

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Academic Honesty

The Temple University community believes strongly in academic honesty and integrity. Essential to intellectual growth and the university's core educational mission is the development of independent thought and respect for the thoughts of others. Academic honesty fosters this independence and respect. Academic dishonesty undermines the university's mission and purpose and devalues the work of all members of the Temple community. Every member of the university community is responsible for upholding the highest standards of academic honesty at all times. Students, as members of the community, are responsible for adhering to the principles of academic honesty and integrity.

Refer to the Student Conduct Code (policy # 03.70.12) for more specific definitions of cheating and plagiarism.

Graduate students who believe that they have been unfairly accused may appeal through the school or college's academic grievance procedure.

Clearing Holds

A hold is an action placed on a student's record. Holds may affect a student's ability to register for courses, to apply for graduation, or to receive transcript services or degree audit reports.

Students may receive holds on their records for financial, academic, or disciplinary reasons. Students are obligated to resolve holds as quickly as possible, working with their academic advising office, student financial services, or other offices, as appropriate.

Student Conduct Code

The Temple University Student Conduct Code can be viewed at <https://secretary.temple.edu/sites/secretary/files/policies/03.70.12.pdf>.

Temple University has the responsibility to formulate and enforce rules of conduct which are necessary for the furtherance of its educational goals and essential activities. In particular, the university has an obligation to protect itself from any acts which tend to impede, obstruct, or threaten its normal operations. While this authority is inherent, the university attempts to delineate its expectations as clearly as possible and publish its regulations. Students, both as individuals and as members of student organizations, are responsible for apprising themselves of, and complying with, all applicable, existing regulations in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin and any regulations that may be subsequently promulgated through appropriate publications of the university community.

Financial Obligation to the University

Being a Temple student means incurring a financial obligation to the university. Failure to satisfy financial obligations, when due, can result in denial of the right to register for future sessions, delay in graduation, and withholding of official transcripts and diplomas after graduation. Unpaid balances are subject to referral to outside collection agencies.

Prior to registering for the first time each semester, students are required to accept Temple University's Financial Responsibility Agreement, which outlines the financial terms and conditions associated with course registration.

Students are financially responsible for the courses that are on their roster beyond the drop/add period. For information on registration, its financial aspects, and the impact of registration changes on your financial obligation to the university, please see Registration.

For current tuition rates and fees, see Tuition and Fees. For information and instructions concerning your student account, online tuition payments and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit the Bursar's Office.

For information about Financial Aid, Financial Aid requirements for satisfactory academic progress, and the impact of registration changes on your eligibility for aid, see Student Financial Services.

For information on campus housing and meal plans, see the Office of University Housing and Residential Life.

See your school's or college's policies on graduation procedures for information on the impact of unmet financial obligations on clearance for graduation.

Health and Safety Issues

Please review the Student Drug and Alcohol Policy if you have any questions about the possession or consumption of alcohol, or about the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of controlled substances in any Temple University facility or work site.

Temple University has required Immunizations for incoming students. Please refer to Immunization Requirements for Incoming Students for specific requirements and additional information.

Medical Fees and Insurance

Students are responsible for any medical fees incurred outside of Student Health Services, including those incurred at Temple University Hospital. Group medical insurance is offered at the beginning of each semester through the Benefits Office.

International Students

Temple University requires all new and continuing international students in Nonimmigrant Student (both F-1 and J-1) status to carry health insurance that meets certain minimum standards determined by the United States Department of State. For further information, please contact the university's Benefits Office at 215-926-2270, e-mail StudentInsurance@temple.edu, or visit [Classifications and Enrollment Process](#).

In addition, some international students may be required to demonstrate that they are free of active tuberculosis by submitting to Student Health Services a Tuberculosis Screening Record which has been certified by a licensed physician. International students may meet this requirement upon arrival at Temple University by taking a PPD test at Student Health Services.

Eligibility for employment for individuals in Nonimmigrant Student (F-1 and J-1) status is based on regulations of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of State. For detailed information, please see <https://global.temple.edu/iss/student-resources/current-students/student-employment-options>.

A mandatory orientation session is held for new international students at the beginning of each academic term. For more information, please see the International Student Affairs web site at global.temple.edu/international-student-affairs/arriving-us/pre-arrival and the Office of New Student and Family Programs web site at <https://orientation.temple.edu/>.

For more information about maintaining Nonimmigrant Student (F-1 and J-1) status, please see <https://global.temple.edu/iss>.

Registration

Students must be appropriately registered for courses to receive credits and grades. Students not registered will not receive a grade or credit for a course. Go to Self-Service Banner in the TUportal to confirm your billing and registration status. If you add or drop a course, or revise your class schedule, check Self-Service Banner to make sure that your registration record is accurate. Be warned, if you are registered for a course but don't attend, you will be held financially responsible and receive a grade.

Temple E-mail Accounts

All students are required to obtain a Temple e-mail address and follow guidelines for university use of e-mail; the policy establishes your Temple e-mail account as an approved channel of communication for sending you official university notifications and important information. Visit <https://accounts.temple.edu/> in order to activate your account.