Dual Bachelor’s Master’s Degree (DBMD) Program FAQ

DBMD Program and Procedures

Q.) How does the DBMD program work?

A.) DBMD is an accelerated degree program that is available to Temple University’s partner institutions with which Temple has a signed agreement. After completing the first three years and most of the required undergraduate courses at the home institution, successful candidates arrive at Temple University in the fourth year. In years four and five, DBMD students complete all course requirements for both degrees. Upon successful completion of the five-year program, students receive their Bachelor’s degree from their home institution and their Master’s degree from Temple University.

Q.) What are the benefits of the DBMD program?

A.) Benefits of the DBMD program include:

- Early admission into graduate school after three years of undergraduate studies at home institution.
- GRE/GMAT waived for graduate applications except for the Fox School of Business.
- Merit-based scholarships provided by the Office of International Affairs.
- DBMD Officers coordinate student applications, admission, and advising, and personally address student questions and comments.
- Opportunity to enroll in additional language training through the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) before the start of the semester.

Q.) Can you provide some examples of the success of the DBMD program and DBMD alumni?

- Over 130 students have completed the DBMD program since 2010’s first graduating class.
- The average cumulative GPA for our most recent graduates was 3.63.
- Alumni work for top international firms such as JP Morgan Chase, Instagram, Lincoln Financial Group, Ogilvy Public Relations, AstraZeneca, Ernst & Young, Abbott Vascular, and Hewlett-Packard; several have founded successful start-ups.
- 21% of graduates are now in doctoral programs.

Q.) Are students required to finish the program in 2 years?

A.) No. Most students are able to complete the program in two years; however, students are not required to complete the program in a specific amount of time and are able to take additional time necessary to complete their degrees or pursue research opportunities. Students are also encouraged to complete the program in 1.5 years, if manageable.

Q.) I have students interested in the program but they missed the March 15 deadline for fall admissions or are in their 4th year of study. Can they still apply to the program?

A.) Yes. Students are still able to enter the DBMD program in the spring or during their fourth year of study. Certain departments may not offer spring admission. Students are encouraged to communicate
with the DBMD program officer if they are considering spring admission. The application deadline for spring admission is October 15.

Q.) How are courses taken at Temple University evaluated for degree completion at the home institution?

A.) Students accepted into the program have already completed most of their undergraduate course work and typically need only a few undergraduate courses evaluated to complete the degree. Therefore, course evaluations and credit transfer are done on a student-by-student basis after the student is accepted into the DBMD program. Global Programs will work with the designated representative at the partner institution and appropriate Temple faculty members to develop an individual study plan that allows students to complete both degrees.

Q.) What are the degree options offered through the DBMD program?

A.) DBMD degree options can be found at https://www.temple.edu/international/gp/programs/dbmd-master.html.

Q.) What are the entry requirements for the DBMD program?

A.) Entrance requirements can vary according to the program in which the student chooses to enroll. Graduate program requirements can be found by degree program at http://bulletin.temple.edu/graduate. Students have the best chance of being admitted if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Minimum TOEFL® Internet-based (iBT) 79; higher for some programs. IELTS™ Academic 6.5 (7.5 for Fox School applicants)
- GPA of 3.5/4.5 (3.0/4.0 or approximately 80%)
- Students must have completed most of the required coursework for their Bachelor’s degree. Any remaining undergraduate courses will have to be completed in concurrence with, or in addition to the graduate courses required for the master’s degree.
- Completed undergraduate coursework meets most of the academic prerequisites of the graduate program. For instance, to apply to most business programs, students must have taken quantitative courses (in statistics and calculus) and/or management courses while students applying to the Medical School programs must have completed advanced science courses (in life sciences, biochemistry, chemistry, or biology).

Q.) How do students apply?

A.) Students must submit an online application to Temple’s graduate school http://www.temple.edu/apply and be sure to select “DBMD Applicants Only” as your application type.

- Students applying to graduate programs in the Fox School of Business apply online at http://fox.force.com/SiteLogin.
- Students applying to graduate programs in the School of Sport, Tourism, and Hospitality Management should apply online at http://fox.force.com/sthmlogin.
• Students applying to the MPH in the School of Public Health should apply online at http://sophas.org and through the Graduate School link above.

Students must also send supporting application materials to Temple University’s Office of International Affairs. Supporting documentation includes:
• DBMD Individual Study Plan filled out by student and signed by department chair at home institution.
• Statement of Goals
• CV or Résumé
• Official test scores for TOEFL or IELTS
• Official grade transcript (original & English translation in sealed envelope)
• Three letters of recommendation from professors or project supervisors with whom the student has completed a course or an internship within the past 24 months
• Completed Application for Certificate of Eligibility Form (and copy of passport bio page photo)
• Financial documentation of student’s ability to support all educational costs (tuition, university fees, books) and living costs (rent, health insurance, food, entertainment) during the two years of the DBMD Program. Acceptable documents include bank statements of balance, savings certificate, or investment bonds.

Application Instructions can be found at http://www.temple.edu/provost/international/gp/apply/dbmd.html.

Q.) How soon after a student applies will they receive a decision?

A.) Graduate admission decisions are reviewed by the department in which the student chooses to apply and therefore can vary depending on the volume and admission criteria for that department. Most decisions are made within 4-6 weeks after students submit a complete application package to Temple University. When students apply to the Graduate School they are required to create an account with a username and password. Updates about admission status are available through this application account or by e-mailing global.programs@temple.edu.

Q.) What is Temple’s tuition?

A.) Graduate tuition is charged per credit hour, with most students taking between 9 – 12 credits per semester. The average tuition rate for graduate students is approximately $12,000 per semester. Tuition rates vary by school or college. Updated tuition rates can be found at http://www.temple.edu/bursar.

