

# PHILADELPHIA

## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY JAMES E. BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW



### LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA

The city of Philadelphia is an important part of the Temple Law School experience. Students' academic programs are enhanced daily by the cultural and intellectual life of this beautiful and vibrant city. And Temple students are not alone in this experience. With 300,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students and 80 regional colleges and universities, Philadelphia boasts the second largest student concentration on the East Coast.

Despite its size, Philadelphia is a very livable city and boasts a rich diversity of residential neighborhoods, many of which function like small towns with their own character, architectural style, parks, restaurants, and shops.

Ideally located, Philadelphia is just two hours away from both New York City and Washington, D.C., and boasts a much more affordable cost of living than many other large U.S. cities. It's no wonder *The New York Times* recently declared Philadelphia as one of the newest destination cities, and why *The Huffington Post* says Philadelphia is the most underrated city in America.

### ARTS & CULTURE

Philadelphia is a vibrant city bristling with culture. From historic theatres and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on Broad Street's Avenue of the Arts to Museum Row on the Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia has something for the arts lover in everyone. For those who move to a different beat, Philadelphia offers a wide array of music venues, with outdoor concerts at the Mann Center, Penn's Landing, and Morgan's Pier and larger venues like the Electric Factory and Wells Fargo Center.

But what is culture without food? Our city loves more than its famous cheesesteaks and soft pretzels. Philadelphia features a diverse mix of five-star restaurants and local bars, an emerging food truck scene, the renowned Reading Terminal Market, and *National Geographic's* number one worldwide location to enjoy ice cream, Capogiro Gelato.

### SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

There's a reason Philadelphia has gained the reputation of being one of the most passionate sports towns in the country. Philadelphia boasts an impressive roster of professional sports teams – from baseball's Phillies to basketball's 76ers to football's Eagles to hockey's Flyers and soccer's Union.

Temple University also hosts a wide variety of men and women's athletic programs, and enjoys enthusiastic support from the student and alumni population.

For those who aren't satisfied sitting on the sidelines, Philadelphia was recently named one of the best hiking cities in the U.S., with miles of trails threading through a world-class urban park system. Those who prefer the urban jungle can take heart in Philadelphia's status as the fifth most walkable city and best big city for bike commuting in the country. And for afternoon and weekend warriors, Philadelphia boasts a thriving recreational sports scene.

### LEGAL CAREERS IN PHILADELPHIA

Attending law school in the fifth largest city in the country has definite advantages. The city where American democracy was born, Philadelphia currently boasts state and federal courts at every level; countless law firms, large and small; dozens of municipal agencies; and hundred of other legal employers.

That translates into a rich selection of clinicals, internships, practicums, and experiential learning opportunities for Temple Law students. During their law school career, students have access to over 25 clinicals, from the District Attorney's office to the American Red Cross to the Family Court of Philadelphia and beyond.

When they graduate, Temple Law students can take pride in joining a vast network of fellow Temple Law alums practicing in Philadelphia. The Legal Intelligencer recognized Temple Law as having the most first-year associates at Pennsylvania law firms in 2014 among Pennsylvania law schools, while Temple Law School repeatedly boasts the most first-time passers of the Pennsylvania Bar Exam.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS

Philadelphia is known as a “city of neighborhoods”, and Temple’s main campus is right in the heart of them. Whether students decide to live in the city or the surrounding suburbs, commuting to Temple is made easy by its convenient location on North Broad Street less than two miles from William Penn’s perch above City Hall.

**Center City** Ten minutes from campus, Center City, currently the third most populous downtown after New York City and Chicago, has seen a welcome resurgence. The vibrant hub of Philadelphia, Center City is home to state-of-the-art office towers, world-renowned museums and cultural institutions, nationally known fine dining, lofts and apartments with great views, world-class tourist attractions, great shopping, and a growing and vibrant population.

**Old City** Nestled on the eastern side of Center City, along the Delaware River, Old City is Philadelphia’s original neighborhood. When the Quakers first came here, this is where they set up shop and port. The most happening spot of Old City lies along 2nd and 3rd Streets. Old City is known for the most exciting collection of art galleries on the East Coast. For restaurants, look just south to Chestnut and along Market. Of course, no trip would be complete without a stroll through Independence Park, lying on the western edge of Old City, where one can learn and absorb the rich history of this old Pennsylvanian town.

**Art Museum/Fairmount** Located to the northwest of Center City, the Art Museum/Fairmount area offers the best view of the art museum perched atop its elevated mount and Boathouse Row. Featuring plenty of bars and restaurants, this area features plenty of summertime special events that pop up at the art museum and along the parkway, including Independence Day festivities. Head west of the art museum and you’ll be entering Fairmount Park, the neighborhood’s namesake. Beginning at the Ben Franklin Parkway, Fairmount Park encompasses more than 8,900 acres of winding creeks, rustic trails, green meadows, and 100 miles of recreational trails.

**South Philly** Known historically as the Italian section of the city, South Philadelphia has recently seen a diverse influx of residents. Featuring plenty of parking, affordable housing, and some of the best views of the Philadelphia skyline, South Philadelphia is conveniently located to all major highways, the Septa Broad Street Line, and Philadelphia’s professional sports teams.

**Manayunk** Located just minutes from Center City, Manayunk is another place for the young, hip crowd to unwind. Main Street in Manayunk has a huge assortment of bars and restaurants, and while some places can be pricey, there are still the average affordable places as well. Named a National Historic District in 1983, “Philadelphia’s Main Street” boasts more than 65 chic boutiques and galleries and dozens of restaurants. There’s good live music just about every night at some bar here, and weekends you can usually find hundreds of people out on the streets walking around, jumping from one place to another.

**Suburbs** For those looking to commute to Temple Law from outside the city, the greater Philadelphia area features four main counties. There are quiet streets in Bucks County, fast growing towns in Chester County, inviting downtowns in Delaware County, and a large collection of parks and historic sites in Montgomery County. Students who choose to live in the Philadelphia suburbs can commute to campus via car or SEPTA’s Regional Rail, which includes Temple University as a Center City stop.

