

Application Instructions

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.

Directions for Completing the Application

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.

Please 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.

1. Application Form

The application form must be completed and mailed to Temple Law School, or electronically transmitted to LSAC, on or before March 1, 2020.

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

2. Application Fee

The application fee is \$65. A check or money order should be made payable to Temple University and must be drawn on a US bank. Payment may also be made by credit card if the application is submitted electronically. The application fee is nonrefundable and cannot be credited toward any charges if an applicant subsequently registers as a student.

Applicants with financial hardships may request that the application fee be waived by submitting a request in writing along with the application. All requests for waiver of the application fee must be accompanied by documentation to support the request. 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 your signed Certification Letter directly to the Law School Office of Admissions at the address listed above.

3. Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

All applicants are required to have taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) within the last five years (i.e., not before June 2014), and to 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 date acceptable for fall 2020 admission is April 25, 2020.

4. Credential Assembly Service (CAS)

All applicants must register 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 college or university attended sent directly to the Credential Assembly Service on or before March 1, 2020, in order for the applicant to be considered for the 2020 fall term.

The Credential Assembly Service will analyze and duplicate the transcript(s) and send an unofficial copy to the law school. 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.

5. Graduate Transcripts

All applicants must provide transcripts from each graduate or professional school attended. 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.

6. 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 the applicant's 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 the same 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.

7. Personal Statement

All applicants must submit a personal statement with the application. 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.

It is up to you to decide what you want to write about and how you want to express your thoughts. Keep in mind that the readers of your personal statement will be trying to get a sense of you as a person and as a prospective Temple Law School student. We encourage you to be as candid and thoughtful as possible. There is no specified length required for the personal statement, although on average, personal statements are typically two to three pages in length.

8. Deadlines and Processing

Applications must be submitted/postmarked on or before March 1, 2020. Applications submitted to LSAC for transmission to Temple Law School will be considered received on the day they are electronically submitted. Materials required by the Credential Assembly Service must be forwarded to LSAC on or before March 1, 2020.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail when the application and fee have been received and processed. This e-mail will also provide log on information for the Admissions Office Online Status Check through which applicants can check which letters of recommendation have been received by the admissions office and check their application and decision status.

Admissions decisions are made from December until June and applications are reviewed on a rolling basis as they are completed. An application will be considered complete when we have received a completed application form and Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report containing LSAT score(s) and college records. Guided by past experience, candidates 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 twelve weeks after their files are completed; however, requests for additional information and March 2020 and April 2020 LSAT scores may delay the evaluation process.

9. Decision Notification

All applicants will be notified via email of their admissions decision. Applicants may also check the status of their application at any time on the Online Status Check.

An acceptance packet will be mailed to all admitted students with instructions on accepting their seat in the entering class. To reserve a place in the 2020 entering class, an accepted applicant must submit a nonrefundable admission deposit of \$150 by April 15, 2020, or within 10 days of acceptance, whichever is later. A second nonrefundable deposit of \$300 is due by June

15, 2020. Both the first and second deposits are credited toward tuition.

10. Division Assignment

To the extent possible, assignment to a particular division is made according to each applicant's choice. If space is not available in one division, however, the Admissions Committee may, at its discretion, 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 acceptance was granted.

11. Minimum Admission Criteria

All matriculants in the J.D 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 foreign degrees should refer to Section 16 below. Possession of minimum criteria, however, in no manner assures acceptance. Admission is on a competitive basis with identical requirements for both Day and Evening Divisions. The median grade point average and LSAT score for those enrolled in the 2018 entering class were approximately 3.54 and 161, respectively. The middle 50 percent of the class presented LSAT scores ranging from 157-163, and grade point averages ranging from 3.31-3.70.

12. Character and Fitness

It is imperative that the questions in the Character & Fitness section on the application be answered fully. Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose academic or disciplinary action, criminal convictions or pending criminal charges, is often more significant, and can lead to more serious consequences, than the action, 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. In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. 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.

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.

13. Applicants Who Have Previously Attended Law School

Any applicant who has previously attended any law school as a matriculated student must so indicate in the appropriate place on the application form. The applicant must give the name of the school(s) and date(s) of attendance and, on a separate sheet or electronic attachment, 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 automatically be denied 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.

14. Admission Evaluation Process

Temple is committed to admitting the very best applicants from our pool of talented individuals. We are proud of our history and of our traditions. We believe in diversity, for it enriches our lives and our ability to succeed as legal professionals. We share a vision of the law as a service profession and a vision of life as made meaningful through service. We understand the aspirations of individuals to find a better way through law. We are dedicated to excellence. The admissions process at Temple reflects these values.

