HBA Program Services office hba@ivey.ca to maintain their Ivey AEO status while on an approved International University Exchange. The basis of this approval is documentation that the AEO progression requirements will be met. Please note, maintaining progression requirements while on exchange can [be difficult](#).

If your exchange is in year 2, you must ensure the HBA Program Services Office receives a copy of your official final transcript from your exchange institution by **June 30**. Please note, if you are going on exchange in the Winter term, your final transcript may not be received by this date. In that instance, please have your exchange institution email your "unofficial final grades" to hba@ivey.ca by **June 30**. Official final transcripts must be mailed to both Western's International Learning Office and the HBA Program Services Office as soon as they are available. The timing of your HBA admission decision will be delayed if grades are not received by the **June 30** deadline. If an offer is extended, it will be conditional until receipt of [final transcripts](#).

AEO2 Intent to Register

During the Fall term of your second year, you will be asked to submit an AEO2 Intent to Register application. You will be required to write about your demonstrated leadership since beginning university. You will also be expected to provide verification by way of a contact name, phone number and email address for each activity. We will communicate instructions on how to complete this application via email, so it is critical that you keep your email address updated through your [Ivey account](#).

What happens if I am not admitted through the regular [admissions process](#)?

If you do not receive an offer to the HBA Program, you may continue in your current module of study. Many students reapply to the HBA Program while in their third year and are often successful in gaining acceptance. You would need to submit an HBA application before the deadline in your [third year](#).

Students not meeting the Progression Requirements

If you fail to meet any of the Ivey AEO progression requirements, (e.g., average less than 80.0%; lack of demonstrated leadership; less than full course load, etc.) you will automatically be considered along with all other applicants to the HBA Program. Your AEO2 Intent to Register application will be reviewed during the regular admission cycle and you will be notified of our decision starting [in June](#).

What happens if I am not admitted to the [HBA Program](#)?

If you do not receive an offer to the HBA Program, you may continue in your current module of study. Many students reapply to the HBA Program while in their third year and are often successful in gaining acceptance. You would need to submit an HBA application before the deadline in your [third year](#).

LOOKING AHEAD: THE HBA PROGRAM

Years 3 and 4

The Ivey HBA Program is designed to develop your entrepreneurial growth, both inside and outside the classroom. We offer many opportunities to help our students maximize their professional, personal and academic potential. Business problems rarely come in neat little boxes labeled “marketing” or “finance”; they spill over into several functional areas. At Ivey, courses and projects are integrated around common themes and issues, so that you develop a broad management perspective. We offer a tightly woven program, not a list of [unrelated courses](#).



In today’s highly competitive global marketplace, managers must understand global business issues and be sensitive to cultural differences. At Ivey, most professors have taught, researched or consulted internationally. Ivey faculty members are deeply committed to their students and year after year our HBAs tell us that the faculty is the best thing about [the Program](#).

At Ivey, you learn to think on your feet. You present and defend your ideas in small and large groups, developing strong oral and written communication skills. Much of the factual knowledge you learn in any management program, including Ivey’s, may change over time. At Ivey, we do more than focus on facts; we also help you develop analytical and problem-solving skills that you will use throughout your career. In short, what other schools might offer in special situations only, Ivey excels in [every day](#).

HBA 1

The first year of the HBA Program is typically a student’s third year of university. The HBA1 year consists of integrated courses designed to offer a broad management perspective. These courses are offered in a dynamic, ever-changing timetable that weaves the courses together into a complete package of what every manager should know and be able to do. Students do not take any other courses in the HBA1 year than [those required](#).

Currently, these courses are: *Strategy, Marketing, Communications, Finance, Operations, Leading People and Organizations, Decision Making with Analytics, Financial and Accounting Fundamentals, Leveraging Information Technology, and Learning Through Action*. Refer to www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/program-details/ivey-hba1-year-3 for information on your [first-year courses](#).

HBA2

HBA2 consists of required courses and elective courses. Elective courses allow you to design a personal program of study that is best suited to your needs and career objectives. You will also be required to undertake an Ivey Field Project in a small group. Along with the required courses, Ivey gives you the flexibility to design the breadth and depth of your course of study. As an HBA2 student, [you may](#):

- concentrate mainly in one functional or [career-focused area](#);
- choose to take a broad overview approach and select courses from several [areas](#); or,
- develop special expertise in certain techniques [of analysis](#).

