

Ambler Campus

General Information

Temple University Ambler, located in Montgomery County, just 17 miles north of the Main Campus (and minutes from Route 309, the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Route 476), offers the benefits of a small college campus with the resources of a large university. Several high-quality undergraduate, graduate and non-credit courses and programs are offered to meet the educational and workforce development needs of the region.

Campus facilities include the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University, the Temple Ambler Field Station, the Tyler School of Art and Architecture Greenhouse Education and Research Complex, the Ambler Research and Collaboration Building (AR+C), Information Commons (which includes IT Services and the Ambler Library), Red Barn Gym and fitness center, design/build studios, a 300-seat auditorium, a low ropes challenge course and an Esports gaming center.

Also located on the Ambler Campus are the Fox School of Business and Management's Small Business Development Center, the College of Liberal Arts' Temple Infant and Child Lab, and the College of Liberal Arts' Criminal Justice Training Programs. Students benefit from these unique facilities as well as several academic and student services, which are listed below.

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Undergraduate Degree Programs

- Horticulture (Associate and Bachelor's Degrees available)
- General Studies (online classes required)
- Landscape Architecture (Note: Studio courses in the first and second year offered at Main Campus only)
- Liberal Studies (online classes required)
- Psychology (some online classes required)

Graduate Degree Programs

- Landscape Architecture

Undergraduate Certificate Programs

- Environmental Sustainability Certificate (requires Main Campus courses)
- Horticultural Therapy Certificate
- Landscape Plants Certificate (requires Main Campus courses)
- Sustainability Certificate (requires Main Campus courses)
- Sustainable Food Systems Certificate (requires Main Campus courses)

For more information about undergraduate majors, minors, and certification programs that can be completed at the Ambler Campus, visit: <https://ambler.temple.edu/academics/academic-programs>.

Scholarship and Grant Opportunities for Degree-Seeking Students

First-year Experience Program Grant

Newly admitted first-year students who enroll full-time at Temple Ambler for two semesters and remain in good academic standing are eligible to receive a First-year Experience campus grant. After successfully completing their first year at Temple Ambler, students may then choose to continue their studies at Ambler Campus, transition to Main Campus for their remaining three years of undergraduate coursework, or take courses at multiple campuses in the same semester, depending on their major. Learn more about the First-year Experience.

Academic Awards and Scholarships at Temple Ambler

For details and application procedures about the various scholarships available to Ambler Campus students, visit <https://ambler.temple.edu/admissions/cost-aid-and-scholarships/ambler-campus-scholarships>.

Training Programs and Courses

Criminal Justice Training Programs (CJTP)

Haines House

267-468-8600

<https://liberalarts.temple.edu/research/labs-centers-and-institutes/criminal-justice-training-program>

Criminal Justice Training Programs, a division of the College of Liberal Arts' Department of Criminal Justice, has conducted professional training for a variety of criminal justice agencies and occupations since 1968. It is located at the Temple University Law Enforcement Training Center (TULETC) at Temple Ambler. Each year, more than 3,000 criminal justice employees attend programs offered by CJTP, including police personnel, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, constables, school security officers, and park rangers. Other activities include the development of training curricula and the delivery of online learning.

Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy (PRLEA)

215-468-8600

<https://universitycollege.temple.edu/academics/park-ranger-law-enforcement-academy>

The Temple University Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy (PRLEA) was established in 2010 and is one of six law enforcement academies in the U.S. certified to provide the 680-plus hour basic training program which is required for a person to be commissioned as a seasonal law enforcement park ranger with the National Park Service and with Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The curriculum is designed to impart the knowledge, skills, and abilities to preserve and protect our nation's local, state, and national parks for public use today and for many years to come.

Non-Credit Programs

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<https://noncredit.temple.edu>

The Office of Non-Credit and Continuing Education provides quality, professional and accessible education and lifelong learning opportunities at every stage of your career or life. Courses and programs are available in the areas of Professional Development and Personal Enrichment.

