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Victorio Vardaro graduated with an MBA in International Business from the University of Birmingham Birmingham in 2004. He is currently employed as a Senior Planning Manager for the Inland Revenue in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

My career

Shortly after graduation I worked in Spain where I found that having a degree from an internationally reputable university like the University of Birmingham was very important. I then secured my current position with the Inland Revenue in Argentina and am now involved in a major change management project which is attempting to change the culture of public services.

Why Birmingham Business School?

I like the fact that Birmingham has a long history in commerce and was at the heart of the industrial revolution, but it was the international reputation of both the university and the Business School which attracted me in the first instance.

The learning environment at the Business School is unparalleled. The small class sizes and intense coursework allowed me to further develop my business skills. In particular, the marketing, human resources and information systems modules have proved invaluable in all of the roles I have secured since graduating.

As a result of completing the MBA, I am confident that at any stage in the future I will have the freedom and ability to move between sectors and make changes all over the world. I really liked the multi-cultural feel of Birmingham and given the global nature of business today, I think it is important to be able to communicate with people from all over the world, especially for networking purposes.

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Challenges

Although I certainly found the dissertation challenging, it was also a great opportunity to carry out some really detailed analysis and having a patient tutor and supportive course administration team really helped.

The Birmingham experience

I met such a mix of people from a range of nationalities and from all walks of life during my MBA which was really exciting. I made friends with people from India and China, something I never would have had the opportunity to do had I not studied abroad.

Tips and advice

Make the most of the opportunities that are on offer, particularly the networking opportunities. Converse with your classmates and tutors as this will not only improve your English but will build your confidence and make you a more rounded person. If possible, take the information systems module as this will stand you in good stead in the world of business which is becoming increasingly technology-based.

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