The Case Method

Ivey is famous for its practical, collaborative teaching approach. We rely extensively on the case method of study. We value learning by doing, learning by working with actual business challenges faced by real managers. During the Program, you will study hundreds of these cases. These are not stories; rather, they challenge your ability to analyze information, make decisions, and defend those decisions when others around you may disagree. By analyzing real business cases daily in class, you learn to become a manager. Case classes are more engaging than traditional lecture methods. HBAs advance ideas and debate them—often there is no right or wrong solution to the case. Unlike the traditional lecture method, which involves one-way delivery of accepted truths and ideas from a professor to a student, Ivey's approach involves equal contribution from all members. Faculty ask questions of the HBA students, and vice versa. Students will pose questions to classmates and engage in lively debates. Faculty will also probe participants' observations to see if they can and will stand behind [their statements](#).

Learning Teams

At Ivey, individuals are responsible for their own learning. Everything we do is arranged to make that possible and to make it exciting. Learning by the case method is an example of a three-step process designed to facilitate individual learning. First, students prepare the cases on their own. Second, they discuss their ideas in small groups we call learning teams. Learning teams meet frequently to discuss cases before they come up in class. These team discussions allow students to try out ideas with fellow students to get feedback. Typically, team members become very close, relying on each other's support both inside and outside of the classroom. Third, cases (and other materials) are discussed in class under the direction of the faculty member. The faculty member's role is to encourage debate, to challenge students to think and to argue constructively, and to add to the discussion based on knowledge and experience. In short, we all work together to [learn together](#).

Notebook Computers

We are convinced that our students must be fully conversant with computer-assisted work styles in order to compete in today's job market. As a result, all HBA students are required to have a notebook computer for use in the HBA Program. Our IT Department publishes current specifications for [notebooks annually](#).

Combined Degrees

Ivey is committed to providing students with unlimited possibilities. As a result, we have developed many combined degree partnerships to allow students to either apply their first two years of study as a means of obtaining two degrees, or to further specialize their HBA with a unique pathway to a Master's of Science in Management. The combination of a deep knowledge of business put together with a passion for another academic or professional field will make for a very strong career foundation for [any student](#).

Currently, we offer 18 combined undergraduate degree opportunities. We are hoping eventually to provide students the opportunity to study in almost any Honours Specialization module at Western and have the option of completing that degree with their HBA. A complete list of our current combined degree partners is [listed below](#):



The HBA-MSc in Management is designed for ambitious HBA students who want to build on their undergraduate success, hone their skill set, develop their leadership abilities, and accelerate their learning in a specialized master's degree. Ivey HBA1 and HBA2 students can apply for conditional acceptance to the MSc in Management program requiring no previous full-time work experience. This pathway allows for students to complete a portion of their MSc in Management while finishing HBA2 – drastically reducing both time and cost associated with achieving this [advanced degree](#).

Requirements

To complete combined undergraduate degrees, a student must study in one of our partner faculties (see list above) and enter an eligible Honours Specialization module by their second year. During these first two years, students must follow the list of prerequisite and required courses for their module as outlined in the [Academic Calendar](#) and maintain a [competitive average](#).

Note that students pursuing combined undergraduate degrees must meet their program's essay course and breadth requirements before they graduate. It is highly recommended that these courses be completed during the first two years. Please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#) for specific requirements for [your program](#).

Combined Degrees

Interested students apply for all combined degree programs during the HBA1 year which is typically a student's third year of study. If admitted to an undergraduate combined degree, you would then spend your fourth and fifth years in a combination of both HBA2 courses and courses required for your Honours Specialization (with the exception of Law). In five years you will have completed two degrees which would normally take six years [to complete](#).

Combined Degree with Law

The HBA/JD combination is also offered at Ivey. This combined degree program allows students to complete two professional degrees in six years. Students would study in any faculty and module of their choice for the first two years before enrolling at Ivey in their third year. During the HBA1 year, students would apply to the HBA/JD program. In your fourth year, you would study only law courses in the JD Program and the fifth and sixth years would be spent taking a combination of HBA and law courses. It is highly recommended that you complete your LSAT before entering your [HBA1 year](#).

