



Temple University

2022-2023

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
First I had to fill in an application form with my top 3 choices of destinations. When I received the email that I was accepted at Temple University, I could start my application for this university. You will receive some introduction emails about organizing your health insurance and suggestions for housing in Philadelphia. Also from this moment you could see the course overview and I had to schedule a zoom meeting with a coordinator to talk about the courses I want to take and see if it fits in a roster.	
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
During the application process, you can always email the International Office of the UU for questions. The time before I went abroad, the international office was always very helpful and I could also plan a personal meeting to ask for advice and talk about issues I had.	
academic preparation	
To be able to enroll in courses, no additional English level tests or other preparation was required at Temple University.	
language preparation	
I felt like my English level was sufficient enough and there were no extra requirements given from the University so I did not follow any English courses before my exchange.	
finances	
To live in Philadelphia it is pretty expensive. The rent of my apartment was \$1100 a month but this was one of the most expensive options, I also heard people we shared an apartment with two others and paid \$750 a month. Groceries and kind of the same as in NL, there is an Aldi nearby which is pretty cheap. I think for one semester including living, trips to other cities, events, insurance and groceries you should count around \$10.000.	

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
The courses at Temple are taught through the whole semester. At Temple they are not working with two periods in between one semester. This requires you to do some extra studying and to keep up with the material. The material is easier than the material you are used to in Utrecht but the fact that it is taught in English can make it a bit harder for you. Important is that you are ahead with the material so you know what the teacher is talking about in class.	
academic quality of education activities	
At Temple law school, the quality in education is very high. Teachers are also really good, in particular the one from Criminal law 1. The method of teaching is different than in Utrecht. At Temple, teachers will use the Socratic method. This means that they will 'call on people' and can pick a random student to have a discussion with or to ask questions. In my experience, the teachers will go easy on the exchange students and are more into testing out the Americans.	
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
At Temple they are really helpful to students. Emails will be responded quick and you will be assisted by everything you ask help for.	



transfer of credits

Ordering a transcript of records from Temple and sending that to the board of examiners of UU Law is very easy. By the time I turned this report that transfer is not complete yet but I do not expect any problems. At Temple, courses will mostly be for 3 or 4 credits each. One credit at Temple is equal to 2 ECTS in Utrecht.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Depending for which semester you are applying the orientation is different. I was at Temple during the Fall semester. This period started with 2 weeks of introduction. Those weeks were really helpful to understand the order of the semester and to meet all the other exchange students. In those two weeks, you mostly have only 2/4 hours of class and besides that, you have a lot of time to discover the city and make friends with the other exchange students.

accommodation

I rented an apartment with another student from UU. I was a 2 bed 2 bath apartment which was located off-campus and around 7 minutes walking to the law school on campus. I was an expensive apartment compared to other housing options. The company was very forthcoming and helpful, the apartment building was owned by someone who also owned other student apartment buildings nearby. If there was a problem, there were always there to fix it, even within a few hours.

leisure & culture

I really liked Philadelphia. For me it was the first time in the US so everything was new and special to me. The first months from August till the end of October were actually really warm, so you were able to go into the city a lot. Left and right of Philadelphia are rivers. I really liked to go to the Schuylkill River and there is a nice walk past the Museum of Art. City centre is also a place I really liked. There is a lot to do, nice bars and some clubs to go out. Old city has also nice bars and good vintage stores if you are into that. The campus of Temple is really safe, a lot of security is around there and it is really clean. The subway system there is also really nice and easy. It is possible you will see some dirt on the streets. This was something I had to get used of but maybe it is not that bad if you are there.

For something less exciting about Philadelphia especially the region directly north of Temple Campus. Crime rates are very high there. If at all possible, do not go north of campus especially not at night. I do not mean to frighten you out of going there it is just something I feel is important for you to know before going there.

suggestions/tips

Use all the sport facilities temple offer! There are so many things to do. We even created our own soccer team.

Go to sport games. I went to a lot of NBA games and I loved it. There are also American football and basketball games from Temple you can see for free.

