



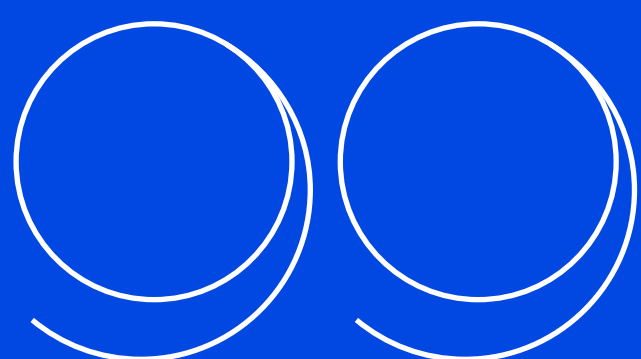
EXECUTIVE MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LAW, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY

The Executive Master in International Development is for professionals tackling complex global issues associated with promoting sustainable social, economic and environmental development. It provides a hands-on approach to the latest trends, as well as the challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



“I encourage outside-the-box thinking and draw on a wide array of disciplines. My teaching is characterized by straightforward explanations and a collaborative approach to finding pragmatic solutions.



Simona Costanzo Sow,
The United Nations System Staff
College

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Your program overview

Mode of Study

Part-time

Format

Blended

Intake

September

Duration

10 Months

Language

English

Location

Madrid, New York, Online

The Executive Master in International Development is aimed at mid- to senior-level professionals who want to advance their careers, improve their knowledge of international development and sustainability, and boost their professional prospects in the multilateral, governmental, private or non-profit sectors. It's designed to provide them with world-class training and equip them with the skills and expertise to address the challenges facing international development and the multilateral system underpinning it.

Your high-impact journey starts here.

[Find out more →](#)

For those who
wish to become...

Head of
Office
at the UN
International
Development
Specialist
Project
Manager
Policy and
Planning
Officer
Head of
Programs
Researcher
Consultant

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

The perfect fit

The Executive Master in International Development encompasses a diverse community. Our students are experienced multidisciplinary professionals, tackling the complex challenges of international development. Our faculty, many of whom are top UN experts, provide invaluable insight into the system-wide solutions being deployed within today's multilateral development ecosystem.

This program is aimed at professionals with five years' work experience in development and an undergraduate degree. It is suitable for:

- ▶ UN personnel seeking multi-sectoral experience, an advanced skill set and tools to engage in sustainability transformation
- ▶ Professionals who wish to advance their career and expand their network
- ▶ Professionals who desire to make a career shift from corporate or government agencies to development and sustainability
- ▶ Leaders who aspire to build better cross-sectoral projects and partnerships in the private sector
- ▶ Professionals who recognize the importance of the 2030 Agenda for furthering their own organizational and personal objectives in multilateral organizations.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

Reasons you should join

01


Strategically co-designed with the UNSSC

Our partnership with the United Nations System Staff College enables students to participate in conferences, seminars, networking opportunities and capstone projects. Students are exposed to our diverse faculty of top-level UN personnel, practitioners and academics who bring real-world experience and expertise from the forefront of international development.

02

Boost your positive global impact

Students will engage first-hand with the pioneers of the 2030 Agenda and the five Ps of sustainable development (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership). They will learn how to tackle these issues in real time through innovative solutions.

A photograph of the United Nations Secretariat Building in New York City. The building is a large, light-colored stone structure with a prominent entrance. In front of the building, there are many tall flagpoles, each flying a different national flag. The flags are arranged in a long line, creating a colorful display. The sky is clear and blue.

Learn more about our partnership with the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC).

[Find out more →](#)

03

Upskill your career with actionable knowledge

The program's practical, hands-on methodology allows professionals to immediately implement learnings in their day-to-day operations and plan strategically for future development improvements in their organizations.

04

Leverage the Quintet of Change to drive development

The U.N. 2.0—Quintet of Change, a key component of the UN Secretary-General's "Common Agenda" and a catalyst for the 2030 Agenda, informs the design of the Executive Master in International Development, enabling students to be at the forefront of data, innovation, strategic foresight, behavioral science and results.

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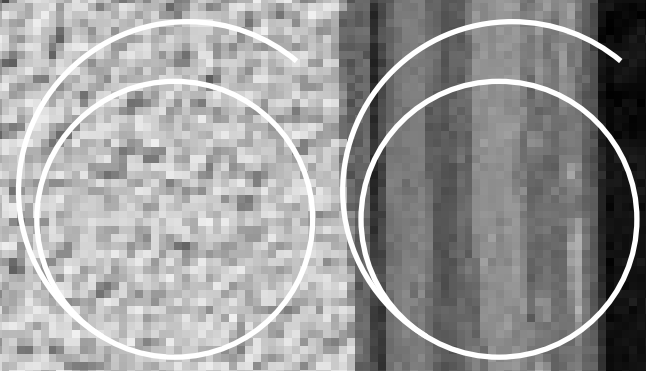
Implement system-wide solutions to complex challenges

Students learn to address the ever-more complex and interconnected challenges of our times by designing system-wide solutions within the multilateral development ecosystem, rather than single-issue responses.



According to the new International Debt Statistics 2022 report, an encompassing approach to managing debt is needed to help low- and middle-income countries assess and curtail risks and achieve sustainable debt levels.

World Bank



IE University has excelled in attracting brilliant individuals from all around the globe, filling the room with people from different cultural backgrounds.”

Emilie Panizzutti, Switzerland

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Your learning journey

This 10-month program is delivered in a blended format that combines weekly live video conferences and asynchronous online discussions with one-week residential periods with live interaction, debate and seminars that present opportunities to further network, develop soft skills and dive deeper into the challenges associated with international development.



82.4
million

people have been forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence and human rights violations.

UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Term 1

One-week residential period in Madrid.

Laying the foundation: introducing core concepts of sustainable development and management.

Term 2

One-week residential period in New York with core workshops and a visit to UN headquarters.

Design and strategy: unpacking the dimensions of change on an individual and systemic level.

