



Campus Life - Student Speak

India calling

Jorge Malibrán Angel, a foreign student at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad speaks to Aaditi Isaac on why he chose to pursue his MBA from India

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I come from Spain. My desire for learning from different areas to acquire a global view has always driven my career progress and brought me to the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. After completing my Master's degree in telecommunications from France, I decided to work for three years. I had the chance to work with France Telecom R&D and Banco Santander (the biggest Spanish bank by capitalisation) until I finally decided to pursue my MBA with IBM in 2008.



After four years of working for the IBM, fighting for deals and suffering customer offshorings, I realised how the IT business was being redefined by the new developing countries and was amazed by the enormous potential of this new paradigm.

Following the old principle 'If you can't beat them join them,' I decided to pursue an MBA to fulfil my lack of business acumen as well as acquire an exposure to emerging economies. I started looking at Asian business schools and after two months of MBA fairs and deep research I realised that with outstanding facilities and professors along with the most interesting information technology concentration, ISB's programme was the closest fit to my professional goals. Moreover with a 50% share of worldwide IT and BPO offshore outsourcing, India was the obvious choice.

Although making it to the ISB was not an easy task, I knew how competitive the school was. So I put all my effort in the admissions process. I started preparing six months in advance for the GMAT and TOEFL exams along with the essays and recommendation letters. I was not only admitted at the ISB but was also granted a full-scholarship from a Spanish bank.

During the last six months I have been able to realise that coming to India and the ISB was one of the best decisions I have ever taken. Here, I have met the most inspiring and committed professors, have been able to participate in passionate debates and contribute to several professional clubs. But even more important is the fact that I have made hundreds of friends from whom I can learn and share common interests.

My career goal is to create my own IT consulting company, focusing on information management solutions. Having some experience in the European IT industry and knowing the difficulties firms face today along with the pressure on costs and lack of specialists, I believe I can contribute in helping them successfully implement outsourcing/off-shoring strategies.

As told to Aaditi Isaac