IE Brown Executive MBA

A Joint Degree
IE Brown Executive
MBA
QUICK FACTS

Profile: High-impact, entrepreneurial professionals who want to lead in a global economy. With an average age of 37, minimum of 10+ years of experience, and a minimum of 3 years in a management position.

Format: Blended - a combination of face-to-face periods with interactive online learning.

Language: English

Program starts: March

Program length: 15 months

Location: Madrid, Cape Town, Providence and Online

URL: professional.brown.edu/emba
A JOINT DEGREE:
TWO WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTIONS,
ONE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN
MANAGEMENT EDUCATION
“I learned the most from IE Brown’s less traditional case studies which forced us to think beyond the confines of conventional business wisdom.”

Lenny Kessler-Vaschetti, Class of 2015
Founder-CEO, Whyo
Brown University and IE Business School offer a unique joint degree program that goes beyond the boundaries of the traditional MBA.

The IE Brown Executive MBA integrates innovative management education with the liberal arts, providing a unique platform for reflective leaders to think beyond business and explore strategy, decision-making and creativity in the spirit of open debate and critical thinking.
As Dean of IE Business School, I would like to express my excitement and also my firm conviction that the success, both personal and professional, of this partnership will be a testament to our two outstanding institutions. It is a model of which we are very proud; one which we believe will challenge even the best minds, creating leaders and entrepreneurs that will leave a mark on the world for many years to come.

Drawing upon the wide range of knowledge available from the liberal arts, as well as more traditional business acumen, our students will be equipped with a vision that is both rich and broad, so they are ready to face the world showcasing the qualities that we hold so dear here at IE.

This partnership creates a new model for leadership education — one that fuses the breadth, creativity, and perspective of the liberal arts with a core business education to prepare managers and entrepreneurs for the global challenges of the twenty-first century. We are creating a new generation of intellectually curious leaders equipped with the vision that comes from an understanding of the cultural, social, political and technological changes that are transforming our world.

Martin Boehm
Dean, IE Business School

Karen Sibley
Dean of the School of Professional Studies, and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Brown University
IE Business School is fully accredited by the world’s three leading accreditation bodies, ensuring the quality and academic rigor of our programs.
IE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

IE Business School shapes leaders that promote innovation and change in organizations, equipping directors with an entrepreneurial mindset that generates employment, wealth and social well-being. Founded in 1973, the school has undergone a rapid process of growth and internationalization and is now recognized as one of the world’s leading business schools.

IE Business School is recognized by the international press, which ranks IE as a leading international business school.

FINANCIAL TIMES

- European Business Schools: 3rd in Europe, December, 2017
- International MBA: 4th in Europe, 8th worldwide, January, 2017
- Global Executive MBA: 12th worldwide, October, 2018
- Global Online MBA: 2nd worldwide, March, 2019
- Masters in Finance: 11th Worldwide, June, 2018
- Masters in Management: 10th worldwide, September, 2018

BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK

- Non-US MBA’s: 8th worldwide, November, 2017

FORBES

- Non-US MBA’s Schools: 3rd worldwide, October, 2017

QS

- Global Online MBA: 1st worldwide, June, 2018
- International MBA: 8th worldwide, September, 2018
Located in historic Providence, Rhode Island, Brown University is one of the most highly esteemed universities in the United States and a member of the Ivy League. Its outstanding programs in undergraduate, graduate, and medical education are characterized by a distinctive academic philosophy, a world-class faculty, and a tradition of innovative and rigorous multidisciplinary study. Brown graduates hold leadership positions across the globe in industry, politics and society.
The IE Brown Executive MBA is designed to challenge participants to go beyond conventional thinking and to develop a more holistic view of the world. Identifying and creating opportunities is at the heart of the IE Brown Executive MBA, recognizing and emphasizing the critical importance of context and environment on the development of business opportunities. This program brings together faculty from two leading academic institutions, moving beyond a traditional business education to consider strategic business priorities through the multiple lenses of the humanities, social sciences, and art.

Stephen Piper, USA
Class of 2012
Vice President,
Global Business Analytics Design & Delivery
IBM

Intellectual curiosity is not a luxury nor a diversion; it is the competitive advantage in business.
The IE Brown Executive MBA learning experience is designed to develop reflective leaders through the integration of managerial knowledge, the liberal arts perspective, and experiential learning. Participants in the program are equipped to deal with the complexities and nuances of the rapidly changing global world across a series of courses spanning these disciplines, delivered by both Brown and IE faculty.

The curriculum seeks to equally develop managerial knowledge and strategic agility, providing students with a broader skill set and a fresh perspective and encouraging them to seek out bold, innovative solutions for today’s business and societal challenges. Complementing these abilities, students will strengthen their leadership capacities and engage in opportunities to actively seek new opportunities, employing an entrepreneurial mindset in a variety of practical situations.
The 15-month IE Brown Executive MBA utilizes IE’s proven Blended Methodology, rated #1 in the world by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

The program combines 7.5 intense weeks of face-to-face engagement in Madrid, Providence and Cape Town with interactive online learning. It is specifically designed for senior managers and entrepreneurs who wish to undertake a rigorous and transformational executive MBA program without taking a break from their current responsibilities.
Online learning periods occur between each face-to-face module, ensuring continuous learning and interaction between classmates for the duration of the program.
This unique joint degree program brings together a set of courses and practical learning experiences that create a different kind of executive MBA graduate equipped with the skills, vision and agility to navigate complex decisions within both business and society.

