

Application Instructions

We are pleased that you are applying to Temple University Beasley School of Law. It is important to read the application instructions carefully prior to completing and forwarding your application. You should think about the best way for you to demonstrate your unique skills and experiences and give us your most complete and thoughtfully prepared responses to all questions on the application. A personal statement is required of all applicants and additional statements may be used to expand or explain in greater detail the answers submitted on the application form.

You should notify the admissions office immediately in writing if you change your address, phone number, or e-mail address. E-mail is the primary method used to notify applicants of their application status and all decisions will be communicated by email.

Please note that all material submitted with, or in support of, an application becomes the property of the law school.

This application is for applicants seeking admission as a beginning, first-year law student. Applicants for transfer or visiting status should apply using the Transfer/Visiting application.

Admission Evaluation Process

If you are admitted to Temple Law School you were chosen because your skills, abilities, achievements, experiences, and potential earned you the opportunity.

Consistent with the ideals of Russell Conwell, the founder of Temple University, Temple Law School takes seriously its mission of offering opportunities to students who might otherwise be foreclosed from pursuing a high-quality education. Temple Law School began as an evening program 125 years ago, providing students in our region whose jobs and family commitments made full time study prohibitive the chance to pursue a law degree. Over 50 years ago, the faculty at Temple Law School established a discretionary admissions program, Sp.A.C.E., creating an admissions process that avoided over-reliance on the LSAT/GRE or other arbitrary, abstract admission criterion. Today, the values underlying Sp.A.C.E continue to guide the evaluation process helping us to select the very best students from our pool of talented applicants.

Our admission process is competitive and is designed to look at the whole person. Through a careful and individualized evaluation of each application, the admissions committee selects applicants who have outstanding performance records and exceptional aptitudes for the study and practice of law.

In determining whether a particular applicant should be offered admission to Temple Law School, the admissions committee continues to consider traditional Sp.A.C.E. characteristics. We are committed to providing a quality legal education and want to include in our class applicants who have faced and overcome serious long-standing economic deprivation, discrimination or arbitrary adversity, and those historically foreclosed from higher education. Because of our history and commitment to inclusion, we welcome applicants whose families are recent immigrants to the United States. Because we view law as a service profession, applicants who have demonstrated exceptional leadership ability in college, community or career activities, or who have evidenced a commitment to service through AmeriCorps, VISTA, military, or other service work are valued. Because we value academic excellence, we look favorably on applicants with academic honors, graduate or undergraduate degrees of unusual merit, or impressive undergraduate accomplishments that might or might not be consistent with standardized test scores. Because we believe in the value of hard work while recognizing that not everyone is free or well-suited to focus solely on their studies, we take into account applicants who worked during college to finance their education or to support their families. We value the discipline and work of student athletes either as a means of financing their education or out of a passionate commitment to personal excellence and teamwork. Our commitment to diversity includes applicants who identify as members of the LGBTQI+ community. We appreciate the talents of applicants with significant or unusual career achievement since graduation from college. Recognizing that adversity and discrimination takes many forms and that strength of character is shown in many ways, applicants with serious physical disabilities continue to be a part of our discretionary review. So too are applicants with other unique strengths and achievements. We emphasize that these factors are part of a holistic review of every applicant's strengths and ability to contribute to the law school community and to the practice of law.

Personal and Sp.A.C.E. Statements

Information about your personal background and achievement can be included in your required personal statement. You are also invited to submit an optional Sp.A.C.E. statement. There is no specified length required for either the personal or Sp.A.C.E. statement; on average statements are two to three pages in length.

Beyond the academic indicators in your application, keep in mind that the readers of your personal and Sp.A.C.E. statements will be trying to get a sense of you as a person, as a prospective Temple Law School student, and as a future member of the

legal profession.

At Temple, we believe in the value of diversity. It reflects our reality. It enriches our lives. It vitalizes our communities. It maximizes our ability to succeed as legal professionals. It makes possible a viable future for the rule of law as we understand it. We share a vision of the practice of law as a service profession and believe that life is made more meaningful by serving others. We are steadfast in our commitment to excellence, and we support those forging new paths forward through legal education and practice. Our admissions process reflects these values and we encourage you to be as candid and thoughtful as possible in your written statements and to let us know how your interests and experiences align with our values.

Minimum Admission Criteria

All matriculants in the JD program must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an institution which is approved by one of the regional accrediting associations of the United States. Applicants with degrees from a foreign institution should refer to that section below. Possession of the minimum criteria, however, in no manner assures acceptance.