Term 3

Core online period including courses in data visualization and organizational change & adaptation.

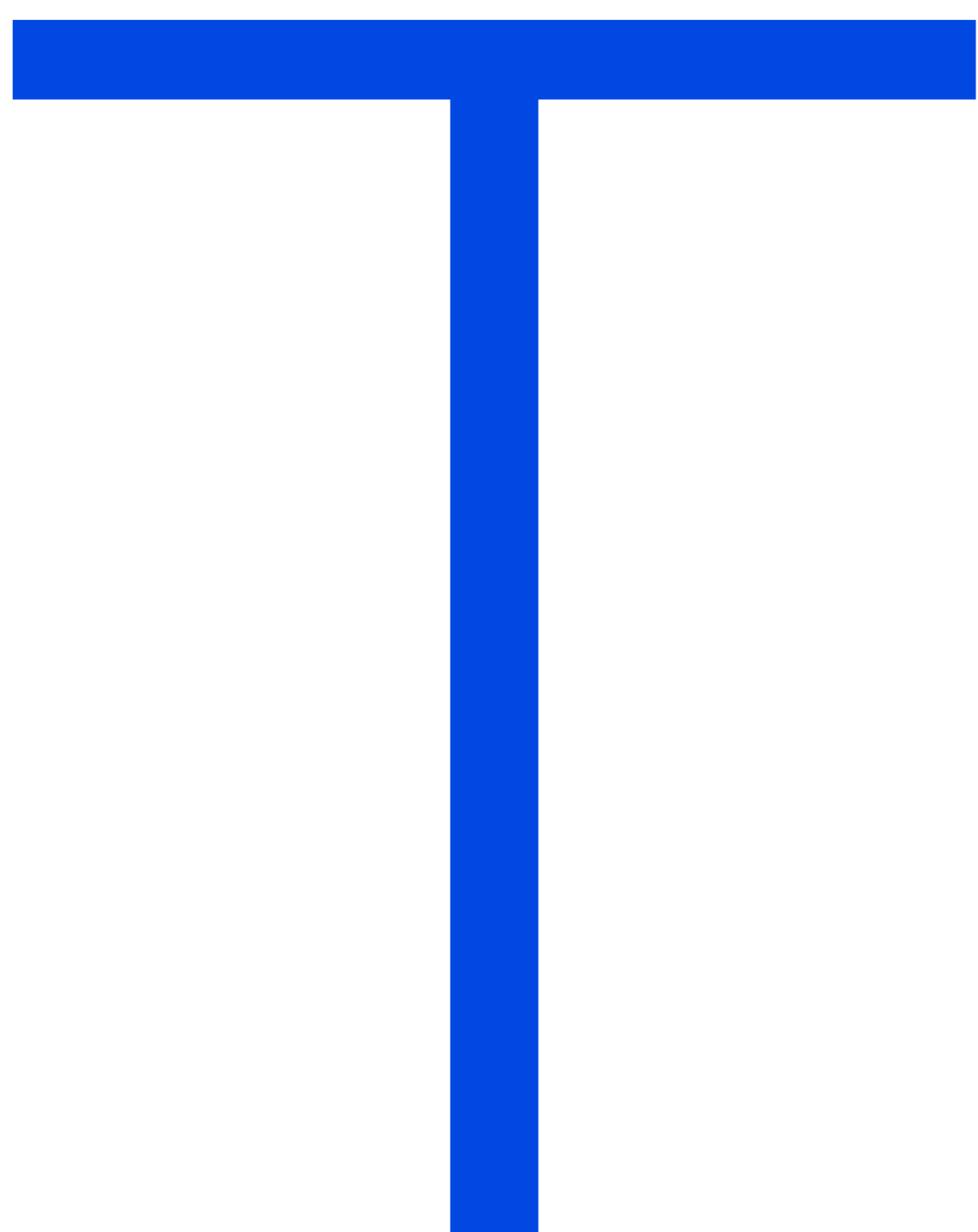
Final group-based Capstone Project.

One-week residential period in Madrid.

CORE PILLARS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Through IE University's commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its relationship with the UN, this program provides students with an in-depth understanding of the core concepts of sustainable development as codified in the 2030 Agenda. Students will gain the skills to steer sustainability issues that are rights-based and design and implement strategies to address economic transformation, social development and environmental protection.



