About Temple University


Our 17 schools and colleges, eight campuses, hundreds of degree programs and more than 38,000 students combine to create one of the nation's most comprehensive and diverse learning environments. In neighborhoods, across disciplines and on a global stage, members of the Temple community are making things happen.

Temple University Mission Statement


Temple University educates a vibrant student body and creates new knowledge through innovative teaching, research and other creative endeavors. Our urban setting provides transformative opportunities for engaged scholarship, experiential learning, and discovery of self, others and the world. We open our doors to a diverse community of learners and scholars who strive to make the possible real.

We are committed to the ideals upon which Temple was founded:

- providing access to an excellent, affordable higher education that prepares students for careers, further learning and active citizenship.
- creating a collaborative community of outstanding faculty and staff who foster inclusion and encourage the aspirations of Temple students.
- promoting service and engagement throughout Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation and the world.

Accreditation

Temple University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Additionally, Temple has numerous academic programs accredited or reviewed by external professional organizations, as noted in each school and college's section of this Bulletin as well as in the Temple University Fact Book (http://temple.edu/about/public-information/facts-about-temple).

President

Temple's president is the public face of the University and is responsible for supporting and managing all of its academic, administrative and financial operations. The President works closely with faculty, administrators, trustees, students and alumni to set the university's goals and uphold its mission. Learn more about the president of Temple University (https://www.temple.edu/about/president).

Trustees

The Board of Trustees is Temple's governing body, responsible for the educational mission and fiscal policies of the university. The trustees also are responsible for electing the university president, adopting an annual plan of financial operation and establishing degrees to be awarded. Learn more about the Board of Trustees (https://www.temple.edu/about/board-trustees).

History

In 1884, Reverend Russell Conwell began tutoring a young man who could only study at night because of his job. It wasn't long before Conwell was teaching dozens of students in similar circumstances. He soon convinced the members of his congregation and others in the community to start "an educational institution intended primarily for the benefit of working men." In 1888, "The Temple College" received a charter of incorporation. The university has since evolved into one of the nation's premier institutions for higher education. Learn more about Temple's history (https://www.temple.edu/about/history-traditions).

Community

Temple's ties to its community are strong and deep, dating back to its founding in 1888 as an institution that served working people in the local community. Today, the university has not strayed from its original mission and remains a beacon of public service, social activism and community engagement. Learn more about Temple's community (https://www.temple.edu/about/government-community).

Momentum

Temple's academic rankings ascent, top faculty recruitment and progressive enrollment paths have made the university one of the fastest up-and-coming institutions in the country. With growing research expenditures and a booming entrepreneurial culture, Temple's surge is only beginning. Learn more about Temple's momentum (https://www.temple.edu/about/temple-momentum).
Temple Health

Temple Health encompasses all of the health, education and research activities carried out by the affiliates of the nationally ranked Temple University Health System and Lewis Katz School of Medicine. Learn more about Temple Health (https://www.temple.edu/about/temple-health).

News and Media

Temple believes in communicating openly and often with its students, faculty, staff and community. The university offers a number of different ways to stay up to date with news and advancement from the Temple community. Learn more about Temple news and media (https://www.temple.edu/about/news-media).

Offices

Operating a large, complex institution like Temple involves many people in many fields working together. The university’s many offices and departments stand ready to help you. Learn more about Temple’s offices (https://www.temple.edu/about/offices).

Public Information

It is Temple’s policy to provide convenient and timely access to all public information about the university and its policies, budget, faculty and students. Through voluntary participation, you can also view our College Portrait (http://www.voluntarysystem.org/PA/TU), which presents information about Temple in a standard, easy-to-read format. Find out more about Temple’s public information (https://www.temple.edu/about/public-information).

Campus Development

Temple is investing millions of dollars into new and upgraded facilities as part of the Visualize Temple (https://news.temple.edu/topics/visualize-temple) campus plan and the complementary Verdant Temple (https://campusoperations.temple.edu/sites/campusoperations/files/file_downloads/VERDANTTEMPLEFinalRevisedReducedSizeOct2015.pdf) landscaping plan. Temple’s vibrant residential campus continues to evolve, with exciting new academic and recreation spaces, as well as significant renovations and upgrades. Learn more about Temple’s changing campus (https://www.temple.edu/about/campus-development).