Admission to Temple Law remains competitive, with a 2023 entering class LSAT median of 163 and median grade point average of 3.65. The middle 50 percent of the class presented LSAT scores ranging from 159-165 and grade point averages ranging from 3.45 to 3.80. However, we have no minimum standardized test or GPA requirements to apply or be admitted to Temple Law. Every application is evaluated under our holistic review process and we encourage all who are interested in attending Temple Law to apply.

Submitting Your Application

Application Form and Fee

The completed application form must be electronically transmitted to LSAC, or mailed to Temple Law School, on or before March 1, 2025. The application fee is \$65. If you mail your application it should be sent to the following address with the \$65 application fee:

Office of Admissions
Temple University Beasley School of Law
1719 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122

If you submit your application electronically through LSAC, you may pay the \$65 application fee using a credit card. Payment may also be submitted with a check or money order made payable to Temple University and drawn on a US bank. The application fee is non-refundable and cannot be credited toward any charges if an applicant subsequently registers as a student.

Applicants may request an application fee waiver by emailing their name and LSAC account number to the Law School Admissions Office, LawAdmis@temple.edu. The law school application fee will automatically be waived for any applicant who has been approved for a fee waiver from LSAC.

If you choose to pay your application fee using a method other than payment by credit card via LSAC, you must forward the application fee along with the signed Certification Letter directly to the Law School Office of Admissions at the address listed above.

Admission Test (LSAT or GRE)

A standardized test score is required from all applicants. To be considered for admission, applicants must indicate if they are taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Please be advised that a GRE score may be utilized only when a reportable LSAT score does not exist. If an applicant has a reportable LSAT score on file, a GRE score will not be considered in lieu of an existing LSAT score, and applicants are not required to report GRE scores in this instance.

If you plan to apply using an LSAT score, you must have a reportable LSAT score within the last five years (i.e., not before June 2019), and have the score reported to Temple Law School as part of an LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Law School Report. Our registration code number is 2906. The last LSAT test administration acceptable for fall 2025 admission is April 2025.

If you plan to apply using a GRE score, you must have your GRE score reported directly to the Temple Law School Admissions Office by ETS. Our school code is 3934. GRE scores must be submitted by April 1, 2025.

Please be advised, if you are admitted to the Law School with a GRE score and take the LSAT after admission, the Faculty

Admissions Committee reserves the right to revisit your admission and scholarship decision.

Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and Transcripts

All applicants must be registered with the Credential Assembly Service for the academic year during which application is made. It is the applicant's responsibility to have a transcript from each undergraduate college or university attended sent directly to the Credential Assembly Service. The Credential Assembly Service will analyze and duplicate the transcript(s) and send an unofficial copy to the law school as part of your CAS report.

Applicants who have not yet completed their undergraduate work are encouraged to send updated transcripts to the Law School Admission Council upon completion of each semester/quarter so that the Admissions Committee has the most up-to-date academic record when reviewing an applicant's credentials.

Applicants who have completed courses in graduate or professional school must provide a copy of their transcript. Official transcripts of all graduate and professional school courses can be sent either to the Credential Assembly Service or directly to the Office of Admissions.

Letters of Recommendation

The Admissions Committee suggests that a maximum of four letters of recommendation be submitted, although letters of recommendation are not required as part of the admissions process. Recommendations should come from professors or employers directly acquainted with your academic or professional capabilities. Letters of recommendation should be submitted directly from the recommender to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), or letters can be sent directly to the Office of Admissions at Temple Law School. Do not have a recommender send the same letter to both LSAC and Temple. Letters sent directly to Temple should be accompanied by one of the waiver forms included with the application. These forms should be completed by the applicant and provided to the author of each letter of recommendation.

The "Buckley Amendment" to the General Education Provisions Act gives students who register at Temple University Beasley School of Law the right to inspect and review the letter(s) of recommendation contained in their law school records, unless that right is waived and the applicant consents to the letter(s) remaining a confidential communication between the law school and the writer. Applicants may waive the right of access provided by that legislation, but are not required to waive the right as a condition for admission to the law school. If a letter of recommendation is received by the law school unaccompanied by a waiver form executed by the applicant and the author of the letter, the letter will be treated as a confidential communication between the writer and the law school.

Personal Statement

All applicants are required to submit a personal statement with the application. It is up to you to decide what you want to write about and how you want to express your thoughts. This is your opportunity to present yourself, your background, your experiences, and your ideas to the Admissions Committee. You may want to write about your intellectual interests, your career goals, your achievements, your family background, or your involvement in your community.

Sp.A.C.E. Statement

We invite all applicants to share with us your personal history, highlighting for the committee how your unique life experience has been enriched or made more difficult by opportunities, circumstances, and obstacles. This information will assist the Admissions Committee in fully evaluating your candidacy.