MSc in Management

This direct entry program requires no previous full-time work. HBA students gain both an HBA and an MSc in Management with only an additional eight to 12 months of study (depending on field and overlap period). Ivey's MSc in Management is offered in four fields: International Business, International Business + CEMS, Business Analytics and Digital Management. The MSc in Management is a great option for HBA students who did not complete an eligible program for a combined degree in their first two years, like Management and Organizational Studies (BMOS). Admission requirements include: a strong academic record demonstrated during your two most recent years of academic study; an online application, including the completion of the required written essay questions and video questions; resume (two-pages max); two references; and an application fee of \$150. Successful HBA applicants are awarded a [\\$10,000 scholarship](#).

Scholar's Electives Program

Students who are registered in the Scholar's Electives Program may continue their involvement while in the HBA Program as long as they are registered in a combined [degrees program](#).

The Scholar's Electives Program is designed to provide an intellectually-stimulating learning environment for students who truly wish to undertake an interdisciplinary and/or research experience. Its goals are to foster a community of scholars who have diverse disciplinary and research interests, and a general intellectual curiosity about [most disciplines](#).

Those selected will enroll in a Scholar's Electives module (3.0 credit(s)) in addition to their Honours degree module and the HBA Program. The Scholar's Electives courses will bring students into contact with faculty members from different disciplines and will expose students to significant ideas from those [different disciplines](#).

Scholar's Electives [Admission Requirements](#)

Students apply for admission to the Scholar's Electives program prior to registration in the first year of a BA, BHSc, BSc or BMSc degree program. Full-time students who qualify for membership in Western Scholars by having at least a 90% admission average are invited to apply. Selection will be determined by the Academic Dean on the basis of grades, admission subjects and personal accomplishments, such as demonstrated achievements beyond the classroom and community contributions, detailed on a supplementary admissions form.

[Program Structure](#)

Years 1 [and 2](#):

- Register in a Scholar's Electives module and an Honours Specialization module leading to a B.A. Hon (see list of participating faculties and programs on [previous page](#));
- Follow the required first- and second-year courses for both [modules](#); and,
- Follow AEO [progression requirements](#).

[Year 3](#)

- HBA1 courses [only](#); and,
- Apply for the combined degrees (acceptance confirmed upon receipt of final [HBA1 grades](#)).

Years 4 [and 5](#):

- Combination of courses to fulfill HBA2, Honours Specialization module, and Scholar's [Electives module](#).

Career Benefits of Combined Degrees

Completing one of these combined degree opportunities also provides students with a strong foundation as they consider various career paths. For students with interests in a specific industry or field, combined degrees can help graduates differentiate themselves from other candidates in a competitive employment market. Many employers highly value individuals who possess both a solid knowledge of the technical/scientific/social aspects of their operations and a strong understanding of the business principles needed to make their organizations successful. Individuals who obtain combined degrees with Ivey have the ability to showcase a unique depth of knowledge in both of these areas, helping them stand out when speaking to potential employers regarding positions [of interest](#).

Employers also appreciate the level of initiative, personal drive, and commitment students demonstrate by completing combined degrees. Along with possessing a broadened perspective on organizational issues and challenges, students who complete combined degrees effectively demonstrate extraordinary abilities to multi-task, prioritize, and successfully manage multiple (and often competing) timelines, deadlines, and projects. These skills are universally valued abilities within organizations, further increasing combined degree candidates' marketability as they enter [the workforce](#).

SPECIAL STREAMS IN HBA

Ivey offers unique certificate and accreditation options for HBA students. [These include:](#)

Certificate in Entrepreneurship

This certificate is a valuable experience for students who are committed to starting a new business at some point in the future, or know that many of the best employers seek employees with entrepreneurial skills [and abilities](#).

The requirements include: the successful completion of required HBA2 courses; a summer internship or the development of your own business venture over the summer; participation in the Ivey Business Plan Competition; and active membership in the student-run [club: Entrepreneurship@Ivey](mailto:Entrepreneurship@Ivey).

