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■ Introduction

Temple Law School is recognized both nationally and internationally as a leader in legal education. Our unique student-centered curriculum integrates both critical thinking and practical legal skills. We offer both day and evening programs, and students may enroll on either a full- or part-time basis. Students at Temple build lawyering skills both in the classroom and in the law firms, courts, public service agencies, and financial institutions of Philadelphia, the fifth largest city in the nation. Our students, faculty, and alumni share the qualities of intelligence, academic excellence, and professional responsibility that characterize the Temple lawyer.

■ Student Body and Faculty

Temple students are bright, dynamic, and diverse. They come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines. Many have traveled and lived in other countries, and their real-life experiences vitalize classroom discussion. A recent entering class hailed from 130 colleges and universities, and from 33 states and foreign countries. Sixteen percent had earned advanced degrees, and over 74 percent had at least one year of work experience before entering law school. Twenty-four percent were minority students, and 46 percent were women. The faculty is composed of a distinguished group of experienced attorneys who are continually recognized throughout the world as legal experts. While their accomplishments are many, it is their commitment to teaching that many students note as their greatest achievement.

■ Curriculum

Temple is consistently recognized for its prize-winning **trial advocacy** programs, including the distinction of being the only two-time winner of the American College of Trial Lawyers Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy. Temple's record in law school trial competitions is unparalleled. In the last 10 years, Temple has won more national championships and scored more points than any other law school. Temple's successful trial advocacy curriculum is anchored by the innovative "Integrated Program," which combines the teaching of trial advocacy, evidence, and civil procedure.

Temple students have access to an extensive array of programs preparing them to practice law in an increasingly global society. Temple's strength in **international law** includes opportunities for summer study in Rome and Tel Aviv and **semester-abroad programs in Tokyo, Japan; Beijing, China; and Cork, Ireland**; a Master of Laws program for international students holding foreign law degrees; and active student organizations, such as an international law journal and the International Law Society. Temple's strong reputation in international law has been enhanced by the JD/LLM in Transnational Law for American law students; an LLM program in Beijing, China, in which Chinese lawyers study American law; and the creation of the Institute for International Law and Public Policy. Students may also design individualized study abroad options at law schools around the world.

Temple is a pioneer in the uncharted territory of **intellectual property and technology law**, preparing students to learn and succeed in the virtual world. Temple has expanded the boundaries of traditional intellectual property law by integrating bodies of law that bear on the rapid expansion of the Internet, electronic commerce, biotechnologies, and other newly emerging legal issues. Through hands-on activities outside the classroom, and faculty members who are experts in the field, students learn how to meet the challenges of practicing law in a world without borders.

Temple offers superior training in **business and tax law**, including a creative program which combines the teaching of professional responsibility, substantive law courses, and business skills, such as interviewing, negotiating, and drafting. Prospective business lawyers can also pursue the JD/MBA dual-degree program, which is offered in conjunction with the Fox School of Business and Management, or the JD/LLM in Taxation.

Public service is a Temple tradition. Students provide legal services in the Philadelphia area through the extensive clinical program, the Temple Legal Aid Office, and various volunteer and community outreach programs. Public interest careers are supported by the Student Public Interest Network, which provides grants for summer internships; the Public Interest Scholars Program, which provides scholarships to entering students with a demonstrated commitment to public service; and the Barrack Public Interest Fellowships, a loan repayment assistance program for graduates in public interest jobs.

■ Technology and Facilities

The law school complex consists of three recently renovated buildings designed to provide students with a state-of-the-art educational environment. "Smart" classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technology, including video, audio, and Internet access, allow faculty to use technology in all of the classrooms. The law school's "anytime, anywhere" computer access program includes a combination of wired and wireless network access, wired study carrels, and state-of-the-art computer labs. The faculty and administration regularly communicate with students via e-mail, and the law school uses a sophisticated course management system that allows the faculty to post assignments, syllabi, announcements, and links to a variety of additional resources for each class.

■ Student Activities

Students are an integral part of policymaking and governance at the law school. The Student Bar Association is the governing organization that oversees the more than 30 student organizations that flourish at Temple, including the Black Law Students Association, the Latino Law Students Association, the Asian/Pacific Islander American Law Student Association, the Women's Law Caucus, and OUTLaw. Student publications include the *Temple Law Review*, the *Temple Journal of Science, Technology and Environmental Law*, the *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*, and the *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review*. Students who excel in advocacy may participate in the National Trial Team or the Moot Court Honor Society.

■ Career Planning

The Career Planning Office assists students with the development of strategies for securing employment and provides the resources necessary to supplement each student's individualized job search. Through the school's online career planning manager, students can search job postings, participate in various recruiting programs, and apply for jobs. In addition, one-on-one career counseling is available, and workshops and programs are offered to assist students in sharpening their job search skills, including resume writing, networking and interviewing. Temple alumni are working in all 50 states and around the world. The 2004 graduating class had a placement rate of 93 percent.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

Temple has a highly competitive admission process, which is designed to look at the whole person. In keeping with Temple's commitment to diversity and its mission of offering opportunities to students who might otherwise be foreclosed from pursuing a high quality legal education, the faculty Admissions Committee may consider an application under our discretionary admission process, the Sp.A.C.E. program. Under this program, the faculty carefully selects applicants who have outstanding performance records and exceptional aptitudes for the study and practice of law that are not necessarily reflected by grades and LSAT scores alone.

Our financial aid program supports the admission process with loans and both need- and merit-based scholarships, including the Beasley Scholars program, Conwell Law Scholarships, Law Faculty Scholarships, the Public Interest Scholars program, and First Year Scholar Awards.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total			
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.00 - 3.24		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm		
170-180	16	15	18	18	28	28	16	16	5	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	81
165-169	72	69	102	98	102	102	82	69	41	27	12	6	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	416	373
160-164	213	159	333	212	369	224	281	124	94	39	36	14	13	5	5	2	2	2	3	3	1349	784		
155-159	158	30	294	55	347	63	265	52	143	24	64	12	22	2	7	1	0	0	7	3	1307	242		
150-154	82	3	214	12	224	14	188	5	128	7	74	2	28	0	5	0	3	0	11	1	957	44		
145-149	40	2	89	3	106	3	104	4	86	0	51	1	29	0	13	0	1	0	5	0	524	13		
140-144	11	2	41	0	56	0	69	0	67	0	48	0	25	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	337	2		
Below 140	5	0	20	0	23	0	43	0	47	0	38	0	31	0	17	0	4	0	8	0	236	0		
Total	597	280	1111	398	1255	434	1048	270	611	100	323	35	153	9	59	4	10	2	44	7	5211	1539		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.