Temple-Tsinghua Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program
清华—天普美国法学硕士项目
Temple University Beasley School of Law | Tsinghua University School of Law
Based in Philadelphia, Temple University, founded in 1884, is a comprehensive public university with roughly 40,000 undergraduates, graduate and professional students. With over 800 students and 60 full-time faculty members, Temple Law is well regarded in the field of legal education and is dedicated to preparing students to practice law with the highest level of skill possible.

Tsinghua University, founded in 1911, is one of China's most prestigious universities with over 47,000 students based in Beijing, China. Tsinghua Law School is nationally recognized for its common law, civil law, and criminal law curriculum. With over 1,200 students and 60 full-time faculty members, Tsinghua Law School is considered a top choice for many of China’s law students and future leaders.
Thank you for your interest in the Temple-Tsinghua Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Beijing, the first accredited foreign law degree program in China. Temple established this program in 1998 as part of the rule-of-law initiatives launched by Presidents Jiang Zemin and Bill Clinton. To date, nearly 800 students have graduated from this program.

The friendship between Temple and China dates back to 1979, when Temple bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon Deng Xiaoping. Temple has built enduring bonds of cooperation with the Chinese government and universities, especially Tsinghua University.

The Temple-Tsinghua LL.M. program is the most renowned cooperative legal education program in China, having been recognized by both the U.S. and Chinese governments. The U.S. Senate stated that Temple “has succeeded in furthering the goal of promoting collaborative legal exchanges between the United States and China.” Similarly, President Jiang Zemin noted the program’s “lofty mission in educating qualified legal professionals in China.”

Students benefit from systematic study of U.S. law as well as a diverse classroom environment with students from the public and private sectors. Chinese judges, prosecutors, government officials, law professors, and lawyers all come together to discuss fundamental legal concepts in U.S. law. They share their diverse perspectives with each other as well as with American law professors and practicing lawyers.

In addition, the program provides students with the opportunity to exchange views with U.S. judges, including visits to U.S. courts during the summer session in Philadelphia. Students also benefit from the program’s broad alumni network in China and around the world.

The unique strengths of the program include broad-ranging faculty expertise, comprehensive and practice-oriented courses, and extensive resources available at both Tsinghua and Temple. The program’s curriculum offers rich insight into U.S. law, allowing students to enhance their reasoning process and develop analytical skills while improving their ability to succeed in international legal practice.

We invite you to apply to the program and become a member of the Temple-Tsinghua family.
Temple In China

Historic meetings between the Chinese government and Tsinghua and Temple officials since 1979.

Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Temple University during his visit to the United States in 1979.

First graduating class (1999)

Signing ceremony celebrating the program's 10th anniversary

15th anniversary celebration

20th anniversary graduating class

Senate Resolution 280 celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Rule of Law Program

Temple President, Richard Englert, and Tsinghua University President, Qiu Yong (2019)
The 15-month Temple-Tsinghua LL.M. degree program provides Chinese legal professionals with the knowledge and skills essential to meet the changing and growing legal demands of today’s global landscape. Graduates receive a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from Temple University. The program is approved by the Ministry of Education of China and acquiesced by the American Bar Association (ABA).

Classes meet primarily at Tsinghua Law School in Beijing and also in Philadelphia during the summer session on Temple’s main campus in Philadelphia. The program begins with a one-month intensive Legal English course that prepares students for law school coursework. Courses taught in Beijing focus on principal areas of American law studied by J.D. students in the U.S., with course offerings in civil, criminal, and commercial law. During the summer session, students continue classes, participate in interactive visits to the U.S. Supreme Court, federal and state courts, law firms, prisons, and visit various cultural sites. Courses are taught in English by Temple and Tsinghua law faculty and adjunct professors who are expert practitioners in their fields.

**Program Overview**
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**Degree Requirements**
学位要求

The Master of Laws degree is conferred upon students who complete the required credit hours, required attendance, earn a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, and who are recommended for the degree by the faculty.

Detailed information on the academic program, degree requirements, policies, and codes of conduct are available from the Temple-Tsinghua program office or by visiting law.temple.edu/admissions/graduate-llm/llm-china/

**Highly-Ranked Programs**
持续上升的排名

Our students benefit from access to Temple’s world-class faculty as well as support through individualized academic and career advising. U.S. News and World Report ranks Temple Law as a top law school, ranked nationally for its trial advocacy (#2), international law (#17), healthcare law (#17), and legal research and writing (#12).

Temple is currently on the annual list of “Go-To Law Schools” produced by Law.com in collaboration with the National Law Journal, which ranks schools by the number of graduates headed to the top 100 firms. It also earned a “Best Value” rating from the National Jurist magazine.
The program offers required and elective courses that must be passed in order to earn the degree. The courses listed are representative of the types of courses that may be offered in any given year. For students to be better equipped for law practice, practical coursework is also included in the curriculum.

The duration of each term is eight weeks, including one week for exams. Classes generally meet two full or three partial days during the week, but not on weekends.

Students must participate in the intensive Legal English program, but may request to be exempt if they work in a full-time English-language environment and earn sufficiently high scores on the English assessment exam used for admission purposes.