You should visit other cities for sure. There are so many bus companies who can bring you to NYC for so less money. Also Atlantic city and Washington is easy to visit. There is plenty of time to go on a trip with friends to cities further away like Miami or even the west coast. If you book those trips in advance, flight tickets are not that expensive.

Enjoy Philly as well! Walk around and see new things, there is so much to do.

CONCLUSIONS



would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Yes, I was amazing. I made really good friends, had a very good time discovering new places, and I enjoyed every moment of living abroad. Temple is well organized and offers you a lot. You should definitely try to go here.

do you have any additional advice or comments?



PREPARATION

Exchange application process at Utrecht University

When I applied to get selected for an exchange programme, I had to make a top 3 of destinations I would have liked to go to for an exchange semester. I also had to write a motivation letter for my number 1 destination. This letter ended up being approximately 2 pages long. In addition, I had to hand in a list of my records. Because I wanted to go to an English-speaking country, I also handed in my Cambridge English certificates that I have. After handing in everything that was needed, I received an email around a month later in which I was notified that I could go to the United States.

Counselling & support at Utrecht University

To be honest, I did not really get any support or counselling from anyone working for Utrecht University. They only helped with the application process, but once I was accepted by my host university, I was on my own to figure everything out.

Academic preparation

I personally did not prepare myself academically. I had to select my courses once I arrived in the US, so there was no preparation needed on an academic level.

Language preparation

I also did not prepare anything language wise. I had the advantage of going to an English-speaking country, so that would be a privilege for anyone who already has a good understanding of the English language. If I had been selected for a non-English-speaking country, I would have prepared beforehand by learning some basics (e.g. how to greet people).

Finances (living costs)

I fortunately already had some money saved up in my savings account, so money was not that big of a problem. However, be warned that living in the US is not cheap. I paid approximately \$1500 a month on rent alone. The textbooks I had to purchase were around \$500 in total and the flights were around \$1500 to go back and forth. This means that I paid around \$8,000 just to be there. I did not have this full amount to my disposal, but fortunately my parents helped me out financially. It would be wise to beware of the high costs.

Study period abroad /About the host university

Study programme (content and organisational issues at partner)

Temple University organizes a lot of activities for students. They organized pep rallies, bus tours through the city, movie nights, etcetera. The study programme (for law school) consisted out of school days that are from Monday through Thursday, which means that every Friday is a day off. The activities that they organize are throughout the whole week.

Academic quality of education activities

I followed 4 courses during the whole semester. The courses that I followed were Evidence, Civil Procedure, American Legal System and Legal Research and Writing. The courses American Legal System and LRW were mandatory courses. The other two I could choose myself. The quality of these classes was very good. The professors were skilled and experienced in the courses that they taught. I had class with both American and international students, which I liked because it created a diverse dynamic in class.

Counselling & support at receiving university abroad (before and during your stay)

I received a lot of counselling emails from Temple. They guided me through the whole process. During my stay I had narrow contact with Karen. She guides all of Temple's international students and she checked in with me regularly to make sure I was getting along with my classmates and such.

Transfer of credits



Once I received my grades, I had to place an order for my transcript of records. I had to pay for this, because it is a confidential document that Temple had to send to UU personally. I also received an email from UU saying that they received the transcript, but my grades still have get transferred into Osiris. I am currently waiting for that to happen.

STUDENT LIFE

Welcome/Orientation programme

The first week upon my arrival, Temple organized an orientation week in which they toured us around campus and told us about the university life in the US. During this week I also met the other international students that were on exchange. Not everyone was present during this week, because it was during the summer break, but I highly recommend everyone to go to this week. I personally made friends with a couple of people that I am still in touch with during the orientation week.

Accommodation

Beware that accommodation is difficult to take care of. I would recommend that looking into accommodation should be high up your to-do list. This is because all the international students need housing, so there might be some competition. If you're going to Philadelphia, investigate in The Greenery, Skyline and Temple Nest.