Certificate in Sustainability

This certificate aims to engage students in the knowledge and practice of sustainability and to create in them the ability to build and lead more [sustainable organizations](#).

The Certificate in Sustainability was created to provide students with a coordinated set of courses and experiences that will provide a strong grounding in the principles, requirements and best practices of sustainability and best position them to begin their journeys as responsible C-suite decision-makers, entrepreneurs, non-profit leaders, or policy-makers. This certificate will appeal to four types [of students](#):

- Students interested in sustainability consulting with a disciplinary or [cross-disciplinary focus](#);
- Students who have discovered their personal calling for making a difference and are interested in the best ways to blend their vocation with a successful career in [traditional organizations](#);
- Students interested in creating or exploiting sustainable opportunities at some time in the future after gaining additional insights on the convergence of marketplace and sustainability through well-placed [employment](#); and
- Students committed to starting their own social or sustainable ventures as soon [as feasible](#).

Accounting Accreditation

There has been a significant change in the accounting landscape as a result of the merger of the three accounting designations in Canada – Chartered Accountants (CA), Certified Management Accountants (CMA) and, Certified General Accountants (CGA). The outcome of the merger is an education program at both the university and CPA Canada level that is consistent across [the country](#).

CPA stream students must complete an undergraduate degree including a set of courses that cover the required competencies for entry to CPA Canada's Professional Education Program (PEP). All of the required prerequisite courses are offered in the HBA program combined with Ivey's offering of the Western Graduate Diploma in [Accounting \(GDip\)](#).

CPA stream students are able to apply for admission to Western's Graduate Diploma [in Accounting](#).

Upon successful completion of this 13-week graduate diploma program offered at Ivey, students are qualified to enter the CPA PEP at an advanced stage: Capstone Modules 1 and 2, and continue on to complete the Common Final Examination. The HBA Program combined with Western's Graduate Diploma in Accounting is accredited under CPA National [Accreditation Standards](#).

Please note that if a student decides to enter PEP or complete the GDip at another institution, the student will need to take an Advanced Financial Accounting course offered outside of Ivey (i.e., at Western or another [Canadian University](#)).

International Exchange Program

As part of the HBA Program, HBA students may apply for the opportunity to spend a semester of their second year abroad (spring term). Ivey students can participate in the exchange program at one of our 40+ different partner schools in Europe, Asia and South America. Information on the HBA Exchange program can be found on our website at www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/program-details/hba-exchange-program/study-abroad-in-hba2

The purpose of the HBA International Exchange is to:

- Provide an opportunity for HBA2 students to live and study in a foreign environment, enriching their international experience and exposing them to a culture with which they may be doing business in the future; and,
- Provide the opportunity for international students to live and study in a Canadian environment, enriching their education and the education of Ivey HBA students who share classes with them.

Approximately 20-25% of students participate in an exchange program in their HBA2 year. Ivey students can learn about the International Exchange Program from information sessions during the school year and from students who are on exchange at Ivey.

Applications are submitted in HBA1 to determine students' suitability for the program. Ivey students pay regular tuition fees through Western and are treated as if they have paid at the host exchange school.

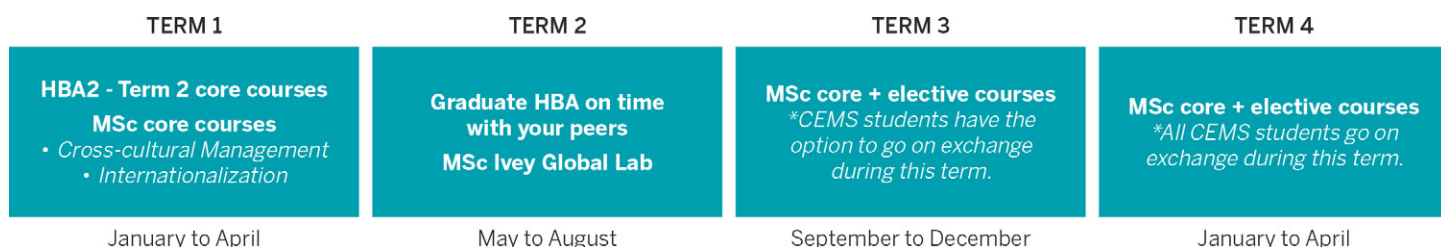
There are other, short-term courses that provide international experience as well. For example, in the past these have included a service-learning opportunity in Africa.