The essential elements of the curriculum integrate three disciplines that lead to the development of the reflective leader, combining IE’s innovative approach to management education and Brown’s legacy in the humanities and social sciences, complemented by experiential components that emphasize entrepreneurial action.

By leveraging a truly multidisciplinary approach, strategic management skills are honed alongside four components within the human sciences. Equal attention is placed on the necessary abilities to drive business growth and innovate in the corporate and entrepreneurial landscapes as it is on increasing knowledge, perspectives, and the qualitative, analytical and interpretive tools for understanding our complex world.
**Advanced Management Skills**

- Managerial Economics
- Corporate & Competitive Strategy
- Fundamentals of Marketing
- Managing Communities of Work
- Operations & Supply Chain Management
- Financial & Cost Accounting
- Financial Management

**The Human Sciences**

- Arts & Humanities
- Global Markets
- Social Structures & Global Cultures
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Decision Making

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**Entrepreneurship Module**

**Leadership Module**
Blended learning offers the optimal balance of interpersonal interaction and deep introspection required for engaged discovery in the educational process. A globally focused, busy executive meets the professors and cohort members first in person, followed by online learning sessions. The online format provides the flexibility to engage with content and peers at their preferred times and location, while ensuring that everyone’s ‘voice’ is heard.
WOW ROOM

Our updated, state-of-the-art WOW Room is a virtual learning experience without limits. It allows for enhanced collaboration and networking capabilities, resulting in a dynamic, intercultural exchange of knowledge and ideas.

Some of the world’s most innovative technology has gone into producing this unique, lifelike virtual learning experience.

- **Emotion Recognition System**: Take part in your virtual class with our real-time tracking system that will help us bring you and your class the most engaging, relevant learning experience.

- **Borderless classroom**: Join in on free and fluid debate with other ambitious students from any corner of the planet.

- **Hands-on technology**: Cast your vote in live class polls, collaborate with virtual documents in real time and take part in dynamic, interactive role plays. Even if you’re in different countries, it’ll feel like you’re in the same room.

- **Computer, tablet or mobile**: Choose the device that works best for your educational needs.

- **Maximum diversity for your professional network**: Forge real, lasting connections with the best global talent thanks to our seamless technological system.

THE WAY YOU LEARN

We bring education to you, so you can get the most out of it. Our approach isn’t just online or on campus – it’s blended.

Online learning sessions last for one week and comprise 3 main phases:

I. **Individual preparation**: reading cases, chapters, technical notes, etc.

II. **Group discussion and assignment**: discussion and completion of group assignment as indicated by the professor.

III. **Class forums / video conferences**: forums last from Tuesday to Friday each week, allowing students and professors time to read and assimilate the opinions posted before submitting their own well-thought out comments to the forum. Several discussions are held in parallel, facilitating links among the different aspects under discussion, thus enriching the learning process.

During online learning periods, three online sessions are usually scheduled per week, requiring commitment, organization and participation from all students.

Students typically dedicate approximately 25 hours a week to the IE Brown Executive MBA during the online learning periods.
FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING

The face-to-face periods in Madrid and Providence take place at IE Business School and Brown University campuses. They permit participants to work with concepts and skills that require physical presence, contact with the professors and contact between participants.
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

The week in Cape Town provides a context for applied learning, applying knowledge acquired in previous classroom and online sessions. This rich field experience, in which new opportunities are proposed, explored and understood in context, is intensified and amplified by the dynamic clashes of culture, politics and human need in the selected site. The module in South Africa is an ‘immersion experience’, specifically designed for students to experience the ‘beyond business’ focus of the program in a real setting. Students will be challenged not only at an intellectual level but also emotionally and behaviorally.

Advancing the global learning objectives of this blended EMBA, students will study issues, challenges and opportunities associated with multi-national business environments, cultural difference and emerging markets. In particular, this module will explore issues in developing markets and the political/social/economic challenges associated with these areas of the world. This is an opportunity for students to connect their learning in traditional business and entrepreneurship courses with history, social context, cultural challenges, economic and political issues.
WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

Myah Moore Irick, USA
Class of 2012
Executive Director
JPMorgan Chase

The IE Brown program is best suited for an individual looking for a well-rounded approach to leadership in a rapidly changing global society. It is no longer enough to show up and be open; one must also be prepared to be challenged and be prepared to lead in an uncomfortable, and possibly unfamiliar environment. The curriculum, the faculty and the diverse cohort provide a unique learning atmosphere. Students are exposed to learning about business in a very non-traditional way. For individuals that are out-of-the-box thinkers, this program provides the ideal setting.
Why I chose the IE Brown Executive MBA

This program is also a strong fit for those interested in changing industries or changing business functions. For me, pursuing an international MBA was an outstanding fit for my long-term career aspirations and intellectual interests. I felt that this MBA would better equip me to achieve my immediate goal of transitioning into wealth management, as well as my long-term goal of being a university president. I was looking for a program where I would develop core fundamentals in areas such as finance, accounting and business operations to ease my transition from the non-profit world to financial services. Additionally, I felt that the strong international content would help me to see the world through a more focused global lens.