Leisure & culture

The US has a very different culture when it comes to sports. Americans take college/university sports teams very seriously. This means that there were opportunities for me to go to sports games of sports I had never really invested in before. Examples are Philadelphia basketball (go 76ers!), American football (go Eagles!), baseball (go Phillies!) and ice hockey (go Flyers!).

Besides sports, I experienced some celebrations the American way. An American family invited me over for Thanksgiving dinner and I went to some Halloween parties.

Suggestions/tips (need to knows)

My number one tip is: start taking care of everything ON TIME. The application for your visa could take a long time and you don't want to come across unfortunate surprises.

Get a credit card. You can't pay for anything in the US without a credit card. Temple also guides students to open up an American account, but you don't want to go through that process. For an American debit card you need a social security number, and this process is not easy to go through as an immigrant.

Invest in a Septa Key card. With a Septa you can travel with all public transportations that Philly offers. You can make an own account online, and you can also add value to your card online. You can get a Septa at any subway station in the city. If you're looking for once, Cecil B. Moore is the station that's the closest to Temple.

If you want to take a bus to cities surrounding Philly (such as New York City and Washington D.C.) you can take a Flixbus for around \$20 (I recommend that you download the app so you have the tickets on your phone) or you can take the Amtrak train that's a little bit more expensive.

CONCLUSIONS

Would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? Please explain why (or not)

I most certainly recommend Temple to others. The university is very attentive to their students and Philly is a great city. With all big cities in the US, you do have to be aware of the neighbourhoods to avoid. Aggressive felonies are more likely to happen in the US, because of their gun control. If you avoid North-Philadelphia however, you'll be good. Philly has a lot of American history and the safe neighbourhoods (such as Italian



Market and Chinatown) make the city very charming. I will always look back at Temple & Philadelphia with a great feeling in my heart.

Do you have any additional advice or comments?

Socialize with your classmates, go to sports games and most important of all: enjoy! Going on exchange is a once in a lifetime experience and you should enjoy every second of it.

PS: if you have some time off in between classes, try to see more of the country! For example, I went to Florida for a couple of days, because the flight prices are relatively cheap!



2021 – 2022

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
<p>The application process is not too difficult. The Exchange Office has a lot of information available on all of the possible destinations. This will allow you to make an informed decision on where you want to go. Filling out the application did not present me with any difficulties. Then the wait begins. If UU accepts your application, they will nominate you to the destination university. In my case, I was nominated to Temple University and accepted without any problems. Now the hard part begins, you have to apply for a USA student visa. This process can be quite cumbersome and time consuming. Make sure to start early in applying for this visa, otherwise you might not be able to get it in time for the start of your exchange.</p>	
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
<p>Overall, the support I got from Utrecht University was good. Due to covid my exchange was cancelled. UU insisted that the travel advice from the Dutch authorities was leading and that they had to adhere to it. UU seems to have reconsidered now. They have opened a procedure that will allow you to prove to them that the situation at your destination is safe. If you are able to do so they will let you go despite the travel advice from the Dutch authorities. This is a great improvement. Two weeks before my exchange would have started, Utrecht University decided that I could go anyway. The support I got from them during those two weeks was great. This was a very important factor in my ability to prepare for this exchange in two weeks. (I did have my US visa before my exchange got cancelled, otherwise it would not have been possible to travel to the US within two weeks.)</p>	
academic preparation	
<p>I researched what law courses Temple University taught at their law school. I also did have some prior knowledge of the US law system, very basic.</p>	
language preparation	
<p>Having the ability to speak and write at a high level in the English language is one of the most important things to succeed at a law school in the US. The level of English used there is a lot more sophisticated than most English courses I had at Utrecht University. If you do not feel confident in your ability to speak English at such a level, I would not recommend going to an American law school.</p>	
finances	
<p>Temple requires you to have sufficient funds to finance the exchange. Otherwise, they will not grant you an i-20 which is required for a US visa. Personally, I think their estimation of what a semester would cost is lower than what it would actually cost. I think I spent an estimated amount of EUR 12000. This does include several trips to Puerto Rico, the Niagara Falls and Atlantic City.</p>	

