APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY

The general “Application for Graduate Study” is a two-page document. Download the writable form, save it, and print after completion. If you handwrite on the form, print legibly using dark blue or black ink.

Item 1: Enter your Social Security number (SSN). (International applicants who do not have an SSN are exempt.) Temple University requests your SSN because federal, state, and local law require the University to report the name, address, and SSN for certain purposes. Temple University will not disclose your SSN without consent unless it is required to do so by law, or as permitted by the University’s Social Security Number Usage Policy.

Items 12 and 13: Indicate the program/curriculum to which you are applying in Item 12 and the degree sought in Item 13. Refer to the Graduate Bulletin.

Item 14: If the program to which you are applying is offered in more than one location, please indicate your campus preference. A number of programs are available in their entirety at multiple campuses, as shown on the “About” tab of a program’s description in the Graduate Bulletin.

Item 19: Prepare a statement of goals, emphasizing individual strengths, interests, and future objectives. The quality of your statement may be critical for acceptance into the program, as well as for any financial aid award. This statement is required of all applicants.

Item 21: Write a statement about exceptional circumstances that have impacted your academic career if the information is relevant to your application for admission to the department/program. Do not duplicate information presented in Items 19 and 20. This statement is optional.

REFERENCE REPORTS

Most graduate programs at Temple University require applicants to submit reference reports. The “Reference Report for Graduate Study” is a two-page document. Alternately, a traditional letter of recommendation suffices in many cases. Contact the department of application directly to ask if the “Reference Report for Graduate Study” is required.

To determine how many reference reports are required by the program to which you are applying, please see the “Admission” tab of the program’s description in the Graduate Bulletin. If reference reports are required, follow these instructions:

1. Complete Section 1 of each reference report form.
2. Send the form to each individual who will provide a reference, asking that Section 2 of the form be completed.
3. Ask evaluators to send their completed reference report directly to the department/program of application, as shown on the “Contacts” tab of each program’s description in the Graduate Bulletin.

To present your strongest application, obtain recommendations that demonstrate thoughtful insight into your abilities and talents.

ACADEMIC RECORDS

All applicants must submit one certified copy of official transcripts from every college and university attended, including Temple University. (International applicants should visit https://grad.temple.edu/admissions/international-applicants for specific instructions.) Academic records are required for all graduate and undergraduate work, regardless of whether a degree was awarded. Order your official transcript(s) from the institution(s) where you completed any undergraduate and graduate coursework, regardless of whether a degree was earned.

Most universities charge a fee for this service. To avoid a delay in processing, submit proper payment with each request for academic records to each college/university. Request that the Registrar(s) forward your official transcript(s) directly to the department/program of application, as shown on the “Contacts” tab of each program’s description in the Graduate Bulletin.

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

Your graduate application and all corresponding materials should be sent directly to the department or program to which you are applying, as shown on the “Contacts” tab of each program’s description in the Graduate Bulletin.