**Study Abroad and Exchange FAQ**

*Application and Nomination*

Q.) What application materials are needed for students applying to the study abroad and exchange programs?

A.) Students are asked to submit the following items to their home university international office for submission:

- Global Programs Application Form
- Original sealed academic grade transcript
- Copy of current semester courses
- Proof of English proficiency (official TOEFL or IELTS score)
- Personal study plan (list of courses approved by home institution to be taken at Temple University)
- Completed I-20 application form with copy of passport bio page and financial documentation
- On-campus housing deposit of $250 and housing deposit form (if applicable). **Deposit must be check or money order made payable to Temple University.**

Q.) How many exchange students can be nominated per year?

A.) Temple can accept up to 4 semesters of exchange per year from universities with a signed exchange agreement. Partner universities are welcome to send 2 students for a full year or four students for one semester. Please check with the Global Programs office on number of students that can be accepted before making nominations.

Q.) How many study abroad students can be nominated per year?

A.) Temple can typically accept 10 study abroad students per semester from one institution. Additional students may be approved with prior notice.

Q.) What are your application deadlines?

A.) The application deadline for the Fall semester is March 15. The application deadline for the Spring semester is October 15.

Q.) Can graduate students participate in a study abroad or exchange program?

A.) Graduate students are able to participate in an exchange or study abroad program provided they receive prior approval from the receiving department. Please contact Global Programs prior to nominating a graduate student.

Q.) Are there any programs that are restricted for study abroad and exchange students?

A.) Yes, the following departments are restricted for exchange and student abroad students.

   - Architecture (limited availability. Prior department permission required.)
   - Computer Science (limited availability)
Business (must be a Business major)
Education
Tourism and Hospitality Management
Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theater)
Professional Schools (Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry)
Visual Arts (Film and Media Arts, Graphic Design, Painting, etc)

Q.) What language exams do you accept for the study abroad and exchange programs?
A.) Temple can accept TOEFL (iBT and iTP), IELTS, and Cambridge exam results. To enroll in undergraduate or graduate courses, students need to provide an official TOEFL of 79 iBT or 550 iTP, IELTS 6.0, or Cambridge B2 level or higher.

Course Registration

Q.) What courses are offered at Temple University?
A.) You can review the most up-to-date course offerings at http://www.temple.edu/courses. Course offerings do change semester-to-semester so please be sure to select the correct semester. If the current semester is not available, please ask students to select the corresponding semester (e.g., using Spring 2018 to search for Spring 2019 courses).

Q.) How do students search for courses?
You can search for courses by visiting http://www.temple.edu/courses and selecting the appropriate semester and department(s) where you are looking to find courses. An instructional video for students on how to search for courses is available at http://www.temple.edu/vpus/arc/globalprogram.html#advising.

Q.) Can students register for classes?
A.) Global Programs students cannot self-register for classes. Students will be assigned an academic advisor and registered based upon the study plan that was submitted at the time of application. Students can work with their academic advisor to make changes to their courses through the add/drop period (first two weeks of classes).

Q.) What does it mean to be enrolled as a full time student?
A.) Full time status is determined by the total registered credit hours. Undergraduate students must be registered for at least 12 credits per semester. Graduate students must be registered for at least 9 credits per semester.

Q.) How many classes should students take each semester?
A.) The average course at Temple University is 3 credit hours. It is recommended for undergraduate students to take between 12-15 credits per semester (4-5 classes) and for graduate students to take between 9-12 credits per semester (3-4 classes).

**Transcripts/Enrollment Verification**

Q.) Will Temple provide a copy of the student’s transcript?

A.) Yes, Global Programs will provide one complimentary copy of their official transcript to be mailed to the program officer at their home institution after your final grades have been posted. Students must submit a transcript request form by the stated deadline to receive a transcript. Additional copies or copies requested after the deadline must be ordered directly through the Registrar’s office by following the directions at [http://www.temple.edu/registrar/alumnifamily/verification/transcripts/](http://www.temple.edu/registrar/alumnifamily/verification/transcripts/).

Q.) Can Temple provide students with an official letter to verify their enrollment?

Students can request an enrollment verification letter through their TUPortal or by contacting global.programs@temple.edu.

**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](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](http://www.temple.edu/studenthealth/Immunizations.html).

**Housing/Meal Plans**

Q.) Can students apply for on-campus housing?

A.) Yes, students can apply to live on-campus housing. To apply for on-campus housing, please ask students to complete and return the Temple University Housing form with their Global Programs Application. Please note that Temple can only accept a check or money order made payable to Temple University in the amount of $250.00. Online or wire payment transfers are not able to be accepted. On-campus housing is 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.) How do students sign-up for a meal plan?
A.) You can find meal plan options as well as instructions on how to sign up for a meal plan at www.tudining.com.

Arrival/Orientation
Q.) When should students arrive in Philadelphia?
A.) Students should visit the Global Programs website at https://www.temple.edu/international/gp/future-students/arrival-orientation.html for information related to orientation. Student should arrive no later than one week prior to 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.

Academic Calendar
Q.) What is Temple’s academic calendar?
Temple University’s academic calendar can be found at www.temple.edu/registrar/documents/calendars. Fall semester 2018 begins on Monday August 27, 2018. Spring 2019 semester begins on Tuesday, January 14, 2019

Billing/Payment
Q.) How much is Temple tuition per semester?
A.) Study abroad students are charged approximately $13,500 per semester for tuition (subject to change). 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.) Are study abroad or exchange students charged any additional fees?
A.) All international students are charged a $184.04 student fee per semester. Select courses also include additional fees.

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](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](https://bursar.temple.edu/payments/international-payments).

**Immigration**

Q.) What type of visa should students apply for?

A.) Global Programs students are issued an I-20 that can be used to apply for an F-1 visa unless otherwise advised from their home school.

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

Students should submit the I-20 application with their Global Programs application materials to their home university advisor.

Q.) What kind of financial documentation is acceptable?

Please see [http://www.temple.edu/isss/future-students/financial.html](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?

Please see the chart below. If students have questions regarding their program or term, please ask them to contact their home university advisor or [global.programs@temple.edu](mailto:global.programs@temple.edu).

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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.