132
million

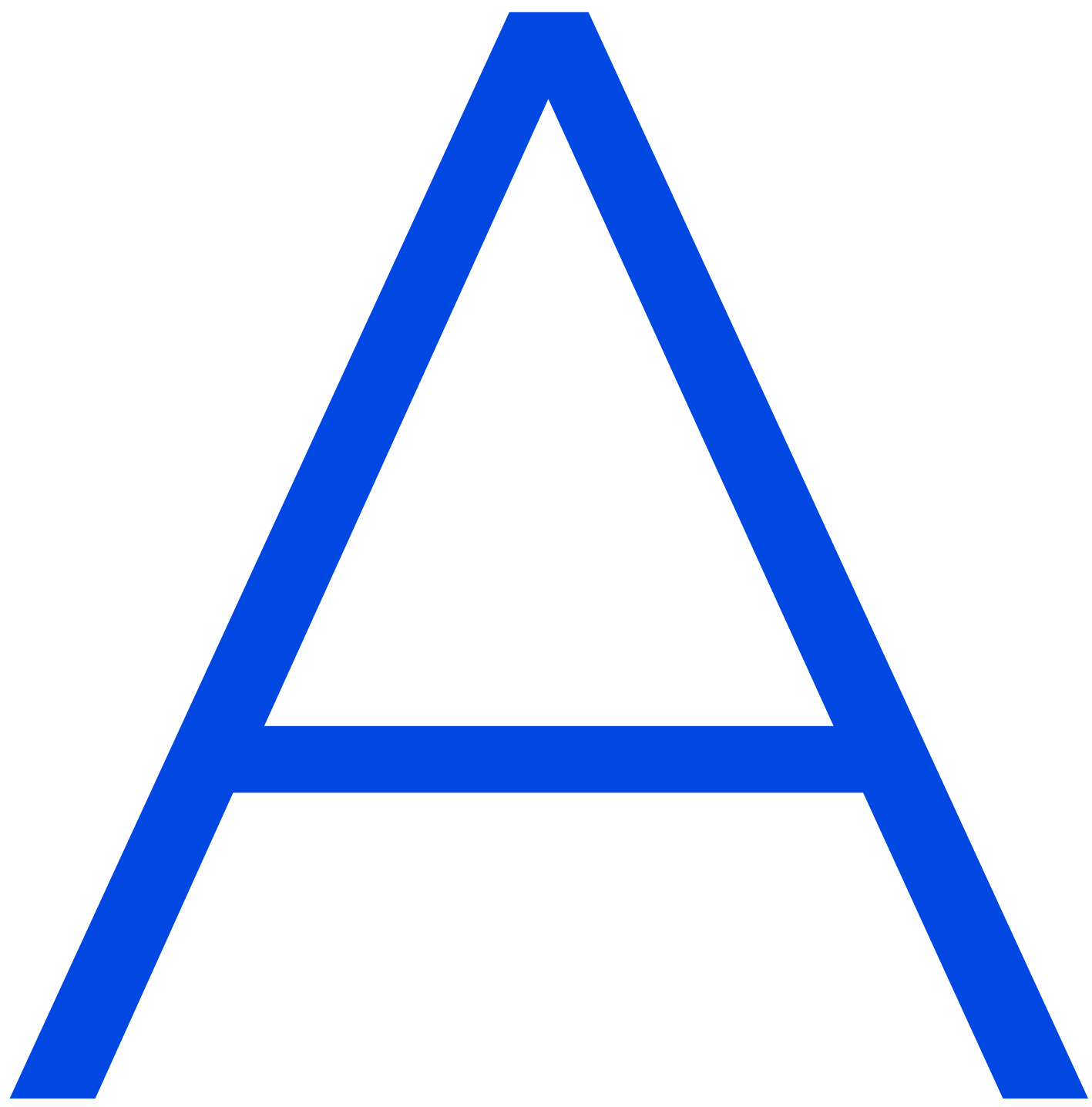
people may be living in poverty as a direct result of climate change by the end of the decade.

World Bank



Data Analysis and Data Visualization

Students will gain the quantitative skill set and statistical reasoning capacity necessary to be leaders in development and economic transformation, as well as enhancing their capacity to mobilize quantitative data to advocate for values, policies, or community interests.

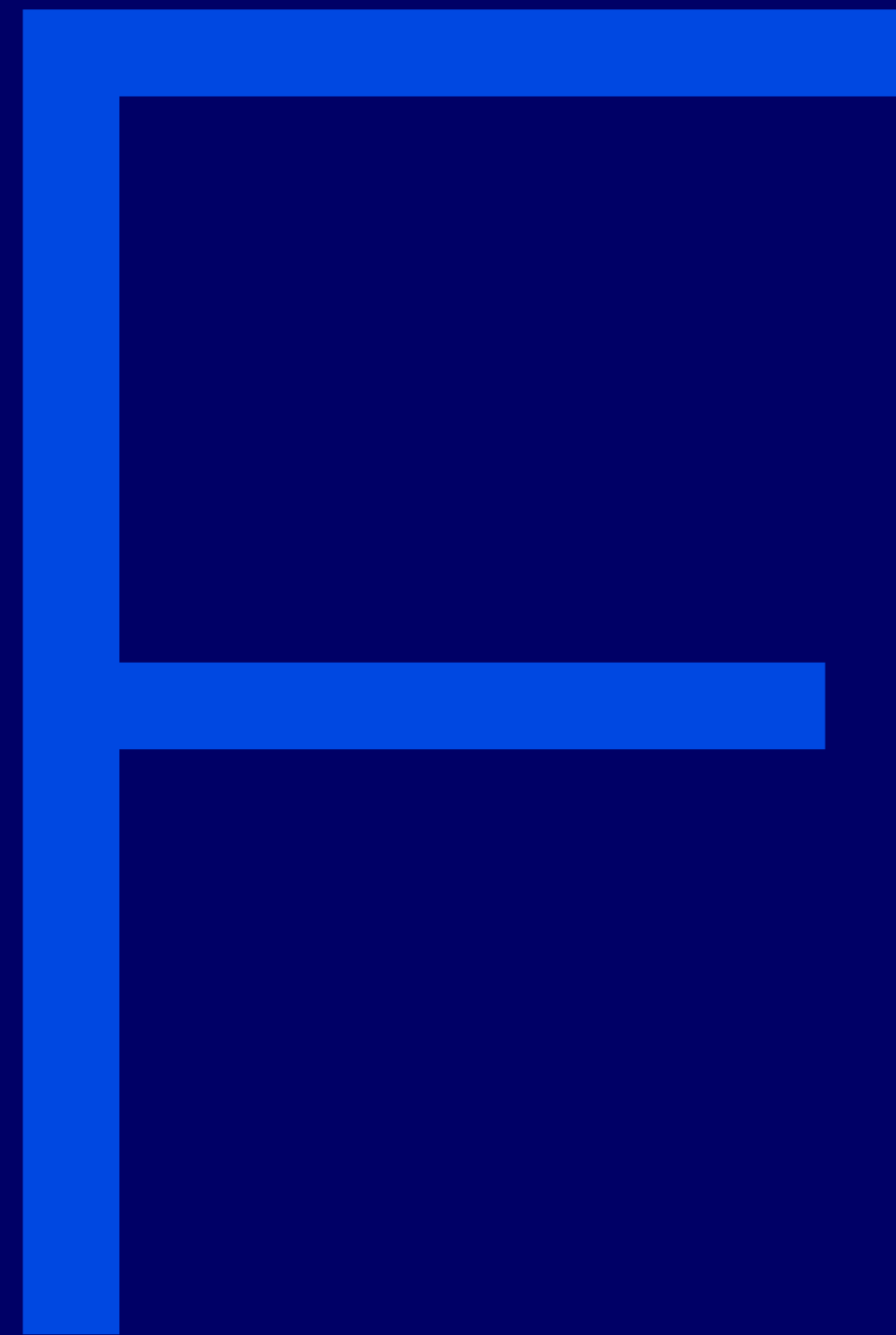


Advocacy, Leadership and Communication

Students will gain the skills necessary to implement inclusive leadership strategies grounded in coalition-building, consensus and empathy. They will examine power dynamics within communities and the evolution of the concept of community engagement, as well as identifying tools and techniques to ensure effective and context-optimal communication strategies.

