Diploma & Required High School Credits

The university requires that students hold a diploma from an accredited high school with the following recommended distribution of courses:

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<th>Subject field</th>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Mathematics, college preparatory</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Foreign language (same language/culture)</td>
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<td>History/Social Studies</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Science (2 years lab)</td>
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<td>The Arts</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Other college preparatory courses</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Students are required to have earned a minimum of 16 units in academic subjects from the above chart. Students 18 years of age and older may submit a high school equivalency diploma earned through the General Education Development Test and the high school transcript for all grades completed.

Temple Option

Effective for the class entering fall 2015, Temple University is offering a new admissions path, the Temple Option, for talented students whose potential for academic success is not accurately captured by standardized test scores. This change enables applicants to decide how best to present their academic strengths and potential. If submitted, standardized test results will be considered holistically along with the high-school transcript and other applications materials. Those applicants not submitting test scores will complete short-answer questions in substitution for standardized tests. All candidates will be considered for merit scholarships and our Honors Program. We recommend applicants with an 1150 SAT (on a 1600-point scale), or 25 ACT, submit their test scores as part of the application. For more information, see http://admissions.temple.edu/apply/first-year-applicant/temple-option.

College Entrance Examinations

For those applicants who submit test scores, Temple accepts either of the following tests for college entrance:

- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board, Box 592, Princeton, NJ 08540
- American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program, Box 168, Iowa City, IA 52250

Temple suggests that students take either test in the spring of their junior year, as well as in the fall of their senior year. Results should be forwarded directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. SAT or ACT scores are recommended but not required of applicants 22 years of age or older.

Placement Testing

Most newly admitted students are required to take Placement Tests upon admission to Temple University. These tests are designed to help assess mastery of certain basic skills, to point out particular strengths and weaknesses, and to assist in designing a program of study for the student. Placement Tests are offered in **English, Mathematics, and Foreign Languages**. All incoming students also complete the **New Student Questionnaire**, a personal data collection survey used by Temple to develop programs and procedures to serve the needs and interests of its students.

- All incoming students are required to take the English Placement Test unless they transfer a course that has been evaluated as a direct equivalent of Temple's ENG 0802 or ENG 0812.
- All students within Boyer College of Music and Dance; College of Public Health; College of Liberal Arts; School of Environmental Design; Division of Theater, Film and Media Arts; School of Media and Communication; School of Tourism and Hospitality Management; or Tyler School of Art are required to take the Mathematics Placement Test unless they transfer a credit bearing, QA/QB/GQ designated Math course; however, students considering or required to complete MATH 1021 or higher or a Science course with a pre-requisite of MATH 1021 or higher are required to take the Mathematics Placement Test, regardless of transfer credits.
- All students who previously studied a foreign language are required to take the Foreign Language Placement Test if they are in a B.A. program in the College of Liberal Arts, College of Science and Technology, or Tyler School of Art; are a Communication Sciences major within the College of Public Health; or are an International Business Administration major within the Fox School of Business and Management;
OR

• are interested in taking a foreign language at Temple.

1 Transfer students who completed an English placement test at their previous institution and tested out of their previous institution's English Composition or comparable requirement can be waived from the English 0802 requirement if they have documentation of their placement and have successfully completed a higher level English/Writing course. Acceptable documentation includes an official letter from the university's Registrar, advising unit, a faculty member, or other appropriate university official. In these instances advisors should complete a "Requirement Complete" DARS exception.

For incoming students, all placement tests are taken online. After students have been formally admitted and have paid their tuition deposit, the Office of Orientation sends students a "next steps" e-mail – transfer students are directed to complete the online Transfer Orientation and freshmen are provided a link to the online Placement Testing website. (Transfer students are provided the link to online Placement Testing after they complete the online Transfer Orientation.)

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (IRA) website (http://www.temple.edu/ira) includes detailed information about the Placement Tests and how to determine which tests are required (based on a student's college, curriculum, and transfer credits), and also has sample test items. The Office of Orientation website (http://www.temple.edu/studentaffairs/orientation) also contains placement testing information, helpful hints for the test day, and sample items.

New Student Questionnaire (NSQ)

The NSQ is a personal data collection survey that must be completed by all students. Temple uses the results of this questionnaire to develop programs and procedures to serve the needs and interests of its students. All information is kept confidential.

English Placement Examination (60 minutes)

All students are required to take the English Placement Examination unless they transfer a direct equivalent of Temple's English 0802 or 0812. For the English Placement Examination, students write an essay and their essay score is considered along with the student's SAT verbal score, high school GPA and other measures to determine the appropriate English course placement.

Mathematics Placement Examination (75 minutes)

All freshmen and transfer students who are not transferring a credit-bearing QA, QB, or GQ designated Mathematics course are required to take the multiple choice Mathematics Placement Examination. Their math scores are considered along with the student's SAT quantitative score, high school GPA and other measures to determine the appropriate Math course placement. Additionally, the following students (regardless of transfer credits) are required to take the Mathematics Placement Examination:

• all students within the Division of University Studies (DUS);
• all students in a major within the Colleges of Science and Technology, Engineering, Education, or the Fox School of Business and Management;
• all students considering or required to take MATH 1021 or higher;
• all students considering or required to take a Science course with a MATH 1021 or higher prerequisite.

Students can consult with their advisor concerning conditions under which they may retest.

Foreign Language Placement Examination (60 minutes)

Freshmen and transfer students who previously studied a foreign language and are not transferring a credit-bearing, college-level foreign language course are required to take the Foreign Language Placement Test if they:

• are in a B.A. program in the College of Liberal Arts, College of Science and Technology, or Tyler School of Art;
• are a Communication Sciences major within the College of Public Health;
• are an International Business Administration major within the Fox School of Business and Management;

OR

• are interested in taking a foreign language course at Temple.

Online Foreign Language Placement Tests are offered in French, German, Italian, and Spanish; a paper-and-pencil Modern Greek Test is also available. Each is a multiple choice test and consists of 62 – 97 items, depending on the test. If a student has previously studied another foreign language (other than French, German, Modern Greek, Italian, or Spanish) and wishes to be tested in that language, it may be possible to arrange testing. The Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies website (http://www.temple.edu/vpus/forms) has a Foreign Language Waiver Form and Procedures for Applying for a Foreign Language Waiver (Group 2 or Group 3 Languages).

For more information about placement testing, sample questions, and news about changes in placement tests, visit the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment's placement testing page (http://www.temple.edu/ira/exam-services/placement-testing.html).
Orientation for New Students

Following admission to the university and payment of the tuition deposit, students will receive information regarding their orientation requirements. For further information, refer to the Office of Orientation (http://www.temple.edu/studentaffairs/orientation).

Immunizations