



Temple University  
**Dual Bachelor's Master's  
Degree Program**

**Student Manual**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
USA



**TEMPLE** UNIVERSITY®  
International Affairs



The fifth-largest metropolitan area in the United States, Philadelphia is a fantastic place to study, work and play. From its wealth of history to its renowned museums, from its bustling urban life to its famous cuisine, there's so much to do and see.



## A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

The Dual Bachelor's Master's Degree (DBMD) program at Temple University was established in 2007 when the first partnership agreements with international universities were signed. The university offers, by way of the DBMD program, an excellent multidisciplinary education to students interested in pursuing graduate study or a professional career in the USA or their home country; an opportunity for living abroad and acquiring cross-cultural understanding; and a chance to improve the multilingual skills necessary to succeed in today's global economy.

This program combines undergraduate study at the student's home institution with advanced undergraduate and graduate coursework at Temple University, leading to a bachelor's degree from the home institution and a master's degree from Temple, within five years. The program was created to meet the needs of high-achieving undergraduate students who wish to accelerate their graduate studies in a 3+2 structure: three years' undergraduate study in the home country plus two years' graduate study at Temple University.

For a list of approved master's programs, online application information, application package requirements, as well as contact information for the graduate departments participating in the DBMD program, applicants are advised to visit:

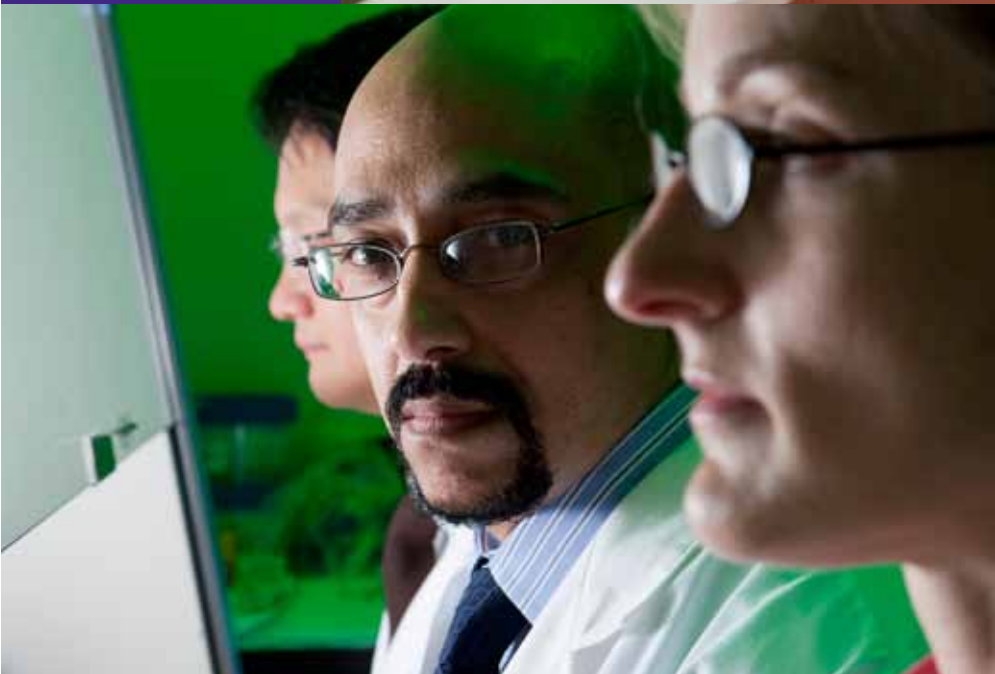
**[www.temple.edu/international/dbmd](http://www.temple.edu/international/dbmd).**



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Alter Hall, a new facility where the Fox School of Business and Management resides, has the longest elliptical ticker in the United States. In addition to displaying stock quotes, the eight-color LED ticker provides headline news and Fox-specific information and announcements.



## PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- Early admission into a graduate program at Temple University, after three years of undergraduate studies at home institution.
- GRE waived for most graduate programs. The exception is for admission into DBMD programs in the Fox School of Business and Management for which an official GRE or GMAT score is required at the time of application.
- Opportunity to pursue a graduate degree that is different from the undergraduate major.
- Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year are available for qualified students for each of the two years they are enrolled in the DBMD program.
- Orientation offers opportunities to get to know Temple students, to learn more about life and entertainment in Philadelphia and vicinity, and to get acquainted with support units and resources available at Temple University.
- Opportunity to enroll in additional language training through the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) before the first semester at Temple University.

## PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

The DBMD program officer serves as a liaison between prospective DBMD students and Temple University. The program officer coordinates student applications, admission and advising for the DBMD program and is available to address personally any questions, comments or concerns from students, administrators and parents interested in the DBMD program.

All DBMD students will have access to group and individual support services throughout their experience at Temple. From assistance with applying to help with housing, arrival and course enrollment, individual advising is available for DBMD students.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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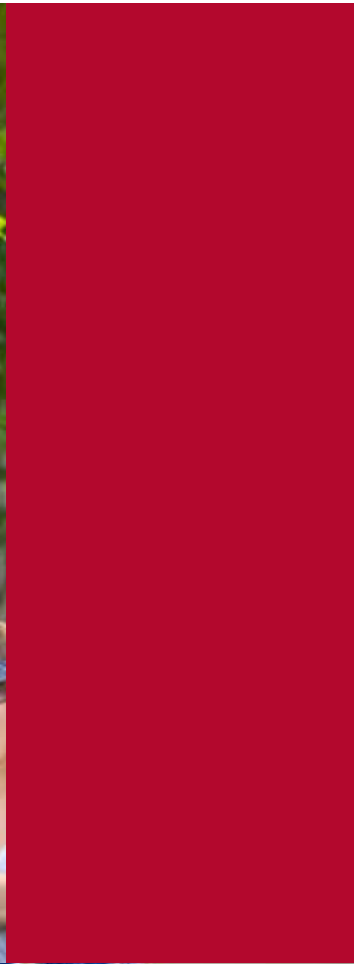
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Many of the faculty at Temple University take a hands-on approach to teaching and incorporate experiences outside the classroom into their curriculum. Facilities around campus provide advanced technology and modern lab spaces for student learning and research.

## 3+2 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Successful applicants are granted early admission to a graduate program, contingent on their ability to meet the academic standards and requirements of both the graduate program at Temple University and the undergraduate program at their home institution.

Ideally, students apply to the DBMD program during their third year of undergraduate study. After completing the first three years and most of the required undergraduate courses at their home institution, successful candidates arrive at Temple University in the fourth year as full-time graduate students enrolled in a participating master's degree program. In the final two years of the five-year structure, 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.

The typical master's program requires 36 credits of graduate coursework, or approximately 12 graduate courses. A full course load for regular graduate students is 9 graduate credit hours per semester. DBMD students, however, are eligible to take up to 12 credit hours each semester, as specified in their individual study plan established upon admission into the DBMD program.

*"Meeting American students has been a special experience for me. I can tell the Temple students enjoy working together with international students, too. This combination produces a global perspective that infiltrates the classroom and becomes apparent all over campus. Temple is making giant strides in international education and I'm glad to say I was a part of it."*

— Shih-Hui Chuang,  
Class of 2012, Taiwan





Temple students have the opportunity to attend various student and professional performances on campus. The faculty in the performing arts departments host frequent concerts to showcase their talented students enrolled in courses for orchestra, band, choir, opera, theater and dance.



## STUDYING AT TEMPLE

Temple University is a major public research and teaching university. The university has more than 39,000 students from over 100 countries enrolled in graduate and undergraduate programs in 17 schools and colleges. Temple is also the fourth-largest provider of professional education (business, law, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and podiatric medicine) in the United States. Through various schools and colleges, the university offers 133 master's and 62 doctoral programs.



*"By studying for one year less, DBMD students are several steps ahead of their peers and prepared to enter the work force early. This accelerated program is especially appealing in today's competitive job market."*

— Tianzhixi Yin, Class of 2012, China

## DBMD STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO:

- World-class research and learning facilities
- Faculty who have decades of experience providing high-quality education
- Internationally recognized faculty and researchers
- Academic and language support services
- Extensive athletic and recreational facilities
- The TECH Center, the largest computer center in a U.S. university

The TECH Center has 700 fixed workstations, wireless loaner laptops, a 24-hour Help Desk, specialized labs (video editing, graphic design, music composition), and social space for students with lounge areas and plasma TVs, as well as a Starbucks café.



## LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia is one of the oldest and most prominent cities in the United States. The Declaration of Independence was signed here on July 4, 1776, and the Founding Fathers also gathered in Philadelphia to write the Constitution of the United States. Today, Philadelphia is the fifth-largest metropolitan area in the U.S. and host to over 90 universities and colleges.

DBMD students will have the benefit of:

- A rich range of historic, cultural, intellectual and commercial resources
- Ample opportunities for cultural and language exchanges
- Accommodations in campus residence halls and private apartment complexes
- Organized social and cultural activities
- Numerous student clubs and organizations

More information about Philadelphia is available on the following websites:

- Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation  
Visitors Information: **[www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com)**
- Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau:  
**[www.philadelphiausa.travel](http://www.philadelphiausa.travel)**
- Public transportation: **[www.septa.com](http://www.septa.com)**

Located only 5 kilometers north of the city's center, students can see the beautiful Philadelphia skyline from many of the buildings. Philadelphia has a robust public transportation system that includes subway, bus, train, and trolley—all of which stop at Temple's Main Campus.





## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Students have the best chance of being admitted to the program if they meet ALL of the following eligibility criteria:

- Students must have completed most of the required coursework for their bachelor's degree prior to arriving at Temple. Any remaining undergraduate courses will have to be completed concurrently 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 (statistics and calculus) and/or management courses, while students applying to the medical school programs must have completed advanced science courses (life sciences, biochemistry, chemistry or biology).
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5/4.5 (3.0/4.0 or approximately 80%).
- English Proficiency: Official test scores for iBT TOEFL must be 79 or higher and IELTS band 6.5 or higher to be admitted into most graduate programs. Higher scores will increase student's chance of being admitted into the program and are required for some academic programs.
- GMAT for Fox School of Business and Management applicants.

## APPLICATION & ADMISSION

Students apply to the DBMD program early in the spring semester of their third year or in the fall semester of their fourth year of undergraduate study. Admissions decisions are based on eligibility, academic qualifications and English proficiency.

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Graduate School Application, completed online
- ✓ DBMD Individual Study Plan filled out by student and signed by department chair at home institution.
- ✓ Statement of Goals
- ✓ Official test scores for TOEFL or IELTS
- ✓ Official GMAT score for Fox School of Business and Management applicants
- ✓ Official grade transcript (original and 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 (original and English translation in sealed envelopes)
- ✓ Completed Application for Certificate of Eligibility Form
- ✓ 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 other liquid assets.
- ✓ Writing sample
- ✓ CV or résumé





From orientation through graduation, student organizations and activities are available to anyone who wants to be involved. International students may want to join a student cultural association and participate in one of the many festivals like “Spring Fling” or “Fall Fest” that take place during the academic year.







Temple University has eight campuses. The 186-acre campus in suburban Ambler offers programs in community and regional planning, horticulture, landscape architecture and others. Campuses in Fort Washington, Harrisburg and Center City Philadelphia locations offer a wide variety of graduate courses.



*"Temple's DBMD program was a rewarding experience for me. The faculty were very knowledgeable about the DBMD program and constantly checking in and asking how I was doing. The faculty and advisors really care about you and if there is a problem, they solve it immediately."*

— Peirong Chen, 2011  
graduate, Taiwan

## STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

1. Students submit Graduate School application online and mail complete packet of DBMD supporting application materials to the Office of International Affairs at Temple University.
2. DBMD program officer initiates admission process with Temple graduate programs.
3. Students learn admission status.
4. Successful applicants submit tuition/housing deposit to confirm enrollment.
5. Successful applicants complete visa procedures and make travel arrangements.

Applicants can contact **dbmd@temple.edu** to ask for assistance and information at any point in the process.

Estimated decision time: Most decisions are made within four to six weeks after students submit complete application package to the Office of International Affairs at Temple University.

## CHECKING ADMISSION STATUS

Graduate school applications can be submitted online at: **[www.temple.edu/grad/admissions/international.htm](http://www.temple.edu/grad/admissions/international.htm)**. Students create an account with a username and password. Updates about admission status are available through this application account or by emailing **dbmd@temple.edu**.





