

## 5-Year (3+2) Intercampus Dual Degree Programme: B.E. (BITS STEM Campuses in India) and MBA (BITSoM Campus)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question	Response
<b>General Overview</b>	
1. What is the 3+2 Intercampus Dual Degree Programme?	It is a 5-year academic programme combining a 3-year of Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) degree from BITS Pilani's STEM campuses (India) with a 2-year Master of Business Administration (MBA) from BITSoM (BITS School of Management), Mumbai.
2. What is the aim of this programme?	The programme aims to produce technology-enabled business leaders by integrating strong engineering foundations with cutting-edge business and management education.
<b>Admission Pathways</b>	
3. How can a student enter this BE+MBA dual-degree programme?	There are two entry modes: Direct Admission: Right after Class 12 through BITSAT or Board Toppers' Scheme (starting AY 2025–26). One can directly apply through the dual degree program with effect from AY 2025-26 through BITSAT. Vertical Transfer: At the end of the second year of a B.E. programme at BITS STEM campuses in India (Pilani, Goa or Hyderabad). Continuing BE students can apply to the 3+2 dual degree program starting June 2026.
4. Will International students be eligible?	Yes, students admitted under the International Student Admissions scheme will be eligible from AY 2026–27.
5. Is an interview required for admission?	Direct Admission Pathway: <b>No interview required.</b> Vertical Transfer Pathway: <b>Yes, an application and interview are required.</b>
6. Are students at BITS Pilani campuses other than BE students eligible to apply for dual degree program?	Currently only B.E. students at BITS Pilani India campuses are eligible to apply for the dual degree programme.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	
7. What is the eligibility for Direct Admission?	Admission through BITSAT/Board Toppers'/International Admission scheme. Eligibility conditions are the same as those for the regular B.E. programme. A minimum CGPA of 7.0 at the end of the second year is required to continue to the MBA phase at BITSoM without taking CAT.

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8. What happens if a student under the Direct Admission route scores less than 7.0 CGPA by end of the second year?	They will be required to exit the programme after the third year and will not continue to the MBA phase (Please refer to response of point number 12 given below).
9. What is the eligibility for Vertical Transfer?	<p>Students must be enrolled in a B.E. programme (with PCM input) at a BITS STEM campus. A minimum CGPA of 7.0 at the end of second year.</p> <p>Must apply through a separate process including an interview and SoP review.</p> <p>Students with CGPA &lt; 7.0 may still apply to BITSoM through the regular MBA admission route after completing B.E.</p>
<b>Academic and Programme Structure</b>	
10. How is the programme structured over five years?	<p>Years 1–3: Core engineering courses at a BITS STEM campus.</p> <p>Years 4–5: Full-time residential MBA programme at BITSoM Mumbai and Open Electives requirement (Pre-defined list of courses conducted at BITSoM) of BE Programmes.</p>
11. Will the degrees be awarded separately?	Yes. Students will receive a B.E. degree from BITS Pilani and an MBA degree from BITSoM after completion of the course work of both the degree programmes.
<b>Exit Options</b>	
12. Are there exit options from the programme?	<p>Yes. Students who do not meet the minimum CGPA requirement of 7.0 by the end of the second year will not be eligible to continue in the integrated programme and will exit with only the B.E. degree (after completing the four-year coursework).</p> <p>Additionally, any student with a CGPA below 7.0 at the end of the second year will be compulsorily exited from the integrated programme after the third year. However, such students may be permitted to continue and complete their B.E. degree, subject to their standing in the original admission merit list.</p> <p>At its sole discretion, BITS Pilani may reassign such students to a different programme based on their BITSAT-2025 score and their position in the regular merit list prepared for students admitted to the First Degree Programmes through BITSAT-2025 (and not through the 3+2 BE-MBA dual degree programme). Alternatively, BITS Pilani may, subject to applicable policies, allow the credits earned in the first two years to be transferred to another recognized institute, enabling the student to pursue and complete an alternative degree of their choice.</p>

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13. Can a student choose to exit voluntarily before the MBA phase?	Yes, subject to the rules and academic progression policies that will be outlined. Discipline (programme of study of the study) may get changed depending the BITSAT score of the student and his/her admission merit position at BITS.
<b>Programme Benefits</b>	
14. What are the advantages of enrolling in this programme?	Integrated pathway into management education. Saves one year compared to pursuing B.E. and MBA separately. World-class faculty and curriculum at BITSoM. Exposure to a network of industry mentors and global thought leaders.
15. Does this programme prepare students for entrepreneurship and leadership?	Yes. The programme emphasizes strategic thinking, innovation, and interdisciplinary learning, aligned with future-focused leadership development.
<b>Application and Selection</b>	
16. How will the selection process work for Direct Admission?	Students will indicate interest in the 3+2 dual degree at the time of Admission Preference form (3 <sup>rd</sup> June to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025). A merit list will be prepared as per availability of seats and performance in BITSAT.
17. How will the vertical transfer process be managed?	Details will be announced by the Dean, Admissions during the students' second year of study. It will typically involve a call for applications, evaluation of Statements of Purpose (SoPs), and interviews.
<b>Additional Information</b>	
18. Can students switch between tracks (direct and vertical)?	No. The entry modes are distinct. Students admitted via Direct Admission are expected to continue unless exiting. Vertical Transfer is an independent process.
19. Is CAT or other national MBA test required?	No, for both Direct Admission and Vertical Transfer, if students maintain a minimum CGPA of 7.0, they are exempted from CAT.
20. Is hostel accommodation provided during the MBA phase?	Yes, BITSoM is a full-time residential MBA programme located near Kalyan in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
21. What is the fee structure for dual degree program?	The programme fees (including tuition, hostel, etc.) for the first three years will be applicable as per the BITS Pilani norms for STEM campuses in India at the respective campus. After the successful completion of three years of the B.E. programme, students admitted to the MBA programme at BITSoM will pay the prevailing fee structure applicable to the MBA batch they are joining at BITSoM. Students enrolled in the dual degree programme

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	will be accommodated at the BITSoM hostel during the two-year MBA programme. Accommodation and meal charges will be applicable as per the rates prevailing at the time at the BITSoM campus.
22. Does BITSoM provide accommodation for the dual degree program during the 2-year MBA program?	Students of dual degree program will be accommodated at the BITSoM hostel Campus (near Mumbai) during the 2-year MBA program.
23 . Where can students find more information?	Detailed guidelines, FAQs, and application processes will be communicated on the official BITS Pilani and BITSoM websites prior to each admission cycle.

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