

PGDM/MBA ADMISSIONS 2017 FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the flagship programme offered in TSM?

The **PGDM programme** is TSM's **flagship programme** and as such great effort has gone into planning the curriculum of this programme. TSM's PGDM programme is benchmarked with the PGDM programmes of IIMA, IIMB, IIMC & XLRI.

The PGDM (Post Graduate Diploma in Management) Programme is a 2-year full-time residential programme approved by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) and accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). TSM's PGDM's equivalence with MBA is certified by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

What is the difference between TSM PGDM & TSM MBA?

TSM's MBA programme is a quality Management Programme at par with those of AICTE approved B-schools across the country. It is approved by AICTE and affiliated to the Madurai Kamaraj University (MKU).

TSM's PGDM programme is a high-end Management Programme benchmarked entirely on the best of B-schools of India such as IIMs, XLRI and the MDI etc. The programme is approved by AICTE and **equivalence with MBA** is certified by Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Needless to state, the PGDM programme enjoys the same, if not greater, acceptance by industry and academia alike, as the traditional MBA programme.

Certain distinguishing features of the PGDM programme are:

- PGDM offers more flexibility in curriculum design and autonomy than MBA
- Larger number of core and elective courses.
- Focus on development of soft and communication skills
- Three-month summer internship to ensure better employability (2-months for MBA)
- Higher usage of Harvard Business School Cases
- Outbound leadership and team building programme which costs approx. Rs.15,000/- per student is free exclusively for PGDM. Alternatively, optional overseas educational tour to Singapore for which an extra payment will have to be made by the student.
- Capstone Strategy Simulation Workshop

Is it mandatory to have work experience for the PGDM/MBA programme?

No. It is NOT mandatory or a prerequisite to have work experience for PGDM/MBA programme. However, work experience after graduation (if any, after B.Tech./B.Sc./B.Com. etc.,) will be given additional weightage while shortlisting students for both PGDM and MBA programme.

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What are the specializations offered by TSM?

A student can choose a bouquet of electives from the following streams: Finance, Marketing, Human Resource, Operations, Business Analytics and Systems. Dual specialization is possible and in fact is encouraged.

How many seats are there for MBA & PGDM?

Programme	TSM Quota (Direct Admission By TSM)	TANCET Counseling Quota	Total
PGDM	120	Not Applicable	120
MBA	60	60	120

What admission test scores are used?

Test scores in CAT/XAT/MAT/CMAT **taken in May 2016 or later will be considered.** If the candidate has written multiple tests, the **BEST TEST SCORE** after moderation will be considered for evaluation.

Applicants are advised to submit all their test scores.

How can I obtain the application form of TSM?

STEP 1: Download the common application form for admission to PGDM and MBA programmes from the TSM website: www.tsm.ac.in or purchase the application kit from TSM campus by paying Rs.600/- in cash. TSM's application kit will also be available upon payment of Rs.600/- from all centers of Career Launcher, Kolkata.

STEP 2: If you have downloaded the application form from TSM website, purchase a bank demand draft for Rs. 600/- in favor of Thiagarajar School of Management payable at Madurai towards fee for processing application.

STEP 3: Send the duly filled application form along with the demand draft by courier/registered post to the following address: "The Admissions Office, Thiagarajar School of Management, Pamban Swamy Nagar, Thirupparankundram, Madurai-625005, Tamil Nadu"

Alternatively, you can apply online through our website www.tsm.ac.in or www.shiksha.com by paying the requisite fee using credit/debit card/net banking facility.

Candidates are required to Pay Rs. 900/- if shortlisted for Group Discussion (GD)/Personal Interview (PI)/Written Ability Test (WAT) process.

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Should I buy separate application forms for TSM PGDM & TSM MBA?

No, you are not required to purchase two forms to apply for both PGDM and MBA. Candidates may apply for either PGDM or MBA or for both by indicating their preference in the space provided in the application form. It is clarified that there is no additional processing fee required even if the candidate applies for both PGDM and MBA programmes.

What are the venues for GD-PI-WAT?

GD-PI-WAT for TSM admissions 2017 will be held in the following cities: Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Madurai and Visakhapatnam, commencing from the 4th week of February 2017.

You will have to indicate your order of preference of venue in the application form.

How are the Placements in TSM?

Class of	Number of Students opting for placement	Number of offers received	Number of offers per student
2016	170	237	1.4
2015	161	210	1.3
2014	104	133	1.3
2013	93	110	1.2

TSM Placements 2016

Average Salary: Rs.5.92 Lakh per annum (CTC)

Highest Salary: Rs.7.50 Lakh per annum (CTC)*

*Highest salary for the year 2017 is Rs.14 lakh offered by Amazon

The above data serve as an evidence of the assured quality return on your affordable investment. Please do refer the admission brochure available in the website for the detailed list of recruiters.

<http://www.tsm.ac.in/LinkPageContent.aspx?Mid=44&PiD=7>

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What is the total fee?

Programme	Academic Fee (in Rupees) for 2 years	Hostel Rent (in Rupees) for 2 years	Total (in Rupees) for 2 years
PGDM	5,90,000	1,00,000	6,90,000/-
MBA	5,50,000	1,00,000	6,50,000/-

Note:

1. Academic fee includes admission fees, tuition fee towards academics, leadership, and practice stream inputs, books and other course materials (for PGDM only)
2. The academic fees and hotel rent mentioned above are for the entire 2-year programme
3. Food Expenses and Examination fee will be extra and will be communicated at the time of admission.
4. Refundable security deposit of Rs.12,000/- will be payable at the time of admission
5. Schedule of payment will be communicated at the time of admission
6. Additional charge for optional educational tour to Singapore (for PGDM students only) will be communicated at the time of admission

Do PGDM students have the same placement prospects as MBA students?

Yes. ALL companies who visit TSM for final placement look at both our PGDM and MBA students.

Does TSM offer scholarships?

Merit based scholarships will be offered to a limited number of candidates with outstanding performance in the entire selection process.

What is the cut-off score for selection?

Selection is based on the sum of admission test score, previous academic record, work experience (if any) and performance in GD/PI/WAT (Written Ability Test). The cutoff score will be determined after collating the scores of all candidates. The cutoff score for female candidates will be marginally lower than that for male candidates.

Is staying in hostels compulsory?

Yes, it is a completely residential programme. In order to facilitate group efforts, regular group interactions as well as library-referenced study, all students are required to stay in the campus hostels.

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On-campus separate hostels for male and female students with Wi-Fi and computer connectivity ensure that you make the most of your time. As you work in groups, you get to develop interpersonal skills and build a network of relationships that would last a life-time.

Whom should I contact for any further queries regarding the programme?

For further details, you may contact the admission team

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