Educational opportunities offered through Youth and Summer Programs and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) are also available at the Ambler Campus. For more information on these and other programs, see the Non-Credit Programs section of this *Bulletin*.

Campus Departments and Services

Ambler Campus Admissions

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center

267-468-8100

<https://ambler.temple.edu/admissions>

Prospective and admitted students can connect with Ambler Campus staff and current students to learn more about the admissions process and options for beginning or completing a degree program at Ambler Campus. Campus events and tours are held throughout the year to engage with current high school students, students looking to transfer to Temple from other institutions, and non-traditional students returning to the classroom.

Academic Advising and Student Success

Learning Center

267-468-8200

ambleradvising@temple.edu

<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/advising-and-student-success>

Dedicated professional advisors help students choose a program of study that is suited to their educational and career goals and assist with information about program requirements, university policies and procedures. Transfer students can discuss transfer credit evaluations and whether these credits meet Temple program requirements.

Ambler Campus business students are advised by Fox School of Business and Management advisors and can make an appointment online.

Inter-campus Bus Service

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center

267-468-8000
<https://campusoperations.temple.edu/shuttle-services>

Temple University provides free inter-campus bus service between Ambler, Health Science, and Main campuses (fall and spring) for students who take classes at the Ambler Campus. Inter-campus bus schedules are available online.

IT Services

Information Commons
 Learning Center, Room 106
 Help Desk: 267-468-8324
<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/information-commons-ambler-library-its>

The IT Services' public computing space, part of the Ambler Campus Information Commons, has Windows and Macintosh computers equipped with software for all Temple programs; 3D, color and black-and-white laser printers; a plotter; and standard and wide format scanners. A Help Desk is located within the Information Commons. A breakout room is available for students to reserve and there is a Zoom room upstairs in Learning Center, Room 206. Student consultants at the Help Desk and full-time staff are available to assist you with any technology issue you may have.

Counseling Services

Main Campus: 215-204-7276
<https://counseling.temple.edu/>

Free and confidential virtual counseling services are available for Temple Ambler students by appointment. Emergencies and/or "walk-ins" and psychiatric services are managed on the Main Campus at Tuttleman Counseling Services located at 1700 N. Broad Street, Second Floor.

Disability Resources and Services

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center
 267-468-8200
<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/disability-resources-and-services>

Academic and Student Services at Temple Ambler, in conjunction with Disability Resources and Services (Division of Student Affairs) at Main Campus, assists with providing accommodations for students with disabilities at Temple Ambler.

Student Financial Services (SFS)

Learning Center, Room 109
<https://ambler.temple.edu/admissions/cost-aid-and-scholarships>

Temple University's Student Financial Services Office readily assists all Temple students in making their college education affordable. Financial Aid counselors are available to meet with students at the Ambler Campus. See the Financial Aid section in this *Bulletin* for more information.

Library

Information Commons
 Learning Center, Room 106
 267-468-8648 (Library Service Desk)
<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/information-commons-ambler-library-its>

Part of the campus Information Commons, the Ambler Library supports students, faculty, staff, and the community with an on-site collection of print resources, access to over 2 million electronic books, online journals, and reference material. As part of the Temple University Libraries system (<https://library.temple.edu>), the campus community may request materials to be sent to Temple Ambler from the vast, deep, discipline-based collections of all of Temple's United States libraries. Staff is on site for research and general library assistance.

Off-Campus Housing

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center
 267-468-8423
<https://offcampus.temple.edu/>

While Ambler Campus is a commuter campus, Student and Campus Life partners with the Office of Off-Campus Housing to provide information about apartments and houses to rent or share that are close to campus.

OWLcard Access and ID

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center
 267-468-8200

<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/id-cards-owlcard-mobile>

Your OWLcard is Temple University's ID card and gives you access to Temple buildings, parking lots and services, including libraries and gyms. Learn more about how to obtain a mobile OWLcard.