Final Project

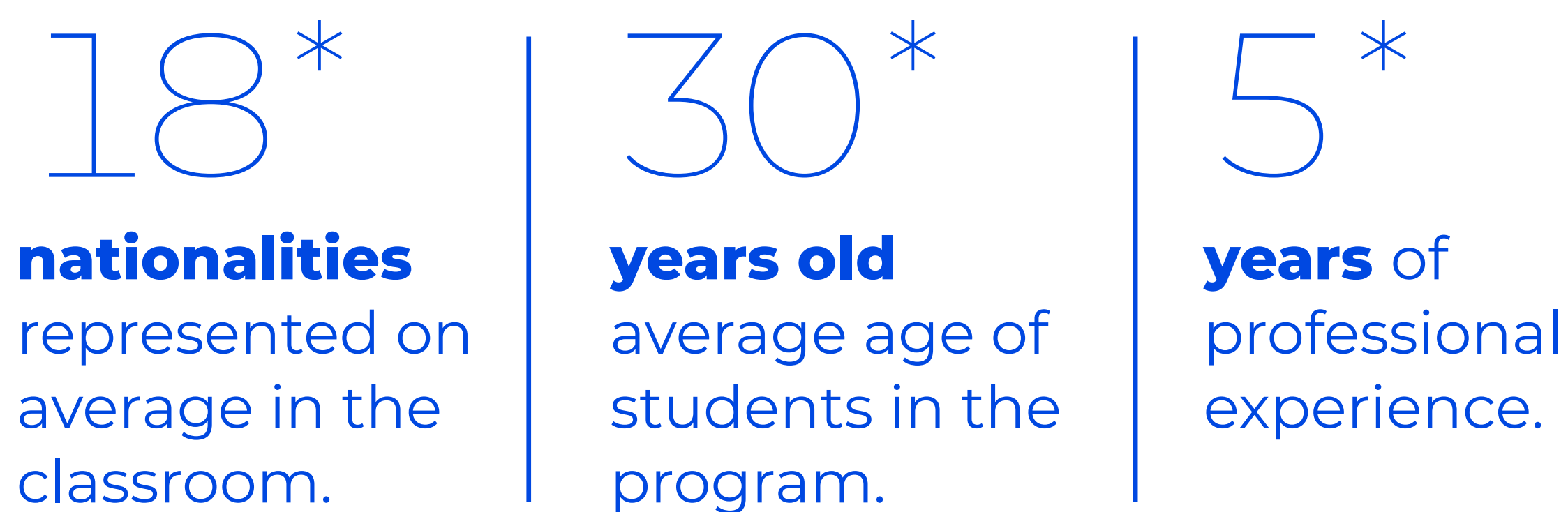
The Capstone Project is a career-building exercise which allows students to implement what they have learned during the program and to produce impactful deliverables. In groups, students will identify an international organization, either one in which they are currently employed or that of a group member. The group will then pitch their proposal during the second residential week. If the project is approved, they will continue to work on the project with the partner organization and a faculty advisor assigned by IE University throughout the remainder of terms two and three.



STUDENT PROFILE

Your future network

Participants in our Executive Master in International Development come from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. Many are leaders already working in development who wish to enhance their skill set and advance their professional careers. Others are professionals working in the private or public sectors who want to make a career shift, make a humanitarian impact, or who have identified the need for the private and public sectors to operate more cohesively.



*As the Executive Master in International Development is a new program and this is the first intake, these estimates are taken from other IE University classes based on previous data.

**As the Executive Master in International Development is in its first year, this employment data is from a comparable program, the Master in International Development.



Alumni from the Master in International Development** currently work with:



ADMISSIONS PROCESS & FINANCIAL AID

The IE University admissions process is simple yet rigorous—and carried out entirely online.

While the particulars may change depending on your chosen program, it always follows a similar format, which you can discover below. With our rolling admissions process, there's no application deadline. But spaces are limited so we recommend that you apply as soon as possible.

The first steps

Before you embark on your personal learning journey, there are five preliminary steps you need to take.

