



[IS AN MBA NECESSARY?](#)

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Is an MBA really necessary to break into venture Capital? While not a necessity, the list below demonstrates that a large constituency of current venture capitalists pursued an MBA. Moreover, the list highlights the power of going to a highly ranked school such as HBS, Stanford and Wharton.

To find out more information on where VCs **worked** or went to **school (Undergrad, MBA, Masters in Engineering, Law or Ph.d)**, visit the YVCS website and check out the **VC database ([www.yvcs.org](http://www.yvcs.org))**

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<b>Rank</b>	<b>Business School</b>	<b># of VCs</b>
1	Harvard University	413
2	Stanford University	200
3	U. Pennsylvania	146
4	U. Chicago	69
5	Northwestern University	64
6	Columbia University	60
7	Dartmouth College	42
8	U. California, Los Angeles	36
9	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	30
10	U. California, Berkeley	27
11	U. Michigan	25
12	New York University	25
13	U. Virginia	24
14	U. Texas, Austin	14
15	U. North Carolina, Chapel Hill	14
16	Duke University	13
17	Boston University	11
18	U. Southern California	9
19	Babson College	9
20	Cornell University	7
Total		1,238

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