Parking Services

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center

267-468-8000

<https://ambler.temple.edu/about/maps-and-directions/parking>

All faculty, staff, and students at the Ambler Campus are required to purchase parking hangtags, which can be purchased online and mailed to you. Campus visitors should register their vehicles in order to avoid parking citations.

Re-enrollment

Learning Center

267-468-8200

<https://ambler.temple.edu/admissions/request-re-enroll>

Degree students who have not attended Temple for one semester or more may request to re-enroll. Once a student has submitted a Request to Re-enroll form, an academic advisor will assist with choosing and registering for courses.

Recreation, Outdoor Education & Wellness (ROW)

Red Barn Gym and Recreation Center

267-468-8151

<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/recreation-and-wellness>

ROW offers a holistic approach to health and wellness through a range of programs, including open recreation, intramural sports, teambuilding programs and activities, nature-based wellness opportunities, and special events. Facilities include a multi-purpose gymnasium and a fitness room with cardiovascular and strength training equipment. Outdoor facilities include a 15-element low ropes challenge course lab, an outdoor swimming pool, and basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts. Ambler Campus also has more than two miles of wooded trails for walking and running.

Student and Campus Life

Learning Center, Room 102 / Welcome Center

267-468-8000

<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/student-life>

This office oversees student programs, events/activities, and student organizations. Students can get involved on campus to gain leadership experience, develop special skills and interests, and build community with their fellow students. Students may also obtain information regarding the inter-campus bus service and events at Main Campus.

Student Success Center

215-204-0702

<https://studentsuccess.temple.edu/>

Temple Ambler students have access to a wide variety of virtual tutoring services for writing, math and science through the Student Success Center at Main Campus. Learn more about the services, workshops and programs offered.

Unique Facilities and Programs at Temple Ambler

Ambler Arboretum of Temple University

<https://ambler.temple.edu/arboretum>

Temple University's 187-acre Ambler Campus is an Arboretum comprised of a unique mix of naturalistic and formal landscapes including botanic collections, horticulture displays, woodlands and meadows. The Ambler Arboretum is a platform for scientific research; teaching; experiential learning and practical training; and environmental responsibility and conservation.

Arboretum staff are horticulturists, curators and educators who steward the living collections and are available to assist faculty and students with teaching and research. The Arboretum includes more than 800 distinct species and varieties of trees and shrubs. Staff exchange information with scholars and professionals around the world, with a shared mission to conserve tree genetic diversity. More than 1,000 trees have been planted around the campus since 2021, when a tornado destroyed much of the historic tree canopy.

The Ambler Arboretum is open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. Faculty and students are encouraged to visit to experience the beauty and health benefits of nature, plants and gardening. The Arboretum is known for its four seasons of interest—from the Colibraro Conifer Garden and Barbara F. and Philip R. Albright Winter Garden to the Louise Bush-Brown Formal Perennial Garden. Also of particular interest is the Ernesta Ballard Healing Garden, which includes a labyrinth for contemplation and enjoyment and doubles as a storm-water management garden.

The Ambler Campus was established as the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women in 1911. This historic public garden is now known as the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University and serves as the public garden, outdoor classroom and living laboratory for Temple University.

Temple Ambler Field Station

<https://ambler.temple.edu/fieldstation>

The 187-acre Ambler Campus is also a Field Station, a platform for environmental field research and education that spans multiple disciplines, from the natural sciences, to engineering and the liberal arts. The Temple Ambler Field Station serves as an ecological observatory that aids in the scientific documentation of fundamental changes in our natural environments. The Field Station's research initiatives provide data to a broad community of scientists and educators, and advance the understanding of global change impacts, as well as innovative and meaningful solutions to these changes.

The Field Station offers a diversity of natural habitats including older growth and secondary forests; aquatic and wetland environments including ponds and ephemeral streams; meadows and turf; and natural and designed garden landscapes.