Who you are

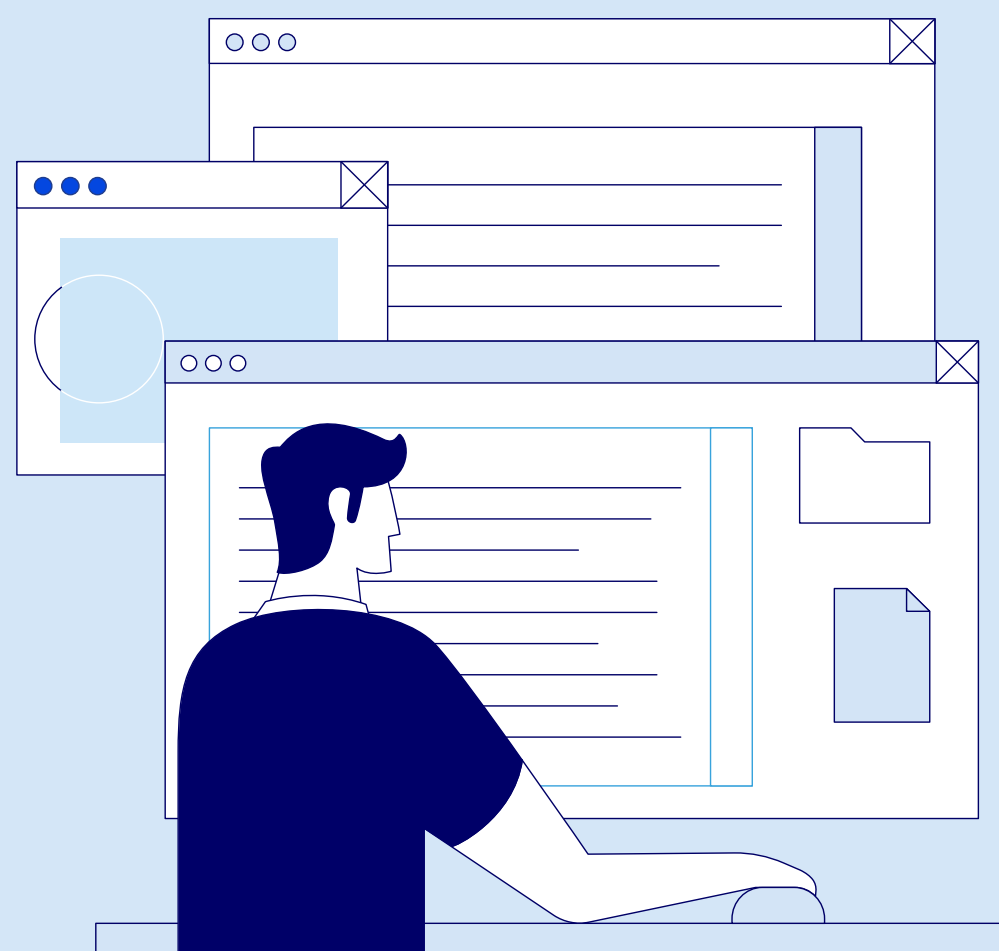
Students across all program areas share common traits that we look out for. We particularly value dedicated and talented individuals who come from diverse backgrounds and possess a global mindset.

Alongside your strong interpersonal skills and innovative outlook, you thrive under an intensive academic workload, considering it an opportunity to share new experiences and create unique approaches to problem-solving.

01

Online Application Form

Complete the online application form and upload the documents required by your program.



02

Online Assessment

With the application submitted and the fee paid, you will receive a link to answer three live questions, two in video format and one in written format.



04

English Proficiency

TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo or Cambridge (C1 or C2) certifications may be necessary to demonstrate your English level.



05

Personal Interview

This online interview will take place with an associate director of the admissions team.

03

Entrance Exam

Next, you will have to take either the GMAT, GRE or IEGAT. If you would like to apply to a Finance Program you must take either the GMAT, GRE, CFA Level 1 or CAIA Level 1. Note that this is a mandatory requirement, and the IEGAT will not be accepted.

06

Final Decision

Your entire application will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee and you will receive an answer within 1–3 weeks.



This process may vary depending on the program. Be sure to consult the Admissions area of your program of interest for more details on the admissions process.

[Get started →](#)

* Special admission requirements for Master in Finance candidates, contact the admissions team for more information.

** If you are considering a dual degree, keep in mind that students must be admitted to both programs.

FINANCIAL AID



If sorting out funding and scholarships is an important part of making IE University your next big step in your professional journey, the good news is that we have a range of funding options available to support you!

Most of our students rely on a combination of different types of financial means to cover the tuition fees and the overall costs associated with program attendance. These means typically include personal resources, student loans, scholarships and, at times, some form of family support or tuition assistance from employers.

The IE Financial Aid Office will help you understand the different financing options and scholarship opportunities available. Researching, understanding your options and planning ahead is key. The FAO will provide you with all the necessary guidance to make any scholarship or loan application process as smooth as possible.

Please visit our financial aid website for more details or schedule an appointment with our team.

[Go to the Site →](#)

The aim is twofold: celebrating and rewarding outstanding individuals and providing scholarship support to deserving and promising candidates who would otherwise not be able to attend IE University.

IE Scholarships

Thanks to the IE Foundation and the generosity of our students, alumni, parents, corporate partners and other benefactors who support our groundbreaking Financial Aid program, we are able to maintain a strong commitment to providing top-notch education to highly qualified candidates from around the world, regardless of their economic situation. Our wide portfolio of scholarships allows us to guarantee diversity and excellence through our needs-based and merit-based scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded based on economic need, merit, distinctive competencies and/or academic and professional excellence. The aim is twofold: celebrating and rewarding outstanding individuals and providing scholarship support to deserving and promising candidates who would otherwise not be able to attend IE University.

Check the [IE Financial Aid website](#) to discover the full list of scholarships available and to learn more about the application process.



Direct Awards

There is no formal application process for the IE High Potential Award—all applicants are automatically considered. Awards are communicated at the time of admission and recipients are chosen based on the information provided during the admissions process: the strength of their application, academic merit, professional experience, the quality of the interview, competitiveness, life experiences and suitability to the program and our school. These awards are need-blind, and are compatible with other IE Scholarships should the candidate require further support through a formal scholarship application.



Loans

Many of our students rely on loans—either government and/or privately funded—to at least partially finance their studies at IE University. As we strive to provide our students with further financing opportunities, we are committed to securing agreements with both Spanish and international institutions that offer our students financial loan schemes on favorable grounds. While there are many organizations that lend to IE students—including those we have an agreement with—it is critical that you understand all fees and terms of available loans to compare them and determine which are best suited to your particular needs.

Tuition Payment Options

While making an investment in higher education is extremely worthwhile, we understand it isn't always easy. At IE University, we allow students to pay in interest-free installments, without pre-approval requirements or credit checks.

The number of installments and conditions depends on the program, please talk to your admissions advisor for more information.

Contact our dedicated team at loans@ie.edu to find out which financing options may be available to you. Please note that many financing schemes are time sensitive and may require planning several months before your program starts.



ABOUT YOUR UNIVERSITY

The IE University ecosystem is designed with the student in mind. Rooted in a human-centered approach to entrepreneurship and innovation, we offer an extensive global network, cutting-edge facilities and top institutional partnerships—empowering future leaders to define their journey.