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study program (content and organizational issues)	
<p>The courses taught at Temple take a whole semester instead of half a semester at UU. This requires you to do some extra studying and to keep up with the material. I would also say that there is more material that is covered per week.</p>	
academic quality of education activities	
<p>The quality of education at the Temple law school is very high. I find it hard to compare but it is at least as good</p>	



if not better than the education at Utrecht University. I would say the professors are much better for sure.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

This was great, the support I received from them helped me get up and running even after I arrived a little late due the earlier cancellation and reinstatement of my exchange due to covid.

transfer of credits

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STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation program

Due to the cancellation and reinstatement of my exchange I arrived to Philadelphia when the orientation period had already ended. I cannot say much about it. However, I did hear from students who were able to attend that it was very comprehensive.

accommodation

I rented a room in a 4 bed 2 bath apartment at an off-campus housing facility at five minutes walking distance from the law school. I would say it was not expensive compared to other housing options. The company was very forthcoming and helpful. If there was a problem, they would always be there to fix it. If it was urgent often within a few hours.

leisure & culture

There is a lot to do in Philadelphia. There is a bar on campus called Maxi's which would probably be your closed option to go out. They also do have amazing pizza. However, for an amazing night out I would recommend city center. The place is riddled with bars and clubs which have a great vibe going. Also, if you are in Philadelphia on Labor Day make sure to attend Made in America the festival always has great singers and bands. They had Justin Bieber in 2021 for example.

For something less exciting about Philadelphia especially the region directly north of the Temple Campus. Crime rates are very high there. There are regular shootings and robberies. If at all possible do not go north of the campus especially not at night. I do not mean to frighten you out of going there it is just something I feel is important to know before going there.

suggestions/tips

I have a few

- Make sure to enjoy city center. There is a lot of history there, signing of the declaration of independence was done there and the constitution was also drafted there. In addition, there are a lot of bars, clubs and restaurants to enjoy.
- For easy access to a car when you need one you can get a Zipcar subscription. This is quite cheap for college students.
- Make sure to visit NYC and Washington both only two hours away. A road trip to the Niagara Falls in Canada (make sure to go to the Canadian side as you will be able to see everything way better) is also a lot of fun if you have the time.
- Temple has a lot of division 1 college sports such as, American football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball make sure to go visit games while you are there. Tailgating before the American football games is a lot of fun as well.
- Do not rent an apartment with the temple on-campus housing facility, they are outrageously expensive for what you get. They are very strict when it comes to visitors and there is no drinking in there.



- Do not go north of campus or rent an apartment north of the campus.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Absolutely, my time there was amazing. I had a lot of fun with the other students there. The facilities Temple offers are great. You get free access to a swimming pool and fitness center. And much more. Do not miss your chance to come here.

do you have any additional advice or comments?



2019 – 2020

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
Try to not do everything last minute. Give yourself enough time to write a motivation letter and to get your study plan checked and affirmed by a study counsellor. As for the rest, just follow the steps on the UU website.	
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
You can always ask questions at the International Office and there are a couple of meetings and presentations prior to the exchange where you get information about what to expect and what you need to do before you go abroad.	
academic preparation	
I didn't have any academic preparation before going abroad.	
language preparation	
I didn't have any language preparation. Dutch people are pretty good in understanding and speaking English. If you're not the best at it, don't worry! Studying in the US will be the best practice you can get and you will get used to the language in no time.	
finances	
Living in the US is more expensive than living in the Netherlands. I needed some time to accept it, but after some time you will get used to it. The rent, groceries and living in general are quite expensive, but you can save a lot of money by bringing your own lunch every now and then and cooking your own dinner. On the other side, this is a one in a lifetime experience! Go do some fun stuff, visit sports games and go on trips. I had some savings left and of course DUO to finance my exchange.	

