



We sought the advice of outstanding MBA graduate award winner, Allison Bradley, and below we share some specific tips to make the most of your Online MBA experience.

# Five Quick Tips to Enhance Your Online MBA Experience

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## Work Together

Remember, you're a cohort of peers, not competitors. This group of people makes up your team, Bradley said: **"If I knew someone was not fully grasping a concept, I wasn't going to let a team member fail if I could help them."** You may have competed for top rank in your undergraduate program, but in your MBA it's important to collaborate and share information with each other, which translates to life in the business world.

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## Co-Lead

Bradley said that co-leading was one of the best things she learned to do. She noted there's usually one or two people who want to be the leader, but sharing the job means you still get the experience of managing the group and don't feel the pressure of pulling everybody along with you. She also noted that another added benefit was **"it also teaches you how to follow. There's always somebody bigger than you. Everybody has a boss, so even if you lead other people, you still have to follow somebody else."**

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## Keep your goals flexible

When she first entered the program, Bradley wanted to own her own business and focus on entrepreneurship. **"As I progressed in the program, I thought owning my own business is not easy, but it did make me realize how well I do managing lots of projects and people at the same time,"** she said. By keeping her career goals flexible, she found new strengths and was still able to make the most of her Online MBA experience and apply her learnings to a different career path.

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## Keep your support system close

Whether this means your family, friends, or classmates, you'll need to have a solid group of people to lean on when things get tough. For Bradley, **"Having the support group and support system that I had, it showed me, 'These are the people that truly care about me and will always be there for me'."** She also leaned on smaller groups within her cohort and stressed that trust and collaboration beyond just assignments are key.

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## Apply your learnings

Learning through application has been shown to increase the retention of information, and Bradley made it her goal to apply her learnings as much as possible. **"If you truly want to learn, not just get the grade or the MBA title, but if you truly want to learn what's it like to level up your business career, this is the program for you,"** she said.