WHO WE ARE

**First and foremost,
we are Liquid Learners.**

**Liquid Learning
at IE University is the
culmination of our
educational vision,
transcending any single
platform or approach
to produce a holistic,
streamlined academic
experience.**

Developed over 20 years, this model blurs the lines between online and in-person education resulting in a flexible, highly interactive learning journey.

By breaking down traditional barriers to education, Liquid Learning provides access to the same world-class education, regardless of location or personal circumstances.

But what does this mean? Allow us to explain. As Liquid Learners, we are:

1,800+

students can attend
the same session
simultaneously

100%

of our students have
online access to classes

200

classes streaming
online simultaneously
in HD

100K+

online sessions
in total

Leaders in Business Education

IE University was founded by entrepreneurs with a vision to disrupt traditional models of education to equip students with the skills they need for the future.

To achieve this, the institution was created with five values in mind: diversity, humanities, technology & innovation, sustainability and entrepreneurship.

Pioneers in Disruptive Learning

IE University transformed business education by introducing disruptive teaching methodologies, ranging from immersive classroom approaches and technological innovation to close ties with industry leaders.

Over the years, our broad spectrum of disruptive learning innovations has helped students from 140 different countries unleash their true potential.

**“Through Extended Reality (XR),
we’re integrating engaging
technologies into our academic
offering to simulate real-world
scenarios and bring immersive
learning to life.”**

Diego del Alcázar Benjumea
CEO of IE University



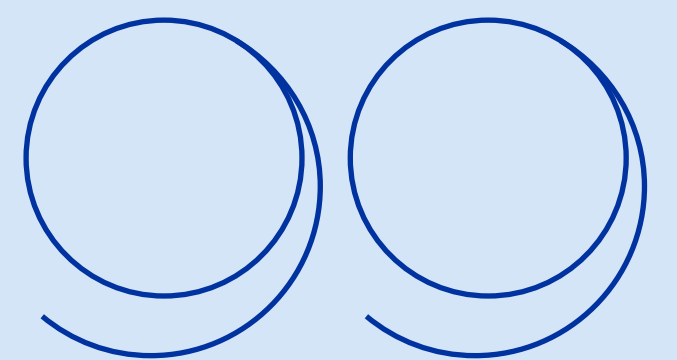
Diverse Visionaries

Our cutting-edge methodologies and global approach to education is complemented by the diversity of our community.

Students are in constant contact with a variety of academic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, which challenges preconceived notions and empowers them to think in new, innovative ways.



“I'm able to study with people from all around the world and learn about different cultures.



Patricia
Master in Management



25%

of our alumni have
started their own
businesses

1,500+

students trained
in entrepreneurial
management

100+

mentors working
alongside our students

Restless Entrepreneurs

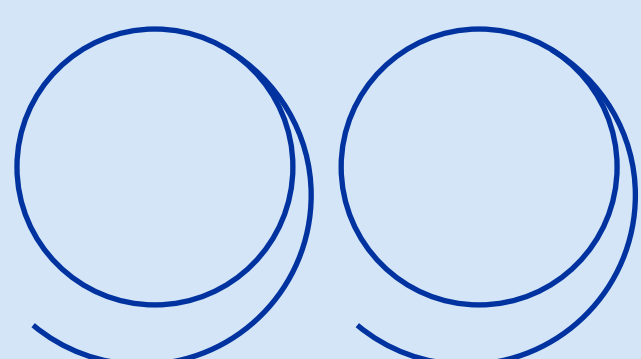
All our programs are taught from an entrepreneurial perspective, encouraging students to craft and apply solutions in the real world—whether in an intrapreneurial or entrepreneurial capacity.

Through startup accelerators and networking opportunities, students are able to fuel their ideas, fully supported as they embark on their entrepreneurial journey.





“IE University teaches you to work and cooperate with people from different backgrounds, and to bring out the best in others.



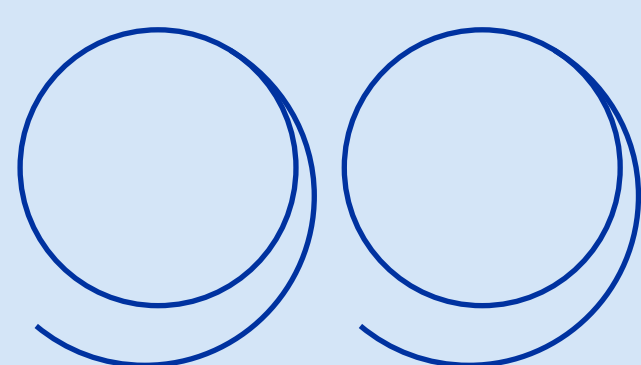
Dionysios Stavrakas, Russia
Executive MBA

WHERE WE ARE OUR EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM

**Enjoy the right university experience for you.
We have three locations:
Segovia, Madrid and
Online.**



“In every corner of Segovia, in every step you take through its streets, squares, and countryside, there’s a sense of tradition, art, and history.



Cheyenne Uribe

Switzerland. Dual Degree in Laws
and International Relations
Class of 2020

Segovia

[Know more →](#)

Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1985, Segovia is famous for its cathedral, alcázar and aqueduct.

One of the city’s most historic buildings, the Convent of Santa Cruz la Real, is home to the IE University campus. This campus combines rich history with state-of-the-art classrooms.