Faculty may teach and offer experiential opportunities in the Field Station's varied environments. Field Station faculty and staff are available to aid in the creation of modules or pedagogical tools. Field Station courses, offered in conjunction with Temple's schools and colleges, provide hands-on training in field methodologies and applications. Internships integrate students into ongoing research activities that deepen scientific knowledge and enrich students' academic experience, preparing them for further study and careers. Current research initiatives include the Temple Forest Observatory, a collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution's Forest Global Earth Observatory (ForestGEO) program.

Undergraduate and graduate students may participate directly in research through the Field Station's Ecological Observatory Program, which advances understanding of local ecosystems and facilitates large-scale comparative study of dozens of observatories across the country. The Global Change Program enables students to conduct research on ecological impacts of climate change and invasive species. The Field Station also welcomes students and researchers to pursue their own explorations of the natural world.

Athletic Facilities

The Ambler Campus has several facilities for collegiate sports, including NCAA soccer fields, an NCAA softball field and an NCAA baseball field. These fields are used by various club sports including soccer, rugby, softball and baseball.

The Intercollegiate Athletics Field House, located off Woods Drive, includes "green roof" structures. A green roof is a living biological community of plants that provides an environmentally sound alternative to a traditional roof system. The green roof garden allows for educational and research opportunities for students and faculty. The Field House has locker rooms, training facilities, offices and game-day concessions.

Auditorium

The 300-seat Learning Center Auditorium, with smart technology and performance space, provides opportunities to offer cultural, educational and entertaining events for our students and the surrounding community. Reserve the Auditorium by contacting the Ambler Campus Scheduling and Events Office at 267-468-8223 or by using the University College Inquiry/Info form.

Challenge Course Lab

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<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/recreation-and-wellness>

A state-of-the-art challenge course facility was built in 2022 featuring 15 low ropes elements. This facility can be utilized to enhance experiential learning opportunities for academic courses, departmental team building programs and student groups. In addition to the outdoor facility, the program has multiple "portable" elements, which may be used around Ambler Campus, and a highly trained staff that can deliver programs at Main Campus.

Tyler School of Art and Architecture Greenhouse Education and Research Complex

267-468-8180

<https://ambler.temple.edu/campus-resources/greenhouse>

The Tyler School of Art and Architecture Greenhouse Education and Research Complex provides faculty and students with first-class facilities to study plant and soil science and conduct horticultural research. The energy-efficient greenhouse includes computerized climate controls and thermal blankets to protect the plants in the winter and shade them in the summer. Modern fertilizer injection systems water and fertilize plants simultaneously. The Complex includes a one-acre research garden with an apiary, a shade house and a hoop house.

Law Enforcement Training

Located at Temple Ambler, the Temple University Law Enforcement Training Center is the home to the College of Liberal Arts' Criminal Justice Training Programs and the University College Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy. Ambler Campus has unique facilities and resources to facilitate highly specialized training for first responders, which enables the Center to serve municipal, state and federal agencies.

Temple Infant and Child Laboratory (TICL)

Widener Hall
267-468-8610
infantlab@temple.edu
<https://templeinfantlab.com>

The College of Liberal Arts' Infant and Child Laboratory invites parents and their children to shape the future by participating in research at the frontier of science. Directed by nationally recognized child development authorities and professors Kathy Hirsh-Pasek and Nora Newcombe, the lab provides fun-filled activities for children who become part of cutting-edge scientific discoveries. Parents learn more about their children's first words and ability to create mental maps. At the lab, infants, toddlers and older children teach scientists new ways to optimize education and advance learning.

Temple Small Business Development Center

Widener Hall
<https://www.fox.temple.edu/faculty-research/institutes-centers/small-business-development-center>

The Fox School of Business' Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has a branch at Ambler Campus, offering general business consultants who work with pre-venture, start-up and existing small business clients. Most services are provided free to clients, due to grant funding from the Small Business Administration. In addition to one-on-one consulting, classes, workshops and training opportunities, the SBDC offers a unique program called Warrior Rising, a Small Business Special Forces Incubator.