

A FORCE TO CHANGE

U OF T HELPING INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS

Earlier this year, the first cohort of international lawyers graduated from a special program at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law. The Internationally Trained Lawyers Program (ITLP) provides lawyers called to the bar in other countries with academic training for accreditation exams, along with career support, assistance with cultural transitions and exposure to legal practice in Ontario.

According to ITLP director Gina Alexandris, increasing the number of internationally trained lawyers qualified to practise in Ontario will improve the province's justice system. "Lawyers are the gateway to the justice system for most people," she says. "But while recent immigration has made

Ontario increasingly cosmopolitan, the legal profession has not changed at the same rate. As a result, many people — particularly newcomers from other countries — feel isolated from the justice system."

ITLP is a force for change. Students complete more than 200 hours of classroom instruction, practical exercises and sessions in cultural fluency and career development.

The 10-month program also offers internship and mentorship opportunities within Ontario. Created with the financial support of the Government of Ontario, ITLP has enrolled nearly 100 students (from some 27 countries) in its first two years of operation.

TASTE MBA APPETIZER AT ROTMAN



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The Rotman MBA Essentials for Managers is a great way to get an introduction to the study areas at the heart of the Rotman Executive MBA Program.

This series of eight evening sessions is led by a selection of Rotman's world-class faculty members, who offer an academic perspective that is complemented by their experience as consultants, managers and expert advisers to some of the world's most successful corporations.

"Think of it as an appetizer to the Executive MBA. Not only does the program cover the essentials of the school's EMBA program, it is also taught by the same faculty," says Beatrix Dart, associate dean of executive degree programs. At the end of the program, participants come away with an enhanced awareness of essential management issues, which helps them become more effective leaders, managers and decision makers.

"I'd recommend this course to anyone

looking to get a taste of the range of subjects covered in the MBA before laying out the big bucks for the full-degree program," says Leona Hobbs, recipient of the 2011 CWC/Rotman MBA Essentials for Managers scholarship.

The MBA Essentials starts Nov. 1, and classes will run from 6-9 p.m. The graduation and celebration dinner will be held Nov. 28.

Highlights of the program include:

- The Legal Environment of Business with Prof. Richard Powers;
- Persuasion and Decision Making with Prof. John Oesch;
- Strategy and the Art of Accounting with Prof. Ramy Elitzur;
- Marketing Fundamentals with Simon Ashbourne;
- Increasing Returns and the Innovator's Dilemma with Prof. Ajay Agrawal.

Full program details are available at mbaessentials.ca.

ADD A NEW LANGUAGE

FRENCH EDUCATION OFFERS STUDENTS MORE SKILLS

French-language education (FLE) in Ontario is a complete network of public and Catholic schools, colleges and universities offering a broad spectrum of high-quality programs and services.

FLE strives to maintain a high level of bilingualism and long-term proficiency and consistently achieves high test scores with its students. The results speak for themselves: Provincewide tests, administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), reveal the overwhelmingly positive results of French-language education.

Grade 6 students attending French-language schools considerably outperform the province's other students in mathematics, writing and reading. The same is true regarding high school graduation rates among Ontario students attending French high schools.

FLE spokesman François Benoit says, "Students attending French-language schools have outstanding results on



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provincial testing. They also graduate high school with strong bilingual skills and, thereby, have excellent chances of pursuing the post-secondary or training program of their choice. We accompany them in becoming better citizens of the world."

In addition to ensuring the academic, personal and professional success of its students, FLE is dedicated to conveying and promoting the French language and the culture of the francophone community in Ontario.

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