Character and Fitness & Qualifications for Admission to the Bar

If you answered Yes to any of the character and fitness questions on the application form, you must attach an addendum to your application which explains the circumstances. It is imperative that the section on character and fitness on the application be answered fully. Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose any academic or disciplinary action, criminal conviction or pending criminal charge is often more significant, and can lead to more serious consequences, than the action, criminal conviction or charge itself.

If in doubt as to whether or not to disclose a particular incident, we recommend that you err on the side of disclosure. If the record has been expunged or sealed, you are encouraged to disclose the information. Many states require expunged or sealed records to be disclosed on an application for admission to the bar, and will inquire as to what information an applicant has disclosed to their law school. Inconsistencies or discrepancies in the information could serve as a barrier for admission to the bar.

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Day/Evening Division Assignment

Admission to a particular division is made according to each applicant's choice in most cases. If space is not available in the applicant's preferred division, however, the Admissions Committee may offer a place in the other division to candidates meeting the common admissions standards. Applicants must obtain written approval in order to matriculate in a division other than the one to which they were admitted.

Resume

While resumes are not required, you are strongly encouraged to submit one as part of your application materials. Your resume does not have to be limited to one page. Do not leave out any of your work history because you feel that it is not relevant to the legal field.

Additional Information and Updates

If you need to submit additional information after your application has already been submitted, you may email the information to our office at LawAdmis@temple.edu, and we will upload it to your application file. Please be sure to include your name and LSAC account number on any additional information or documents you provide.

Application Processing and Decision Notification

Applicants will be notified via e-mail when their application has been received and processed by our office. The email will also provide log in instructions for the Admissions Office Online Status Check through which applicants can check their current application and decision status, and can also see which letters of recommendation have been received by the admissions office.

An application will be considered complete when we have received a completed application form and current Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report containing LSAT score(s), if applicable, and undergraduate transcripts. Guided by past experience, applicants whose files are complete before January 15th may have a more favorable chance of admission if they are competitive within the applicant pool. Most applicants can expect notification of a decision eight to ten weeks after their files are completed; however, requests for additional information and April 2025 LSAT scores may delay the evaluation process.

Admissions decisions are made from December until May, and files are reviewed as they are completed. All applicants will be notified via email of their admissions decision. Applicants may also check the status of their application at any time using the Online Status Check.

Applicants who are admitted to Temple Law School will receive an acceptance notification with instructions on accepting their seat in the entering class. To reserve a place in the 2025 entering class, an accepted applicant must submit a non-refundable admission deposit of \$150 by April 15, 2025, or within 10 days of acceptance, whichever is later. A second non-refundable deposit of \$300 is due by June 15, 2025. Both the first and second deposits are credited toward tuition.

Applicants Who Have Previously Applied to Temple Law School

All admission procedures and deadlines for reapplicants are identical to those for new applicants. Please note that reapplicants are required to submit a new application form, application fee, and a new personal statement and must have a current registration with the Credential Assembly Service.

Applicants with Degrees from Foreign Institutions

If an applicant presents a degree from an institution situated outside the United States (other than a Canadian affiliate), the academic work required by the awarding institution must be the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution situated within the United States. Standardized test scores (LSAT or GRE) are required of all applicants with foreign degrees. Temple Law School requires that your foreign transcripts be submitted through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the US (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. The one exception to this requirement is if you completed the foreign work through a study-abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a US or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. This service is included in the Credential Assembly Service registration fee. Be advised that more time is usually required to receive and evaluate foreign transcripts. An International Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your law school report.

Applicants Who Have Previously Attended Law School

An applicant who has previously attended any law school as a matriculated student must indicate so in the appropriate place on the application form. The applicant must give the name of the school(s) and date(s) of attendance and, in a separate statement, explain the circumstances in detail. A letter verifying these circumstances must be sent directly to the admissions office from the dean or appropriate officer of the law school attended before the application can be reviewed.

Except upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances, admission will be denied to any candidate who has matriculated and taken examinations at a law school which is not a member of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS), or has matriculated at any law school and subsequently been dismissed, whether for academic or other reasons.

Applicants applying for transfer or visiting student status should complete the Transfer/Visiting Application.

Biographical

Prefix _____

Date of birth _____

First name _____

Place of birth: City _____

Middle name _____

Place of birth: Country _____

Last name _____

Place of birth: State/Province _____

Suffix _____

Previous (other) name _____

Social security number (last 4 digits) _____

Preferred or chosen first name _____

LSAC account number _____

Pronouns

Please provide your preferred pronouns. For example: she/her/hers, he/him/his, they/them/theirs.