MSc in Management

During HBA1, students have the opportunity to apply for conditional acceptance to the Ivey MSc in Management Program. Early entry to the MSc in Management means students can overlap for up to 8 months of their second year of HBA. The Ivey MSc in Management is a direct-entry program requiring no previous full-time work experience. The Ivey MSc in Management is a transformational experience for ambitious students who want to build on their undergraduate success, hone their skill-set, develop their leadership abilities and accelerate their career success. The Ivey MSc offers students four fields of study: International Business, International Business with CEMS MIM, Digital Management, and Business Analytics. Each field offers it's own unique experience and one term of integrated work experience that is related to and builds upon the topics learnt in the classroom. Students would graduate on time with their HBA classmates and complete the remainder of the MSc in Management across **8-12 months**.

MSc in Management: International Business, or International Business with CEMS MIM

Students will gain practical experience, expand their network and learn first-hand how to successfully navigate between where they are and where they want to go. The experience includes opportunities to study abroad with an international work term, The Ivey Global Lab (IGL). Bilingual students are able to add the top-ranked CEMS MIM designation to their Ivey MSc to open up international employment opportunities. Students in the CEMS MIM program have the opportunity to go on up to 2 international exchanges abroad with any of our 32 partner schools. To learn more about CEMS [visit cems.org](https://www.cems.org).



MSc in Management: Digital Management

The business world is changing rapidly and companies have to re-think who they are. In order to do this, organizations need graduates who can bridge the gap between business and technology. The MSc in Management, Digital Management is a degree that trains business leaders to work on the boundaries of innovation. Technology also underpins a lot of entrepreneurial action and opportunities. Graduates from this program will be capable of applying innovation techniques to drive business transformation and new venture creation. This degree is not something that exists at other schools: we started from scratch to design a degree for tomorrow's [business needs](#).

In the summer term, students will participate in the Ivey Digital innovation Studio (IDIS). This includes three studio that aim to explore the overlap between business and design. Students will work collaboratively on complex multidisciplinary projects requiring iterative, collaborative and innovative responses. A corporate partner will provide a comprehensive brief or 'runs' a live experience involving an opportunity, issue or challenge they face that requires students to work in research teams to make, and then, intensively critique [prototyped interventions](#).

At the end of the MSc in Management: Digital Management, you will be prepared to move into digital management careers where you are able to bridge the gap between business people and technology people – pushing forward innovative practices that businesses need to put into play so that they can manage an [unpredictable future](#).

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
HBA2 - Term 1 core courses MSc core courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Design Driven Innovation</i>• <i>Digital Transformation</i>• <i>Innovation 1</i>	HBA2 - Term 2 core courses MSc core courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Entrepreneurship & New Ventures</i>• <i>Digital Platform Implementation</i>• <i>Innovation 2</i>	Graduate HBA on time with your peers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ivey Digital Innovation Lab</i>• <i>Innovation 3</i>	MSc core + elective courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Venturing Field Project</i>• <i>Innovation 4</i>
September to December	January to April	May to August	September to December

MSc in Management: **Business Analytics**

Students will develop the skills and capabilities needed to take today’s growing wealth of real-world data and translate it into actionable insights for business decision-making. Insights you can use to generate new opportunities for growth and ready businesses for shifts in market dynamics. The program includes a 10 to 16-week summer work experience with an Ivey partner corporation, The Ivey Analytics Lab (IAL). HBA students interested in the MSc in Management: Business Analytics typically come from a technical background, spending their first two years studying mathematics, engineering, computer science, statistics, or economics with emphasis on quantitative analysis. Courses in calculus, statistics, linear algebra and computer science **are required**.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
HBA2 - Term 1 core course MSc core courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Statistics• Programming Skills 1 September to December	HBA2 - Term 2 core courses MSc core courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big Data Analytics• Simulation and Risk Analysis• Programming Skills 2 January to April	Graduate HBA on time with your peers Ivey Analytics Lab May to August	MSc core + elective courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prescriptive Analytics and Optimization September to December

Connect with the MSc Recruitment & Admissions team at msc@ivey.ca or learn more about each of the fields on the following [website: ivey.ca/msc](http://ivey.ca/msc).