Madrid

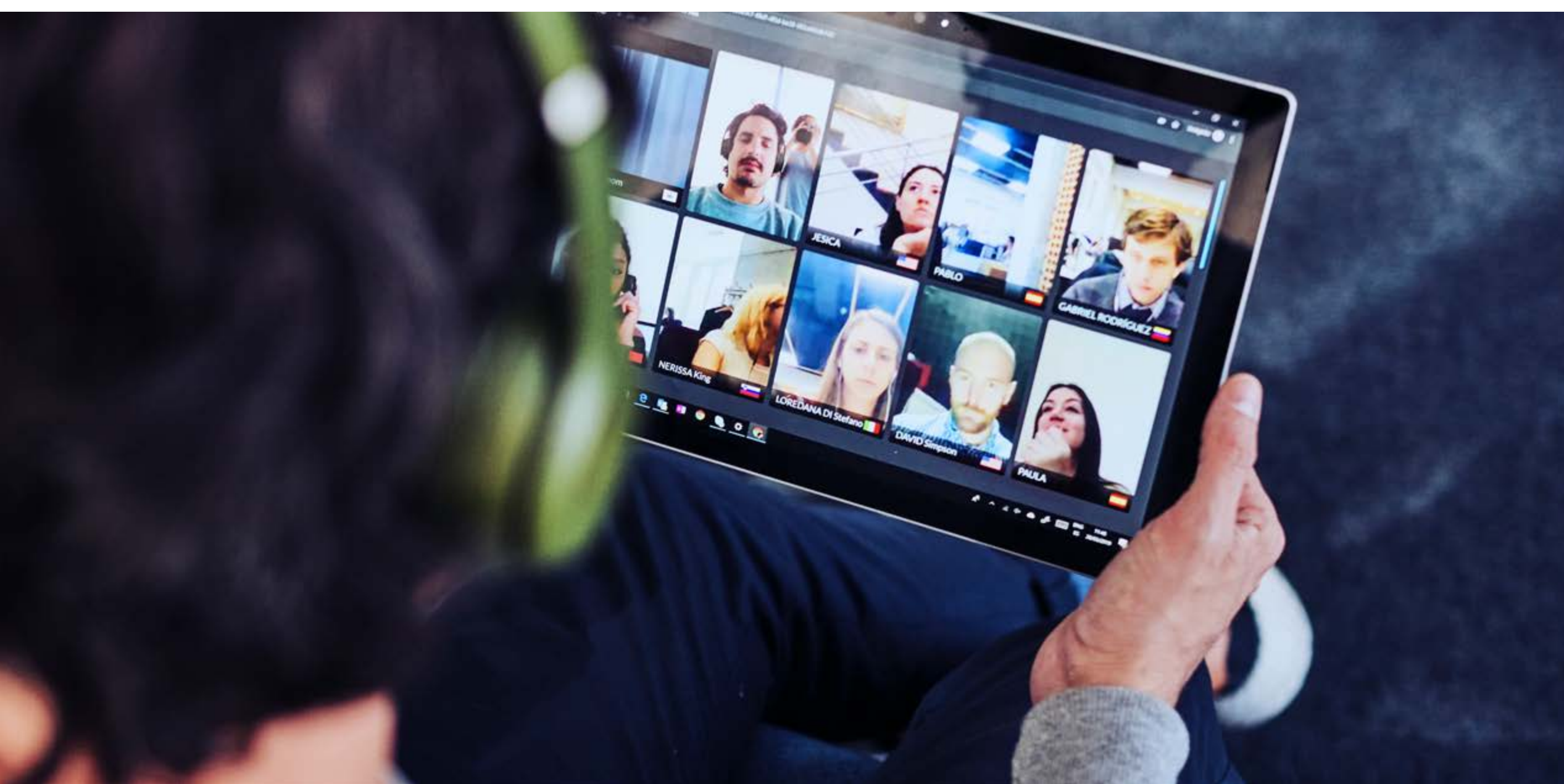
[Know more →](#)

Our urban tech-based education hub is located at the heart of one of the most exclusive neighborhoods of the city. Not far away, you can find our new innovation tower—the fifth addition to the Cuatro Torres—bringing an environmentally efficient and avant-garde architectural design to a lively business district.

Online

Our online classrooms enable us to provide Liquid Learning with hybrid teaching methodology.

Featuring synchronous and asynchronous learning, the online campus puts the student at the center with dynamic learning methodologies that adapt to individual circumstances.



The IE Tower in numbers

7,000

square meters set aside for green spaces

180

meters high and 35 floors

6,000

undergraduate students on campus

35

story tower with classrooms and educational zones

70+

classrooms and a large number of workspaces and chill-out zones

50,000

square meters



OUR ALUMNI IN NUMBERS

66,000+

total alumni

169

countries

1,300+

alumni events worldwide

28

alumni reunions

6,000

participants

60+

career sessions per year

300+

career orientation
interviews

Global Presence

Our extended IE community stretches across the globe, with 30 offices working together to build a lasting community around the world.

These offices organize thousands of international networking events, connecting our alumni community, candidates, companies and partner universities.

Benefits for our global community:

- ▶ IE events, masterclasses and workshops led by IE professors
- ▶ Corporate partnerships
- ▶ Venture Days
- ▶ Networking and social events for alumni and students
- ▶ Global Alumni Weekends
- ▶ “Glocal” network
- ▶ Worldwide conferences
- ▶ Career opportunities for alumni and students
- ▶ Alumni clubs

Find us at one of our international offices.

[Know more →](#)

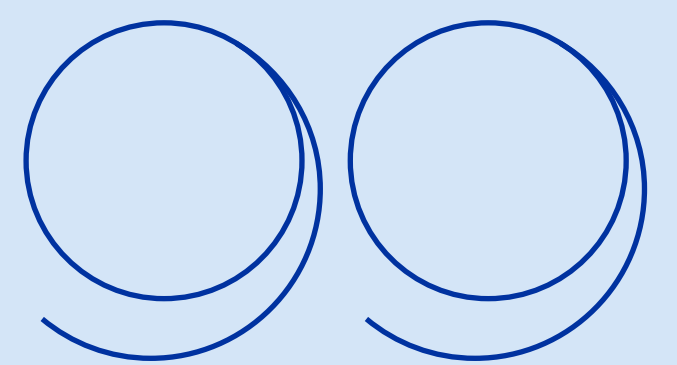


WHAT'S LIFE LIKE AT IE UNIVERSITY

There's always something happening at IE University. From business conferences to sports games and coding competitions, you'll never be lacking in opportunities for growth—and fun!



