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MBA provides the right mix of academic rigour and experiential learning. The course itself is designed to cater to the needs of the industry, and MBA students are equipped to hit the ground running as soon as they graduate. Foreign exchange programmes, guest sessions by industry leaders, a two-month summer internship at reputed firms and live projects provide students with opportunities to learn about the different sectors and gain domain insights useful to make a career decision. So, I would advise students who are interested to take up management studies, to work tremendously hard and make the most of these two 'awesomest' years of their lives.

For me, the best way to make use of the two-year stay at a B school is to participate in the numerous competitions organised by corporates and other B-schools. Mahindra War Room, L'Oreal Brandstorm, Deloitte Maverick, Tata Steelathon and others are National Level competitions featuring real life cases and challenges faced by the leading corporates of our country. Participating in these competitions not only sharpens your mind but prepares you for the big stage. Apart from these, Young Leader Awards and Youth Icon Awards are given by firms like Economic Times, NHRDN, Aditya Birla Group, which allow the students to compete with the best in the country and test their mettle.

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I think that the best way to make full use of the two years of MBA is to join special interest groups and the myriad clubs available on campus. Be it dance, music, quizzing or debating, B-schools have a club or two to cater to everybody's interests. Invariably, each batch would have some accomplished sportsmen/women or artistes, who have achieved success at national level. As part of clubs, one gets a chance to learn from such individuals and mutually benefit. Apart from this, there are academic clubs that are focused on increasing expertise in specific functions like marketing, finance, HR and others through which students get an opportunity to satiate their curiosity about contemporary events and research in particular domains of interest.

The single biggest advantage of studying in one of the top B-schools of the country is the kind of peer group that you are exposed to. The sheer diversity in backgrounds and profiles opens up so many avenues for learning which, at times, are far more profound than the in-class exercises. Where else will you find fresh graduates sharing desk space with professionals having five years of work experience, or commerce grads rubbing shoulders with science, fashion, engineering graduates? Life at a B-school is simply amazing with so much happening around you. So make the most of it in the two years that you get.

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