CAREER MANAGEMENT

Career Management supports your career journey from before you begin the HBA program, through your time as an Ivey student, and even as a graduate. We have two important goals for our work together (1) helping you secure internships and employment, and (2) ensuring you graduate with the skills to navigate your career over [the long-term](#).

Here's what that support will [look like](#):

AS AN AE01

Your primary career support will come from Western's Careers and Experience team. Here's how you can actively prepare for your time [at Ivey](#):

- **Explore your interests.** Start noticing the topics, subjects, news and stories that capture [your attention](#).
- **Build connections.** Network with friends, family, faculty, and alumni, and join clubs aligned with [your interests](#).

AS AN AE02

You'll continue working with Western's Careers and Experience team, but you'll also start engaging with Ivey Career Management through our **Ivey Applicant Programming** in the winter.

[This includes](#):

- **Career Foundations Sessions.** Get your first look at our approach to life and career planning, and navigating the recruiting process as an [Ivey student](#).
- **Early Access to Resources.** Kickstart your preparation with sessions workshops and online career tools designed to help you better prepare for [early recruiting](#).

AS AN IVEY **HBA STUDENT**

Ivey Career Management offers programming to support your individual career needs.

This includes:

- **Career Management Essentials (CME).** Participate in Ivey's career course, designed to provide a structured approach to career exploration [and decision-making](#).
- **Career Coaching.** We offer personalized coaching that supports immediate career needs (including job search planning and interview preparation) and long-term growth by helping you build the skills, confidence, and self-awareness to navigate career decisions in ways that reflect who [you are](#).
- **Programming.** Engage in interactive sessions and mock interviews to explore career opportunities, build tactical skills, and give you hands-on practice [for recruiting](#).
- **Alumni and Employer Connections.** Access exclusive opportunities to network with Ivey alumni and employers through events, coffee chats, and the [alumni portal](#).
- **Online Resources.** Leverage a library of tools and materials to guide your career planning, whenever and wherever you [need them](#).

Throughout your time at Ivey, you'll learn practical strategies to navigate a rapidly changing job market, align your career aspirations with your personal identity, and the impact you want to make as a [business leader](#).



FINANCE

Fees

As you compare the costs of the Ivey HBA Program to other undergraduate business programs, keep in mind that your first two years are spent at Western at a lower tuition rate. It is important to consider the overall (usually 4 year) cost of [the programs](#).

The tuition and ancillary payment for HBA1 in 2025-26 is \$25,200 for domestic students, \$30,630 for out of province students and \$64,850 for International students (2026-27 Tuition to be determined). Click [here](#) for the ancillary [fee costs](#).

The most current tuition and fee information is listed on the Registrar's web site: www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/index.html. It is very important to be sure you secure full funding before starting the HBA Program to ensure a worry-free [financial experience](#).

Ivey Awards and Scholarships

Students are eligible for Western University awards in Years 1 and 2.

Please refer to the following website for information on UWO awards and bursaries: www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards.

For year 3, students who complete the Apply for Scholarships portion of the Ivey HBA Application will be considered for just over \$1 million dollars in Ivey scholarships and awards. Candidates who have been selected to receive a scholarship or award will be notified at the end of July following their admission offer to the Ivey [HBA Program](#).

The selection process for Ivey awards and scholarships is **extremely competitive** due to the high caliber of students admitted to the HBA Program. Approximately 16% of the 2025-2026 incoming HBA class received an Ivey scholarship or award with the average funding value being approximately \$5,000. There are both merit and financial need specific [scholarships available](#).

For more information on our awards and scholarships, please visit www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/tuition-finances/scholarships-bursaries-loans.

External Awards and Scholarships

Ivey HBA students have outstanding academic records from many academic programs. In addition, Ivey HBAs have demonstrated leadership in extracurricular activities, inspiring commitment to their communities, and exceptional [communication skills](#).