Temple's admission process is very selective. The faculty Admissions Committee takes seriously its responsibility to carefully and individually evaluate each application. Our admission process is designed to look at the whole person. The faculty selects applicants who have outstanding performance records and exceptional aptitudes for the study of law. In doing so, the faculty recognizes that these criteria are not always reflected by grade point averages and LSAT scores alone.

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 legal education. The law school began as an evening program more than 100 years ago, providing students with jobs and families the chance to pursue a legal education. With the support of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Temple has been able to offer affordable tuition to Pennsylvania residents, making law school a more realistic opportunity for many students.

More than 40 years ago the faculty at Temple Law School established the Sp.A.C.E. program in order to give a contemporary voice to Temple's traditional mission. Sp.A.C.E. is a discretionary admissions process that avoids over-reliance on the LSAT or any other arbitrary and abstract measuring factor in the admissions process. At the discretion of the faculty admissions committee, any application may be considered under Sp.A.C.E. The faculty has identified the following characteristics as priorities in determining whether or not a particular applicant should be admitted under this discretionary admissions process: applicants who have overcome serious long-standing economic deprivation, or who come from working class families historically foreclosed from higher education; applicants who come from racial or ethnic minority groups; applicants whose families are recent immigrants to the United States; applicants who have demonstrated exceptional leadership ability in college, community or career activities, or who have evidenced a commitment to service through Peace Corps, VISTA, military, or other service work; applicants with academic honors, graduate or undergraduate degrees of unusual merit, or undergraduate grade point averages of 3.8 or higher and standardized test scores that do not reflect this academic strength; applicants who worked during college to finance their education or support their families; applicants who identify as gay, lesbian, or transgender; applicants with significant or unusual career achievement since graduation from college; applicants with serious physical disabilities; and applicants with other unique strengths and achievements.

If you feel one or more of these characteristics describe you or your background, we ask that you share with us in writing your unique personal history, highlighting for the committee your strengths and achievement. This information will assist the faculty Admissions Committee in fairly evaluating your candidacy. Information about your personal background and achievement can be included in your personal statement, or if you prefer, in an additional Sp.A.C.E. statement.

If you are admitted to Temple Law School, you will know that you were chosen because your skills, abilities, achievements, and potential are the credentials that earned you this opportunity.

15. Reapplication

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.

16. Applicants with Foreign Degrees

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. Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores are required of all applicants with foreign degrees. In cases where English is not the first or primary language, it is recommended that applicants submit a score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). 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. 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. If we determine that you need to submit a TOEFL score, you must contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and request that your TOEFL score be sent to LSAC. LSAC's TOEFL code for the Credential Assembly Service is 8395. Your score will be included in the International Credential Evaluation document that will be included in your law school report.

To use this service, log in to your LSAC online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is usually required to receive foreign transcripts. Questions about the Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001, or LSACinfo@LSAC.org.

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 first name _____

LSAC account number _____

Division

Check the box for the Division for which you wish to be considered. If both, please indicate preference below.

Day

Evening

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

Day

Evening

Contact Information

Current Address

Country _____

Current mailing address good until date _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Day phone _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Evening phone _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Contact Information continued

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 _____

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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 _____

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

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.

Education continued

Test History

If available, please indicate your SAT scores:

Critical Reading:

Math:

Writing:

If available, please provide your GRE scores:

Verbal Reasoning

Quantitative Reasoning:

Analytical Writing:

or your ACT composite score:

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

Standardized Testing

LSAT

Test Date

Test Score

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

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

Law School Interest continued

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 on a separate page or electronic attachment and enclose with your application. (See "Character and Fitness" in section 12 of the 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. (See "Character and Fitness" in section 12 of the instructions for more information.)

Yes

No

Military

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

Yes

No

Date of entrance (month/year) _____

Date of discharge (month/year) _____

Rank _____

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school

Branch _____

Military continued

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 the Peace Corps, 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 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 _____

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 _____

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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 applying to either the JD/MBA or JD/MPH Program? If yes, please indicate which program.

Field of Interest

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

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 _____

Demographics continued

Native language _____

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

Consent

Decline to respond

Tribal Affiliation

Tribal affiliation or village name _____

Demographics continued

Enrollment number (enrolled members only) _____

Languages

If you speak, read, or write more than one language, please list languages 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 Occupation (please provide former occupation if retired or deceased):

Birthplace:

Education:

Parent 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 read the description of Sp.A.C.E. in the Application Instructions.) If applying electronically, use an electronic attachment to provide your 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