What was important to you in your class profile?

When looking for my ideal program, I specifically looked for a class profile that had significant diversity. I was interested in learning alongside classmates from various parts of the world. The IE Brown Executive MBA program afforded me the opportunity to interact with classmates from sixteen different countries and from an equally diverse faculty group. In addition, I desired exposure to industries that I was not familiar with and lines of business that I had worked with... but not in (such as operations and supply chain). Our class had numerous industries represented. Finally, I had the hopes that any program I was a part of would celebrate gender diversity and recognize the significant increase of women in leadership roles in business. To see so many talented women in the program was a bonus!

What makes the IE Brown Executive MBA class special?

The IE Brown program is a unique opportunity and therefore attracts the interest of truly unique global citizens. You are surrounded by classmates that push the envelope in ways that you never thought possible and motivate you to think bigger; challenging one another on a daily basis fosters understanding and growth. Each student is already so accomplished before setting foot in the classroom, and is driven to identify 101 more ways to have an impact on the world. By bringing together individuals with this DNA, the collective energy and learning potential is limitless.
As with any blended program, the IE Brown Executive MBA is not limited to a geographic region. This learning format combining short, face-to-face periods with interactive, online periods, ensures that students can participate from anywhere in the world.

Classes are naturally diverse in terms of nationalities and cultural backgrounds. But we are also committed to diversity in other important forms, including gender, industry, sector and function. Building knowledge through leveraging the differences between us is an effective way to maximize the learning experience in the class.

The legacy that we are building and the group of leaders who are created through this program keeps getting better; hopefully we will keep doing really cool things for the world.

Samir Rath, Canada
Class of 2013
Entrepreneur, Author
“No Startup Hipsters”
Age
Average 39

Work Experience
Average 16 years

Students 40

Gender ratio
- Female 36%
- Male 64%

Industries
- Transport / Travel 7%
- Telecoms / High-tech 17%
- Pharmaceutical / Health 7%
- NGO / Public Services / Government 17%
- Insurance 3%
- 10% Banking, Investment & Financial Services
- 3% Consulting
- 7% Education / Training
- 3% Energy
- 10% Entertainment / Media / Advertising
- 14% Industrial Manufacturing
HOW TO APPLY

This program is demanding, and seeks candidates who are dynamic, motivated, and open-minded. It demands professional and academic excellence, as well as a strong sense of commitment throughout the 15 months.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply, we require candidates with the following:

• Undergraduate degree
• Minimum 10 years work experience, including at least 3 years professional experience in a management position.
• A complete application form

Successful candidates are able to demonstrate:

• Professional achievement
• Leadership potential
• Great people skills

On receipt of a completed application form, successful candidates are invited to interview, usually via internet videoconference facilities. An admissions decision is offered within one month after interview.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

We employ a rolling admissions process and as such there is no deadline for applications for a particular intake. We advise that you embark on the admissions process several months before the program opens.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

A complete application to the program requires certified copies of the following supporting documentation:

- University diploma and transcripts, in English or Spanish
- Copy of passport or ID card
- One passport-sized, digital photo
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three essays (in various formats)
- A company letter to evidence current position and time in the company
- An organizational chart detailing your reporting position within the company
- Two letters of reference
- Application fee

Access our online application form via www.iebrown.com
Alaba Dayo-Payne, UK
Class of 2012
Owner/Director
Kaimera Solutions Limited

The program has transformed the way I look at business. It has enabled me to push boundaries and look beyond business to how people’s personal values and work ethic impact their professional lives and decision making. Thanks to the liberal arts component, I have been able to display an innovative side I didn’t realize I possessed.

Craig Beeson, Oman
Class of 2014
Chief Operating Officer
United Science & Capital

I certainly found value in the entrepreneurship side because I’d never really touched on that in my career. I’ve got a 13-year career basically in the same industry, so looking at how to start businesses and open up new markets and thinking about setting up my own business is something that I’m going to take away and make the most of in the future.
Business advantage derives from an ability to see common routine in some way competitors may not — beyond one’s daily circumstance. Whether holistically, internationally, humanely, or with correlative implications, my experience from the IE Brown Executive MBA expanded these perspectives beyond what I understood, through my 18-year business career in San Francisco.

As an Asian female entrepreneur, I lacked the antecedent influences needed to make the leap from a long career in the corporate world towards starting my own venture. The IE Brown Executive MBA program was a conduit incubator that broadened my vision of my own potential through in-depth approaches to creating and executing the necessary market and non-market strategies.
Joel Maxwell, Class of 2016 Managing Director, CommonFont
“The program’s unique blend of courses has given me a new interdisciplinary business perspective. It weaves together the humanities with business to create a comprehensive curriculum. Students are able to walk away with a unique understanding of how a business decision may impact many different social, environmental and economic aspects.”
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