This combination of excellent academics and a strong extracurricular profile makes applicants to the Ivey HBA Program very competitive for many external scholarship opportunities. Students are encouraged to explore outside funding resources including (on our website below, scroll down to the External Scholarship section): www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/admissions/tuition-finances/scholarships-and-awards.

In addition, the Ivey Financial Aid office will communicate any external scholarship opportunities of which we become aware of current Ivey AEO and [HBA students](#).

Bursary Assistance

Bursaries are non-repayable grants based purely on financial need. Bursaries come from a special set-aside fund provided by Ivey. HBA students who are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents can apply for bursary assistance through Western's online application. Students can apply for bursaries in each year of the Program. The bursary application takes into consideration the actual tuition costs of the HBA Program. Students will be notified when the bursary application is open. For more information: registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/bursaries_workstudy.html

Western Financial Services

The Student Financial Services department at Western University is another valuable resource available to you. This office will be your link to all of the financial assistance programs available including Bursaries, Work Study, and Government Loans. The financial obligations of undertaking professional studies are significant and it is the goal of Student Financial Services to provide guidance and financial support to all Western students, including Ivey students. For further information on Western Financial Services please visit: www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances.

You can also contact Western Financial Aid by phone at [519-661-2100](tel:519-661-2100).

Private and Government Loans

After considering all available savings, scholarship, award and bursary funding available, many students need to look at private and government student loan options. We recommend you apply for government loans prior to looking at private loan options because the government pays your loan interest while you are in school. In addition, the interest on the government loan does not accrue until you stop being a [full-time student](#).

Ivey has secured good interest rates for lines of credit with some Canadian banks. Please use this link to learn more: www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/admission/tuition-finances/loans.

For OSAP and Out of Province Government Funding inquiries, please contact Western main campus: https://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/osap_government_loans/index.html

Western's Office of the Registrar

Western's Office of the Registrar handles all academic concerns for undergraduate students. Official transcripts may be obtained only from the Registrar's Office. All concerns regarding financial aid and bursaries are handled through the Western Financial Aid Office. Registration Fee Bills are accessed at <http://student.uwo.ca> once Ivey has notified them of your intent to register in the [HBA Program](#).

Office of the Registrar

Room 1120, Western Student [Services Building](#)

General Inquiries – (519) 661-2100

Email: contact@uwo.ca

Website: registrar.uwo.ca

Fees

(519) 661-2100

Website: westernchat.uwo.ca

Financial Aid

(519) 661-2100

Website: westernchat.uwo.ca

Western Housing Services

Website: housing.uwo.ca

The Western Housing Office provides a comprehensive on-campus and off-campus housing service. Residence is guaranteed for first-year students meeting Western's eligibility criteria*. While limited space for upper-year students is available in residence, Western also owns and operates single-student apartments (Glenmore Apartment Complex) and accommodations for students with families (Platt's Lane Estates). There is also a comprehensive Off-Campus Housing Service, which provides up-to-date listings of available housing in the London area. Residences at Western University are some of the best in [the country](#).

**Students are guaranteed a place in residence if they are single, without children, coming directly from high school, and have received an offer of full-time admission for study on main campus by the end of May, and meet [specified deadlines](#).*

Academic Support & Engagement

academicsupport.uwo.ca

Academic Support & Engagement has a broad range of programs and activities designed to assist Western students with concerns within an academic context. Services and [programs include](#):

- Writing [Support Centre](#);
- Learning Development & [Success](#);
- Transition, Leadership & [Enrichment](#); and,
- [Accessible Education](#).

Western – Useful Links

Academic [Calendar](#): westerncalendar.uwo.ca

Campus Meal [Plan](#): mealplan.uwo.ca

University Students' [Council](#): westernusc.ca

Financial [Aid](#): registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/index.html

Parking [Services](#): uwo.ca/parking

Course Advising, (Formerly known as Summer Academic [Orientation/SAO](#)): sao.uwo.ca

The Book [Store](#): bookstore.uwo.ca

Western [Libraries](#): lib.uwo.ca

Other – Useful Links


City of London [Information](#): london.ca

London [Transit](#): ltconline.ca

London International [Airport](#): flyyxu.ca

VIA Rail [Information](#): viarail.ca/en

Badder [Bus](#): badderbus.com



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