“IE University has provided me with the right network and environment to strengthen my professional potential as an entrepreneur and architect.



Dana Nayef Alfayez
Alum. Master in Business for
Architecture & Design



Venture Days

Event that connects the entrepreneurial community across all continents.

30+

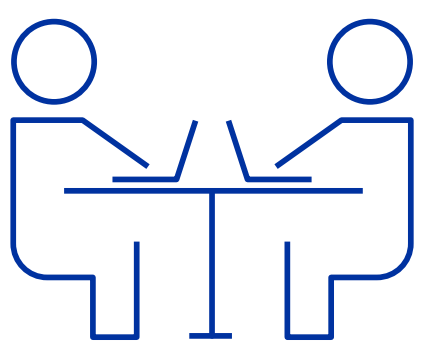
cities around the globe

1,000+

startups applied

Area 31

Weekly Venture Network event with pitches given to investors.



Exclusive workspace for admitted teams

100

events every year

[Know more →](#)

Venture Lab

Launchpad for startups under the guidance of industry experts.

10

finalists go to the Venture Day in Madrid

450+

startups participate each year



EnlightED

Bringing together the most innovative startups in education, innovation and edtech.



South Summit

Brings together the most innovative startups regardless their industry, development stage and country.



6,700+

CEO / Executives participated in our latest edition

\$4.3B+

raised by former startup competition finalists

IE Rockets

Residency program to build your skills and brand in the higher education sector.

146

startups applied

\$60M

raised from startups

IE Clubs and Centers

We believe that campus life is just as important as academic life. With more than 120 active student-led clubs on campus and online, our students have access to countless opportunities to engage with a variety of topics and learn beyond the classroom.

Club spotlights

IE Out & Allies Club

The IE Out & Allies Club endeavors to broaden understanding and support for LGBTQI* populations worldwide. This student-led LGBTQI* club organizes inclusive, year-round events, which range from educational meetups to networking and cocktail events to celebrate a break from school.

The club also proudly organizes the LGBT@Work, the longest-running LGBTQI* work conference in Europe, and third-largest business school LGBTQI* conference in the world.

Women at IE

At IE University, we strive to maintain and promote gender equality both on and off campus. With over 2,000 members, the IE Women in Business Club was created to reduce the obstacles facing women in gaining top leadership positions.

We also work with multiple international women’s organizations to provide talented and driven women the financial resources required to reach their academic and professional goals.

Every year, we celebrate International Women’s Day with a week full of events addressing gender equality.

Women at IE University
in numbers...

39%

of our full-time faculty
are women

48%

of our students are
women

56%

of the scholarships
offered to master’s
students are awarded
to women

7.7
million

was awarded to women
pursuing a master’s or
bachelor's degree in
2019



1,500+

annual face-to-face and
online events

600+

speakers hosted on campus

37,000+

attendees

IE Center for Diversity in Global Management

The IE Center for Diversity in Global Management harnesses the power of diversity to help organizations become more resilient, efficient and innovative.

Created in September 2002, the Center is an invaluable resource for the IE University community, engaging in training, applied research and awareness-raising activities, alongside holding networking events to foster international debate.

IE Africa Center

IE Africa Center aims to revolutionize the way the next generation of global executives understand African innovation—past and present.

We understand that the intellectual and physical contributions of Africa and its people are not only central to the modern world as it exists today, but are crucial to building a better future.

More IE student clubs:

- ▶ **Net Impact**
- ▶ **AI & Big Data**
- ▶ **TechIE**
- ▶ **IE Tech Lab**
- ▶ **IE Tech & Innovation**
- ▶ **IE Smart Cities**
- ▶ **IE Cybersecurity**
- ▶ **IE Blockchain**
- ▶ **IE Air & Space**
- ▶ **IE Fintech**
- ▶ **IE Coding**
- ▶ **IE Women
in Business**
- ▶ **IE E-Commerce**
- ▶ **IE EdTech**

and more...

[IE Centers →](#)

OUR STUDENTS
IN NUMBERS

85%

international students

160+

nationalities
on campus

45+

languages spoken
on campus

52%

male students

70,000+

students on campus

48%

female students

100+

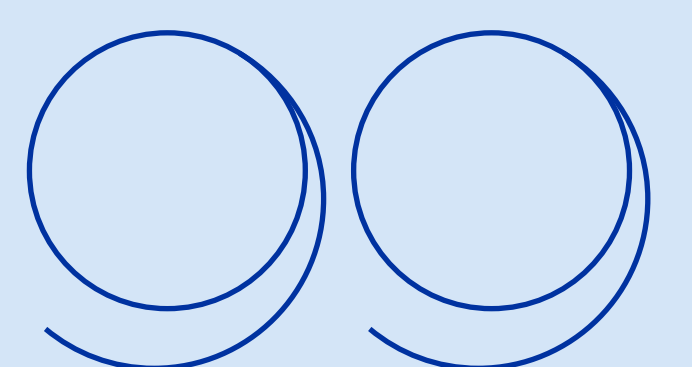
active clubs on campus



“I think the fact that there were only 20 of us and there are 17 different nationalities, the fact that we got to learn so much from different cultures, is great. I think I learned as much outside as inside the classroom.

Manon Germain

Alum. Master in Talent Development
& Human Resources



OUR RECOGNITION & REPUTATION

Pioneers
in Online MBAs
since 2001

1ST Worldwide
Online MBA

QS

2022

5TH Best MBA
Program
for Entrepre-
neurship

P&Q

2021

3RD Worldwide
Online MBA

Financial Times

2022

5TH Worldwide
Master in
Management

QS

2021

5TH Worldwide
Executive MBA
(Joint programmes)

QS

2021

7TH Worldwide
Global MBA

QS

2021



WORLDWIDE ACCREDITATIONS



“I believe it is critical to understand cultural differences and to be able to work in a diverse environment, which is exactly what IE University provides for both its professors and students.

Bin Ma

Assistant Professor, Human Resources
& Organizational Behavior