We regularly invite guest speakers to address students who hold positions in the legal, government and corporate sectors. Previous guest speakers have included counsel from Alston Bird, SAP, Boeing, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

During the Philadelphia summer session, students are given a first-hand view of the U.S. legal system, including interactive visits to the U.S. Supreme Court, federal and state courts, law firms, and prisons.

Select students are given internship opportunities with the Philadelphia offices of Blank Rome LLP, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, and Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

Required Courses
- Business Associations
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Legal Reasoning
- Legal Research
- Legal Research and Writing
- Practicum in Legal Professionalism
- Property Law
- Torts
- Trial Advocacy

Elective Courses
- Civil Procedure
- Commercial Law (UCC)
- Conflict of Laws
- Corporate Compliance
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Transactions
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Professional Responsibility

Legal English Program
- American Legal System
- Case Briefing
- Law School Skills
- Listening and Speaking in Law

Required and elective course offerings listed above are representative and can vary from year to year.
Courses are taught by Temple full- and part-time faculty, visiting faculty from other U.S. law schools, Tsinghua faculty, judges, and adjunct professors who are expert practitioners in their fields. The composition of the program faculty will vary from year to year.
With nearly 800 members, the Temple Law Alumni Association of China (TLAAC) actively holds events each year. TLAAC gives students a strong platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and professional development.
Program Directors

Simin Gao is an associate professor at Tsinghua University School of Law. She received her doctorate degree in law (S.J.D.) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and was a former Russell Ackoff Fellow (2011–2012) at Penn’s Wharton School of Business. She brings interdisciplinary perspective to a wide range of emerging issues that encompass bankruptcy law, corporation law, financial law, law and economic and comparative law.


Ms. Gao was the only individual majoring in a social science to receive the Chinese government award for outstanding self-financed students abroad in 2012. She received the Gold Medal of International Insolvency Study from the International Insolvency Institution (2017), the Peking Excellent Junior Scholar grant (2014) and several start-up grants from National Social Science Foundation (2017), Department of Justice (2014), Department of Education (2015) and Tsinghua University (2014). She serves as an editor or peer reviewer for a number of leading Chinese and U.S. law journals.

Tarrant M. Mahony is an Associate Professor of Law and the Director of Temple University’s LL.M. Program in Beijing. He has taught in the program continuously since its founding in 1999. Professor Mahony is also a Specially-Invited Professor of Law at Tsinghua University School of Law, Temple’s partner university in Beijing.

Professor Mahony received his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley Law School in 1985. Prior to attending law school, Professor Mahony received a B.A. in Asian Languages and Literature in 1987 and an M.A. in East Asian Studies in 1992, both from Stanford University. He has been a member of the State Bar of California since 1995. Professor Mahony’s primary teaching and research areas are International Business Transactions, U.S. Property Law, and Chinese Foreign Investment Law. He is the author of numerous articles and the textbook, Foreign Investment Law in China: Regulation, Practice and Context (published by Tsinghua University Press in 2015).
Admission Requirements
申请条件

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have received one of the following degrees from an accredited university degree program:
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
- Master of Laws (LL.M.) or higher law degree
Alternatively, individuals who have passed the Chinese National Judicial Examination may apply to the program.

Apply Online
在线申请
To apply, please go to: https://lawgradintl.temple.edu/
Only online submissions are accepted.

Application Procedure
申请程序

Application
申请时间
Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible. Applications must be received before May 1 to begin study in August of the same year. Late applications may be accepted if space is available.

English Assessment
英语水平评估
All applicants must take an English assessment exam and arrange to have the testing agency send an official score report directly to Temple Law School. There are several options for this requirement:
For applicants who take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a score of 89 (internet-based exam) points is required for admission consideration.
For students who take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), a minimum band score of 6.5 is necessary for admission, with no score below 6.0.
Students may also submit test scores from Duolingo. Applicants with scores above 115 will be considered for admission.

Temple administers an English Assessment Exam (EAE) for purposes of this Program. The Temple EAE is generally offered each May in Beijing. The Temple EAE is based on the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency (MTELP) and its Listening Comprehension Test (METCFL).

References
Referees may submit recommendations accompanied by the Temple Recommendation Form directly to the Temple-Tsinghua LL.M. program office, Beijing, or they may submit electronic recommendations.

Application Signature
Submit using your online application signature.
Tuition and Expenses
学费和费用

Tuition and Books
入学学生的学费及书费如下：人民币 18 万元

Payment of Tuition | 学费支付方式
学费必须按三等支付。第一第二学年学费各缴纳 7.5 万元，于开学前缴纳。第三学年
缴纳 3 万元，于费城课程开始前缴纳。

Housing in Beijing | 北京住宿问题

清华大学规定，非统招生不提供清华校内学生宿舍。项目学生需自行解决在北京学习期间的住宿问题。

Summer Session in Philadelphia | 费城夏季课程

学生需自行负担其在费城参加夏季课程期间的所有生活费用，包括交通费、食宿费、暑期注册费用及健康保险的费用。
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