

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) &
Taipei Municipal University of Education (TMUE)
Dual Bachelor's Degree Program
Memorandum of Understanding**

The Dual Bachelor's Degree (DBD) program provides highly qualified international students with the opportunity to directly access SWOSU's excellence as a teaching/Undergraduate Research university and higher learning institution. The program combines the undergraduate study at TMUE with the advanced undergraduate coursework at SWOSU. The DBD program will annually admit a mutually agreed-upon number of students from TMUE who demonstrate English Proficiency that meets the requirement by the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO), currently at TOEFL 61 (iBT)/500 (pBT), or IELTS 6.0 or better. A variety of Bachelor's degree programs, each of which must be individually approved by both universities, will be available to the students in DBD.

The DBD will have the following characteristics:

1. The initial enrollment target is a maximum of twenty (20) highly qualified students each year in addition to the six (6) one-year exchange students permitted by the current SWOSU-TMUE Academic Exchange Agreement. These students will participate in the language/academic preparation program (ex. the remedial *Fundamentals of English*, the *English Composition I* and *English Composition II* for International Students at SWOSU) together and will continue support and social activities throughout their experience at both SWOSU and TMUE.
2. Student will study at TMUE for a minimum of two years/one-third (1/3) of required credits for the intended bachelor's program and complete the other requirements of DBD degree plan with a minimum of 40 semester credit hours at SWOSU for TMUE-admitted students, or 30 semester credit hours at SWOSU for SWOSU-admitted students.
3. The program will lead to dual degrees: Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Sciences (B.S.) or Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.E.) conferred by TMUE and B.A., Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), B.F.A., Bachelor of Music (B.M.), B.S., Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.Ed.), Bachelor of Arts in Education (B.A.Ed.), or Bachelor of Sciences in Education (B.S.Ed.) conferred by SWOSU.

The DBD program will be an important step in the internationalization efforts of both SWOSU and TMUE, aiming to create an excellent multidisciplinary education to prepare graduates for professional development or further advanced graduate studies, as well as deep cross-cultural understanding and substantial bilingual/bicultural skills.

Program Description

Details of degree requirements for the program will be mutually agreed upon by the participating divisions of the two universities, subject to each institution's degree-granting requirement. This section describes the general structure of the DBD program.

B.Ed., B.A., B.F.A., B.S., or B.P.E. Degree from TMUE

Students will complete TMUE's requirement for the undergraduate degree. A minimum of four semesters of study and one-third (1/3) of required credits for the intended bachelor's program (ex. 43 of the minimum of 128 credit hours for graduation) will be completed at TMUE. A minimum of one-third (1/3) of required credits for the intended bachelor's program (ex. 40 of the minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation), including the SWOSU-required General Education courses not available at TMUE (ex. American Government and Politics and U. S. History), will be completed at SWOSU.

B.A., B.B.A., B.F.A., B.M., B.S., B.M.Ed., B.A.Ed., or B.S.Ed. Degree from SWOSU

Students will complete SWOSU's requirement for the undergraduate degree. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours, including 15 of the last 30 credit hours, a minimum of 8 credit hours from the upper-division (3000/4000) classes in the intended major, and the SWOSU-required General Education courses not available at TMUE (ex. American Government and Politics and U. S. History), will be completed at SWOSU. A minimum of four semesters of study and one-third (1/3) of required credits for the intended bachelor's program (ex. 43 of the minimum of 128 credit hours for graduation) will be completed at TMUE.

Application and Admission

Students will apply for the DBD program through their home institution as early as January of their first year of study. Admission will be based on the academic qualifications, as measured by the GPA and courses taken, and, for TMUE-admitted students, English fluency as determined by TOEFL or IELTS scores no less than the requirement by the RUSO, currently at TOEFL 61 (iBT)/500 (pBT), or IELTS 6.0. At the time of application, the intended bachelor's program should be identified. Upon selection of the students by their home institution, their transcripts, English test scores required by SWOSU and intended bachelor's program selections will be forwarded to the Registrar of counterpart institution. The Registrar will review all applications and admit according to the International Transfer Student Admission guideline. Students will be notified of their admission to the DBD prior to the end of April.

Extended Study for M.A./M.B.A/M.Ed./M.F.A/M.M./M.S Degree from SWOSU

Students who successfully complete the DBD may apply for master's degree programs at SWOSU for which they meet the admission requirements without additional proof of English Proficiency.

Academic Advising

Student will be strongly encouraged to solicit assistance from SWOSU's advising services. The council of advisors, which may consist of the Coordinator of International Student Affairs, the academic advisor of student's intended study, and the Dean of Students, will provide for (1) clarifications of SWOSU policies and procedures, (2) assistance in the selection and registration of courses, (3) aid in identifying campus resources, and (4) assistance with academic questions and problems.

Maintaining Academic Standing

Participating students will be expected to maintain the minimum academic standing required for continuation in SWOSU's undergraduate program (currently a cumulative GPA of 2.0) and make adequate progress toward the degree.

Program Completion

Upon the successful completion of DBD program, a B.Ed., B.A., B.F.A., B.S., or B.P.E. degree will be conferred by TMUE, and a B.A., B.B.A., B.F.A., B.M., B.S., B.M.Ed., B.A.Ed., or B.S.Ed. conferred by SWOSU.

Tuition

Students selected to participate in the DBD program will pay tuition and fees to SWOSU during their studies at SWOSU according to the out-of-state student rate. Students selected as the SWOSU-TMUE exchange students will pay tuition and fees to SWOSU at the out-of-state student rate beginning the third semester of their study at SWOSU. International Student scholarships and Nonresident Tuition Scholarship may be available to selected students meeting the requirements.

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Appendix

Proposed SWOSU-TMUE Dual Bachelor's Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU)/Bachelor of Arts (TMUE) in Piano Performance
- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU)/Bachelor of Arts (TMUE) in Vocal Performance
- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU)/Bachelor of Arts (TMUE) in Instrumental Performance
- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU)/Bachelor of Arts (TMUE) in String Performance
- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU) in Music Therapy, Keyboard Emphasis and Piano Performance
- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU) in Music Therapy, Vocal Emphasis and Vocal Performance
- Bachelor of Music (SWOSU) in Music Therapy, Instrumental Emphasis and Instrumental Performance
- Bachelor of Sciences (SWOSU) in Psychology/Bachelor of Sciences (TMUE) in Counseling and Psychology