Q.) Does Temple offer scholarship opportunities or graduate assistantships?

A.) Yes. DBMD students are eligible to receive between 10% to 20% of their tuition in scholarship funds based upon their academic performance. This scholarship is reviewed every semester and students are eligible to continue receiving the award provided their academic performance continues to meet the scholarship requirements (3.0 GPA and above). Students are also eligible to apply for graduate
assistantships in their second year, which is reviewed by individual departments and if awarded, can provide students with up to 100% tuition remission.

Q.) How soon after the students complete their undergraduate degree at Temple can the home institution receive their transcripts to award their bachelor’s degree? If they do not complete their requirements in the first semester at Temple are they still able to begin their graduate work in the second semester?

A.) Temple University will release the student’s official transcript after the student’s semester grades are posted. Transcripts are normally available one to two weeks after the posting. If the student is finishing their spring semester, they should receive their transcript by early June. Likewise, if they are completing their fall semester, they should be able to receive their transcripts by early January. If for some reason the student is unable to complete their undergraduate degree requirements in the first semester, they are still able to continue their graduate coursework in the second semester, in addition to any undergraduate coursework they may need to take in order to complete their degree.

Immunizations/Health Insurance

Q.) Are students required to purchase Temple University’s Health Insurance policy?

A.) Temple University requires all International students in Non-immigrant Student (F1 or J1) status to maintain health insurance. Students do not have to purchase health insurance from Temple University but they must make sure that the health insurance they purchase meets the minimum standards as determined by the United States Department of State. Information on the health insurance requirements can be found at http://www.temple.edu/hr/students/healthinsurance/international/summary.htm.

Q.) Do students need any vaccinations before they arrive in the U.S.?

A.) To enter the United States you do not need any vaccinations. If you intend to live on-campus you will need to have a meningococcal vaccine prior to arriving in the U.S. If you already have received this vaccination, you may submit a signed waiver confirming. Additional information and recommendations can be found at www.temple.edu/studenthealth/Immunizations.html.

Housing

Q.) Where can students find information on housing and meal plans? Do they have to live on campus?

A.) Information on housing and meal plans can be found at http://www.temple.edu/studentaffairs/housing/ Students have the option to live either on or off-campus and can choose from a variety of meal plans. Housing and dining rates are subject to change so please check the website for the most recent information.

Q.) How do students apply for on-campus housing?
A.) To apply for on-campus housing you will need to submit a $250 check or money order made payable to Temple University and the Temple University Graduate Housing form along with your supporting documents. Please note that housing deposits can only be submitted as check or money orders, not with a credit card or wire transfer. On-campus housing for graduate students is very limited and will be given to students on a first come, first served basis.

Please advise students to review the housing policies and procedures prior to entering into a contact with on-campus housing. Housing assignments cannot be cancelled after the start of the semester.

Q.) Where can students find information about off-campus housing?

A.) There are many off-campus facilities around Temple University that are university approved and very close to campus. Please ask students to contact the Global Programs office for assistance finding off-campus housing. A list of off-campus housing options can be found at http://www.temple.edu/provost/international/gp/housing/offcampus-options.html.

Arrival/Orientation

Q.) When should DBMD students arrive in Philadelphia?

A.) Students should visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services website at www.temple.edu/isss for information on international graduate orientation. Students are also advised to check with their graduate department on arrival dates. Students should arrive no later than one week before the start of classes.

Q.) Does Temple provide airport pick-up service?

A.) The Office of International Affairs arranges shuttle transportation from the Philadelphia International Airport to Temple University the week prior to the beginning of classes during specific arrival dates. Information and registration for airport pick up is also available on the Global Programs website at https://www.temple.edu/international/gp/future-students/arrival-orientation.html.

Billing/Payment

Q.) How much is Temple tuition per semester?

A.) Students should visit www.temple.edu/bursar for the most up-to-date tuition information. In addition to tuition students should estimate approximately $15,000 per year for living expenses and $4,000 per year for books, insurance, and other general expenses.

Q.) How will students be billed for my fees and tuition from Temple University?

A.) Students will receive a Temple University bill to their Temple email account once they are registered. Students can also view their account balance and statements in their TUPortal under TUPay.

Q.) How do students make a payment?
A.) Students can find a list of payment methods at https://bursar.temple.edu/payments/payment-methods. If the student would like to pay by international credit card, they can do so by signing-up for Flywire. Additional information on Flywire can be found at https://bursar.temple.edu/payments/international-payments.

**Immigration**

Q.) What type of visa should a DBMD student apply for?

A.) DBMD students should apply for an F-1 visa unless otherwise advised from their graduate program.

Q.) How can students submit their I-20 application?

Students should submit the I-20 application with their DBMD supporting documents to their home university advisor.

Q.) What kind of financial documentation is acceptable?

Please see http://www.temple.edu/isss/future-students/financial.html.

Documentation should be issued within the last six months

Documents must show that funds will be available to students when they need them. Any documentation that indicates that funds will not be available immediately will not be accepted.

Q.) How much money do students need to document?

Graduate tuition and fees can be found at http://www.temple.edu/isss/future-students/tuition.html.

Q.) Does the statement have to be in English?

It is preferred that documentation be in English, but we will accept documents that are not in English. If we cannot translate the document, we will let you know.

Q.) Do the funds documented all have to be from one source?

No. Students can submit several bank statements if they have several sponsors. If their parents are their only sponsor, but they have more than one account that is also acceptable. It must be clear, to Temple University and the U.S. Embassy, that students will have funds available to them to pay for school, housing, etc.