

The Hertfordshire MBA



Marta Sierpek

Purchasing Executive, Enco Products subsidiary of Grace Foods UK

I always wanted to do an MBA. I waited until now because I wanted to make sure I had enough professional experience to fully benefit from the qualification. I have been studying all my life and I don't think it will ever change. After completing my Bachelor's degrees and Master's I continued developing my professional skills. Firstly, I completed a qualification with Chartered Institute of Marketing while working as a brand manager and since my role has changed recently, I am currently completing my CIPS qualification (Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Chain). However I believe that MBA will give me something extra.

I aspire to work in a senior position and I hope this qualification will open that door. The company I work for encourages further education in various disciplines and attached a lot of value to growth and advancement with MBAs and other post graduate qualifications.

I came to the UK from Poland six years ago as part of an EU program for students, to gain work experience. Shortly after I joined my company's cadet training programme, and I have never looked back.

My company has close ties with the University of Hertfordshire. A couple of colleagues studied here as under graduates and report positive experiences; plus it's close to where I live. I was also pleased to learn that the University is in the final stages of working towards its MBA accreditation.

When I got here I was really impressed with the library as well as the amazing help and support. It's important to me that the tutors not only have an academic reputation but business experience too.

For anyone considering an MBA I'd say go for it. You have to be committed, especially if you're working full time as well. You have to manage your time, but at the end of it you will gain a well-rounded management education.