

# MAGL Program FAQ's

**Focus on global servant leadership, missions, intercultural skills and an inter-disciplinary approach to working in global diversity!**

## **What is the purpose of the MA in Global Leadership?**

To educate candidates for Christian servant leadership in a multi-faceted global environment, equipping them with intercultural and leadership skills equal to today's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic environment.

## **Who is the degree for?**

This degree is for a growing new breed of Christian professionals committed to using their respective careers for kingdom purposes. It is for people who are serving Christ and need skills and credentials for ministry in non-traditional settings and for whom a residential program at a seminary is not a viable option.

## **How is the curriculum designed?**

This is a university-based, fully accredited Master of Arts program. All university-based master's degrees at DBU take between one and two years to complete. They are short, highly focused, and devoted to skills sets needed for practical field work. The MA in Global Leadership consists of forty-two credit hours, which is fourteen classes of three credit hours each. The degree plan may be viewed on the Master of Arts in Global Leadership web page at [www.dbu.edu/leadership/globalleadership](http://www.dbu.edu/leadership/globalleadership).

## **What will it teach me?**

Concentrations allow students to obtain the specific knowledge and skills necessary to be effective Christian leaders whether in the United States or in a global setting. The program teaches students to become the leaders God has created them to be so that they can serve Him creatively in today's complex inter-cultural world.

## **How are courses formatted?**

Since this is a professional degree for master's students, the delivery system is primarily in the format of evening, online, and mini-term classes that fit into a professional work schedule. Class size is small, so students interact a great deal with their professors. Students are required to travel together to a designated international venue in order to take the Global Leadership Practicum course. Students can complete most other courses for this degree online, so it is possible to do a significant portion of the degree from off-campus. DBU is a leader in online course development and recently won an award from Blackboard for creating and delivering outstanding online courses.

## **Is financial aid available?**

Yes! We strongly encourage all students to apply for Financial Aid through our University Office of Financial Aid. In order to help outstanding Christian students attend DBU, churches may invest in the cause of Christ by providing church matching grants. When all requirements are met, DBU matches up to a given amount per

academic year given toward a student's tuition by his/her local church. Students in Baptist churches may qualify for Ministry Financial Assistance from the Baptist General Convention of Texas and receive DBU matching funds. In addition, DBU has a scholarship for active members and associates of Wycliffe Bible Translators or the Summer Institute of Linguistics and their affiliates. Contact the University Office of Financial Aid for at 214.333.5363 for details.

## **Admissions Information**

### **How do I apply to the Graduate Programs at Dallas Baptist University?**

The best way is to apply online. You can get all application information online at: <https://webreg.dbu.edu/graduateApplication/>. You may also download the application or request a printed application be sent to you by calling 214.333.5242.

### **Where should I send my application materials?**

Application materials should be mailed or faxed to the Dallas Baptist University Office of Graduate Programs:

Dallas Baptist University  
Office of Graduate Programs  
3000 Mountain Creek Pkwy.  
Dallas, TX. 75211

214.333.5579 (Fax)

### **Is there a deadline for applying for the degree for any given semester?**

No. DBU utilizes a rolling admissions policy. The Admissions Committee meets regularly throughout each semester.

### **What is the Statement of Purpose referred to in the application?**

The Statement of Purpose serves as your writing sample for the admissions process and consists of several questions which help you put your goals into words and explain why you wish to come to DBU. Be sure to use good composition skills with proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. It is very important that you articulate why this degree matches your life goals and personal sense of calling or direction from God.

### **Who may I ask to do my Letters of Recommendation?**

Applicants often ask coworkers, supervisors, pastors, community leaders, or anyone else they feel knows their work habits well to write a recommendation. It is important that they know you well and are able to communicate clearly about your character, spiritual life, and work habits.

### **What transcripts must I provide?**

You must supply all previous transcripts. If you ever took a single course at a college or school since high school, you must provide an official transcript from that institution. Transcripts must come directly from the issuing school or in a sealed envelope. However, you may fax an open transcript to the Office of Graduate Programs at: 214-333-5579 for a preliminary evaluation of your application.

## **What is the minimum undergraduate GPA that Dallas Baptist University will accept for the MA in Global Leadership?**

According to the graduate catalog, which can be found at <http://www.dbu.edu/graduate/catalog/default.asp>, students applying to the Master of Arts in Global Leadership degree are required to have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## **Do I have to take the GRE?**

Applicants must meet two of five criteria for admissions and the GRE is one of the five criteria. Many candidates can fulfill the entrance requirements without taking the GRE. Please refer to “Master of Arts in Global Leadership” admissions criteria in the graduate catalog at <http://www.dbu.edu/graduate/catalog/default.asp> for further information.

## **Does DBU offer a course to help you prepare for the GRE?**

Yes. The Office of Graduate Programs offers a helpful GRE/GMAT preparatory course on campus three times per year. For information contact the Office of Graduate Programs at 214.333.5242 or email [graduate@dbu.edu](mailto:graduate@dbu.edu).

## **Admissions Notification**

### **How can I verify that all my admissions documents have been received by the Office of Graduate Programs?**

You may contact the Office of Graduate Programs (214.333.5242) to verify that all of your documents have been received. If everything has not been received, they will be able to tell you what is lacking.

### **Once I have submitted everything required, how will I know if I am accepted?**

Once the Graduate School of Leadership Admissions Committee has met and reviewed your application, you will be notified by the program director and receive an acceptance letter from the Office of Graduate Programs.

## **Transfer Credits**

### **Can I transfer graduate credits from another university?**

Usually. Please refer to “Graduate Admission Information” in the graduate catalog at: <http://www.dbu.edu/graduate/catalog/default.asp> for complete information.

## **Registration Procedures**

### **Upon admission, how do I proceed to register?**

Upon admission you will contact the program director who will advise you and help you register.

## **Why is there such importance placed on student advising at DBU and why can't I just register on my own?**

At Dallas Baptist University, great importance is placed on the mentoring relationship between the student and the program director. This individual attention helps the student obtain correct information, assures that things occur in a proper manner, and guarantees that every student has someone who knows them by name, who understands their individual situation, and who prays for them. The strong emphasis on student advising at DBU is one of our greatest strengths.

## **Can I register online?**

A student cannot register online for his/her first semester. It is important that new students receive individual attention from the program director. After his/her initial registration and first semester grades are posted, each student will be able to register online, if desired, after personal or virtual advising from the program director.

## **Where can I get more information?**

For further information, contact Dr. Bob Garrett, director, at:

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