**Students interested in applying for the DBMD program can be assured they will receive individualized attention every step of the way. From the initial application process to graduation, the DBMD program officer is available to help answer any questions.**

## STUDENT VISA & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

All international students must obtain an F1 student visa to travel to the United States and enroll in their graduate program. As soon as students receive admission notification, students should initiate visa procedures. For additional information on this process, students are advised to visit:

**[www.temple.edu/issv](http://www.temple.edu/issv).**

## APPLYING FOR A VISA INTERVIEW

After receiving an admission letter, students can apply for an F1 visa at the nearest U.S. Consulate or Embassy. The U.S. Consulate or Embassy website for the student's home country has information on how to schedule and complete the visa interview. For detailed information about the visa process and requirements, students should visit:

**[www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov).**

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The DBMD program can help arrange group airport pick-ups for arrivals at the Philadelphia International Airport (8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. local time).

## POST-ARRIVAL

Students should arrive early to handle details like banking, paying tuition, shopping, setting up their new home (acquiring small appliances, furniture, and decorations), meeting the graduate faculty, meeting colleagues, acquiring cell phones, and completing the university paperwork.

Students are also able to make any final changes to academic course schedules and purchase course books before the semester begins.

In addition, students can enjoy the end of the summer on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, in the Pocono Mountains or in center city Philadelphia. Philadelphia is conveniently located mid-way between New York City and Washington, D.C., (only two hours by train, bus or car).

## TUITION & FEES

DBMD students pay tuition to Temple University for the last two years of the 3+2 structure. Total cost for tuition and fees vary by academic program, visit: **[www.temple.edu/bursar](http://www.temple.edu/bursar).**

## HEALTH INSURANCE

All international students must purchase health insurance upon their arrival. Alternate health insurance providing coverage in the U.S. may be considered, but it is mandatory that all students be covered by an insurance plan while in the U.S. For more details, students should visit the Human Resources website and go to the student health insurance section:

**[www.temple.edu/hr/students](http://www.temple.edu/hr/students).**

## LIVING EXPENSES

Most graduate students enrolled in the DBMD program live in Temple's Graduate Housing Complex. Housing options include one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments on Main Campus and in Center City. For more details about Temple University housing, students should visit:

**[www.temple.edu/housing](http://www.temple.edu/housing).**

Many graduate students prefer to cook their own meals or buy prepared food from vendors all over the campus. Meal plans are also available at student dining centers for approximately \$200/month. For more details on meal plans, students should visit the Temple Dining Services website:

**[www.tudining.com/plans](http://www.tudining.com/plans).**

## SCHOLARSHIPS & ADDITIONAL INCOME

Most students admitted to the DBMD program qualify for scholarships of up to \$5,000 for each of the two years they spend at Temple University.

Opportunities to earn additional money while gaining relevant work experience on campus are available. Students enrolled in DBMD can work up to 20 hours per week on campus. Pay varies according to each student's practical experience and skills, as well as the job type. It is recommended that students use additional work as a means to gain or develop employable skills, not as a means of self-support during their stay at Temple University.

This additional income cannot be used as proof of financial status necessary for student visa and admission into the program.



## INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM (IELP)

Some DBMD students, whose TOEFL scores fall below the minimum requirement, are conditionally admitted and required to take IELP courses during the summer to improve their language skills. IELP tuition is separate and not part of DBMD tuition.

Plan ahead: IELP is available to first- and second-year students even before they are eligible to apply to the DBMD program. It is a great opportunity for students to improve their English skills and learn more about Temple, as well as establish early connections with students and faculty in the graduate program. For more information, students can visit: [www.temple.edu/ielp](http://www.temple.edu/ielp).

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

DBMD students receive individual advising from their graduate department and the DBMD program. Other advising opportunities include mentoring by faculty and experienced graduate students, as well as language/culture partnerships with students from the United States.

## MAINTAINING ACADEMIC STANDING

Current graduate school policies require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for graduation. A student who receives more than two C grades or more than one F grade in their graduate courses will be dismissed for failure to maintain satisfactory grades.

## GRADES, TRANSCRIPTS & DIPLOMAS

The typical master's program requires 36 credits of graduate coursework, or approximately 12 graduate courses. However, this number may vary depending on the school that offers the graduate program.

DBMD students must satisfy the graduation requirements of both home institution (for the bachelor's degree) and Temple University (for the master's degree). Unless other arrangements are made, Temple will send the official grade transcript to the undergraduate institution in early spring semester of a student's second year in the DBMD program, so that the home institution can initiate the graduation process. Temple University will award the master's degree based on satisfactory completion of the graduate degree requirements.