Highlighted alumni MBA profile - Victorio Vardaro

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Victorio Vardaro graduated from the Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme at the University of Birmingham (UoB) Business School in 2004; he is currently employed as a Senior Planning Manager for the Inland Revenue in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We recently caught up with Victorio to find out the impact the MBA is having on his life and career.

Victorio - Shortly after graduation I worked in Spain where I found that having a degree from an internationally reputable university like the UoB 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.

Having decided to pursue an MBA qualification, Victorio explains why he chose to study at the UoB:

Victorio - 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."

Looking back at his experience at the university, Victorio recalls the challenging nature of the course and some of the diverse people he met as key highlights:

"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.

"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."

In recommending the UoB to potential international students considering joining the MBA programme, Victorio says:

"Make the most of the opportunities that are on offer at the UoB, 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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