Division

Check the box for the Division to which you wish to be considered. If you would like to be considered for both, please indicate your preference for either the day or evening division in the next question.

Day

Evening

If you wish to be considered for both divisions, please indicate your preference.

Day

Evening

Contact Information

Current Address

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Current mailing address good until date _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Permanent Address

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Permanent mailing address good until date _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address _____

Secondary e-mail address _____

Permanent e-mail address _____

Mobile phone _____

Temple University--James E. Beasley School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone.

Yes

No

County

If you are a resident of Pennsylvania, please indicate which county.

High School Information

List high school name, location and year of graduation.

Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

Institution type High School Undergraduate Graduate Law Other Post Graduate

Institution name _____

Major _____

Country _____ Start date _____

State/Province _____ End date _____

City _____ Degree _____

GPA _____ Date degree granted _____

Rank _____

Institution type High School Undergraduate Graduate Law Other Post Graduate

Institution name _____

Major _____

Country _____ Start date _____

State/Province _____ End date _____

City _____ Degree _____

GPA _____ Date degree granted _____

Rank _____

Education continued

Institution type High School Undergraduate Graduate Law Other Post Graduate

Institution name _____

Major _____

Country _____ Start date _____

State/Province _____ End date _____

City _____ Degree _____

GPA _____ Date degree granted _____

Rank _____

Institution type High School Undergraduate Graduate Law Other Post Graduate

Institution name _____

Major _____

Country _____ Start date _____

State/Province _____ End date _____

City _____ Degree _____

GPA _____ Date degree granted _____

Rank _____

Have you ever attended any law school?

Yes

No

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?

Yes

No

If you did not leave the law school in good standing, explain the circumstances.

Has your education in college, university, or professional school been interrupted for one term or more for any reason?

Yes

No

Education continued

If your education was interrupted, explain the circumstances.

List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.

Test History

If available, please indicate your SAT scores:

Critical Reading:

Math:

Writing:

or your ACT composite score:

If you have taken any other standardized test subsequent to the SAT or ACT, please indicate the test and your scores:

Standardized Testing

Indicate if you are applying using an LSAT or a GRE test score? Please refer to the Admission Test section in the Application Instructions for information on which test scores are accepted.

- GRE
 LSAT

If you are applying with an LSAT score, please indicate the date(s) you have taken the LSAT and the results. Please also indicate the date of any future LSAT test administration for which you are, or plan to, register.

If you are applying with a GRE score, please indicate the date(s) you have taken the GRE and the results. Please also indicate the date of any future GRE test administration for which you are, or plan to, register.

Law School Interest

What prompted you to apply to this law school?

Internet

- ABA
 Law School
 LSAC
 Other

Faculty/Alumni/Professional

- Admissions recruiter
 Alumni
 Faculty/acquaintance
 Law school faculty member
 Legal professional
 Prelaw advisor
 Relative
 University/college faculty member

Publications

- Law school publication
 LSAC Official Guide to ABA Law Schools
 Other advertisement
 Princeton Review
 US News & World Report

Recruiting Events

- Campus event
 Current student
 International forum
 Law school direct mail/e-mail
 Law school fair
 LSAC Forum

Law School Interest continued

If you attended any events mentioned in the Recruiting Events section, please list them below:

Have you previously applied to this law school?

- Yes
 No

If you applied previously, what year was the application for? _____

Were you offered admission?

- Yes
 No

Are you applying, or have you applied, to other law schools? If so, please list them.

Character & Fitness

Have you ever been subject to a warning, dismissal, suspension, probation, or other disciplinary or academic action by any college, university or professional school? If the answer is yes, please detail the exact nature of the action and the dates and attach to your application. (You should refer to the Character and Fitness & Qualifications for Admission to the Bar section in the Application Instructions for more information.)

- Yes
 No

Have you ever been arrested, accused, charged, prosecuted, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime for an offense other than a minor traffic violation? If the answer is yes, please detail the exact nature of the offense and the dates on a separate page or electronic attachment and enclose with your application. This does NOT include summary (minor) motor vehicle violations for which you were given a citation/ticket. It does include all alcohol-related traffic citation (e.g. DUI, OWI) If you are unsure whether to answer yes, it is strongly recommended that you answer yes and provide a detailed explanation of the incident. (You should refer to the Character and Fitness & Qualifications for Admission to the Bar section in the Application Instructions for more information.)

- Yes
 No

Military

Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty?

- Yes
 No

Military continued

Date of entrance (month/year) _____

Date of discharge (month/year) _____

Rank _____

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school

Branch _____

Discharge type _____

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

Yes

No

If you have been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions, explain the circumstances.

Other Service

Have you participated in AmeriCorps, VISTA, or rendered some equivalent service? If so, please describe and indicate dates and duration of such service.

Employment

List all employment including internships.

Employment type Full-time Part-time Internship Unpaid Internship

Employer _____

Position _____ Country _____

Hours per week _____ State/Province _____

Start date _____ City _____

End date _____

Reason for leaving _____

Employment type Full-time Part-time Internship Unpaid Internship

Employer _____

Position _____ Country _____

Hours per week _____ State/Province _____

Start date _____ City _____

End date _____

Reason for leaving _____

Employment type Full-time Part-time Internship Unpaid Internship

Employer _____

Position _____ Country _____

Hours per week _____ State/Province _____

Start date _____ City _____

End date _____

Reason for leaving _____

Employment continued

Employment type Full-time Part-time Internship Unpaid Internship

Employer _____

Position _____ Country _____

Hours per week _____ State/Province _____

Start date _____ City _____

End date _____

Reason for leaving _____

Total number of months full-time work experience.

List your extracurricular, community, or other activities in the order of their importance to you. Give a brief description of your involvement, including any special responsibilities or leadership positions held.

Financial Aid

Are you applying for financial aid (loans, grants, or scholarships)?

Your response to this question has no effect on the admission decision. The question is asked to ensure a prompt decision on financial aid and to help us maintain accurate records.

Yes

No

Dual Degree

Are you interested in any of our dual degree (JD/MBA, JD/MPH, JD/MSW) programs? If yes, please indicate which program.

Field of Interest

Are you interested in a particular area of law? If so, please indicate.

Demographic Information

Temple Law asks for racial and ethnic background information. This information is gathered solely for federal, state, and institutional reporting purposes and will not be used to make admissions decisions. Disclosure of this information is optional.

____ I have read and understand this statement.

Demographics

Citizenship

Citizenship

____ Non-Citizen

____ Non-Resident Alien

____ US Citizen

____ US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship _____

Visa/SEVIS number _____

Permanent resident number _____

Permanent city _____

Permanent state/province _____

Permanent country _____

Native language _____

Demographics continued

Are or were you a first-generation college/university student? A first-generation college/university student is defined as a student whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree at a four-year college/university.

Yes

No

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

If you selected 'Yes' to the above question, select an ethnicity.

Hispanic/Latino

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

Asian

Black or African American

Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous

Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous

Caucasian/White

Caucasian/White

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican

Puerto Rican

Tribal Affiliation

Demographics continued

Tribal affiliation or village name _____

Enrollment number (enrolled members only) _____

Languages

If you speak, read, or write more than one language, please list them in order of fluency.

Alumni

Has anyone in your immediate family received a degree from Temple University?

____ Yes

____ No

If yes, please provide their name, relationship to you, the school/college from which they graduated, and the year of their graduation.

Family Information

Parent/Guardian Occupation (please provide former occupation if retired or deceased):

Birthplace:

Education:

Parent/Guardian Occupation (please provide former occupation if retired or deceased):

Birthplace:

Family Information continued

Education:

Please list the number of siblings that you have and their ages:

Personal Statement

I have attached a personal statement with this application. (Note: a personal statement is required. Please refer to the Application Instructions for information on the personal statement.)

Personal Statement

Sp.A.C.E. Statement

I have submitted a Sp.A.C.E. statement with this application. (Note, a Sp.A.C.E. statement is optional. Please refer to the Admissions Evaluation Process section of the Application Instructions for more information on Sp.A.C.E. and submitting a Sp.A.C.E. statement.)

Yes

No

Letters of Recommendation

Please indicate the number of letters of recommendation or evaluations we should anticipate receiving on your behalf:

General Conditions

DATE

General Conditions continued

Acceptance is conditional upon the applicant's meeting requirements stated in the application instructions, and any further conditions expressed at the time of acceptance. The School of Law does not authorize nor is it bound by any requirements or conditions other than those communicated by the Office of Admissions.

By signing the application, electronically transmitting it, or printing, signing, and mailing the Certification Letter, I certify that I have read all the information contained in the application instructions; that the information I have provided is true and complete; that I will notify the Admissions Office immediately if there are any changes in the information that I have provided in this application; that I am the author of any statements or additional information included with this application; and that I understand the statements made herein are the basis upon which my application will be decided. In the event that any information provided is subsequently found to be false, I understand that my acceptance may be voided and my matriculation canceled.

A signature is required from all applicants. You may either sign the application form or Certification Letter or use electronic certification.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE