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
For international students there is one mandatory class (Legal Research and Writing) and one recommended class (Introduction to the US Legal System). You can choose up to 3 extra classes. For some you get a final exam and for some you have to write an essay. I took 4 classes (the two above and Contracts and Intellectual Property) for a total of 13 credits (31 ECTS). Choose wisely, because after you choose, you only get one week to make changes. It's definitely possible to take 5 classes, but it's a challenge and you have to spend some more time in the library.	
academic quality of education activities	
The academic quality is good. In my opinion the difficulty at the UU is a bit higher than it is at Temple, but the classes at Temple require much more preparation. The professors expect a lot from you and most of them will cold-call you. This means they will ask you to tell something about a specific case or to answer a question in class. I would suggest that you read the materials before class and write a case brief (or look one up on the internet ;)) so that you can answer the professors' questions or at least give it a try. If you keep up with the readings and take notes in class, you will do just fine during the final exams.	
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
The counselling and support at Temple is great. Karen (you will know who I'm talking about when you get there) is always happy to answer any questions you have. She is, among other things, there to be sure your time at Temple is as pleasant as possible. It's also very normal to go to office hours. If you have any questions about a specific class, you can just go to that professor and they will be glad to help you.	



transfer of credits

You can choose between a pass/fail system or the grading system (A, B, C, D, F). I chose for the grading system, but for the UU it doesn't matter what you chose as everything will be converted to either pass or fail. So it comes down to personal preference. Transferring credits is easy. Once you have received every grade, you can order a transcript. This can be done digitally. It doesn't take a lot of time for the UU to convert the credits to ECTS.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The orientation programme is great. It's a two-week introduction where you get to know your international classmates, Temple, the American way of studying law and Philadelphia! Some professors come to talk about the way of lecturing and what to expect. You'll visit a court and get a tour through the city and around campus. In the beginning everything seems so big and unreal, but after these two weeks you'll know your way around campus. After a couple of days you will know everybody's name and probably will make plans with a couple of international students to do something fun!

accommodation

Temple has a building for graduate students, which is called the Podiatric Residence Hall. That's where I lived. It's located in Chinatown, which is a 15 minute walk to city centre. There is a subway station really closeby, so getting to campus doesn't take too long. There also is a bike station really close, so if you choose to go by bike, that's also a possibility. It's quite expensive, but it's in one of safer area's of Philadelphia so it's not really a problem to go outside during the evening and go for a walk or run. There also is a gym in the building next to Podiatric where you can go for free as a Temple student. A couple classmates lived in North Philly (Skyline Apartments for example). I don't think there was much of a difference in rent, but it's much closer to campus (and that can save you money) and some popular bars and a grocery store are really nearby. It's in North Philly though, which is a bit more of a dangerous area.

Also in most of the appartments where you will live, there's not much there when you arrive. Only a bed, desk and drawer in your bedroom and a table and some chairs in the kitchen. You have to buy your own bedsheets, pillows, cutlery, pans and EVERYTHING else you can think of. So keep that in mind.

leisure & culture

There is so much to do in Philadelphia. The city has a lot of history and beautiful places to visit. Ofcourse city centre with its skyscrapers and city hall. East Philly where you can visit old city and relax at the piers with a beautiful view of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Delaware river. South Philly where you can go shopping and ofcourse try some Philly cheesesteaks. The Schuylkill River is an amazing place to go for a run. There are also a lot of street festivals, where you can party and eat some good food. It's also a must to visit a Temple Football game! As a student you can go there for free and the ambiance is just amazing, because sports are such a big thing in the US. During the week you can go to bars (if you're 21+) near Temple.

Philadelphia is relatively close to some other big American cities. It's a 1,5 hour bus drive to New York and a 4 hour bus drive to Washington and the tickets are not really expensive.

suggestions/tips

It's easy to get caught up in trying to keep up with all your classes. But the best tip I could give is that you should enjoy your exchange. Explore Philly, go on trips, have fun! I went to Washington and New York and even hired a car with some friends to make a road trip to Toronto and Chicago. There is so much to do and in the blink of an eye, you're studying for your final exams. So, make the most out of it.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain



Yes. Philadelphia is a great city. There is so much to do and even though it's a big city, you'll immediately feel at home. You'll will fall in love with the City of Brotherly Love! Temple is a great university. Everyone is willing to help you get through the semester and most of the American students are really kind and willing to help you with your classes.

do you have any additional advice or comments?



PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application starts with picking your top 3 destinations. After you've been selected for your designated university, you'll quickly receive emails from both Utrecht University and your university abroad. The application differs from destination to destination, but in case of Temple (other than remembering your password, which I didn't) it is pretty straightforward. Just start your application progress as soon as you get your hands on it, to prevent you from unnecessary stress. Don't overdo your motivation letter (I never heard anything about that, so chances are likely that no one reads it). Also, don't stress selecting your classes for the study plan, since you will not be required to make any real decision on that until actually starting the classes. As for all visa related topics, you can always contact Felicity Baker. For university related topics, you can contact Karen McMichael.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I didn't need much counselling or support from Utrecht University. I did attend the lectures for all students from the faculty who went abroad and emailed the International Office for other students who were also planning to go to Temple. We made a group chat which was really helpful and nice.

academic preparation

I didn't do any academic preparation and I think this is not necessary at all. Your academic/legal English will approve majorly by just attending classes at Temple, don't stress it in advance.

language preparation

Same as for the academic preparation. All Americans told us that Dutchies are really good in speaking English. For all European students, the language certificate will be waived.

finances

If you are travelling on a F-1 visa (which you are if you are not a U.S. citizen), you have to show that you possess 10.000 dollars, which can be done by screenshotting a bank statement. Besides that, rent is more expensive (I paid 1048 dollars a month), books are very expensive (my books were over 700\$ just for renting) and living expenses are just higher than you are used to. However, after ordering your first overpriced coffee, just take a deep breath and let it go: you are going to spend money anyway, don't let your experience be ruined by the high costs. Just be smart, bring your own food to campus and share costs with your roommate(s) or friend(s). Another financial tip is to get a English statement that you have a health insurance, which saves you from getting an American health insurance.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

If you need 30 ects, you will need around 12 credits: officially, one Temple credit transfers for 2 ects. However, if you get an extra statement from Karen, saying that your courses are L.L.M. level (which all of them are), they transfer for 2,5 ects. For example, I took 15 credits at L.L.M. level, which gave me 40 ects. Two classes are mandatory (and unfortunately, very boring): Introduction to the American Legal System (very easy!) and Legal Research and Writing (no exam, just a paper). My other classes were Constitutional Law (which I would really recommend, especially if the professor is still Mr. Green!), Environmental Law and Immigration Law (also very interesting!!). Karen helps every student when applying for classes and in the first two weeks, you can still switch classes. I really loved my classes, but it was a lot. I had classes from Monday till Thursday, but I was in the library on Fridays as well. In the exam period, me and my friends spend a lot of time in the library. I think I studied more than I do back home, but I also got way higher grades than I would get at home. If you don't feel like studying that much; it is almost impossible to actually fail a class in an American school so you'll probably



still be fine.
academic quality of education activities
The academic quality is about the same, but professors are way more involved and the classes are way smaller (as in, the amount of students). The classes do require more preparation: there are no assignments ('werkgroepopdrachten'), but reading materials which you can get called on. This means that the professor publicly asks you a question about the book. However, professors tend to skip the international students, so no need to stress about that. Class discussions are lively and interesting. However, sometimes the topics are far from law-like, but more political/history/philosophy-like discussions. Most professors are very passionate about their classes and are always willing to set up an office hour to help you. For me personally, I learned WAY more about the world at Temple University than I would have done back home.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
Karen McMichael is your go-to! Karen will be happy to sign any form and answer any question. You also have T.A.'s (teacher assistants), which are older (mostly) Americans students who sit in the classroom during the introduction week and can also help you out. Tip: ask your T.A.'s for their outlines/summaries for your exam preparation.
transfer of credits
I am still in the middle of transferring my credits but so far its been really easy. At the end of your semester, both Temple University and Utrecht University will send you a detailed email on how to arrange the transfer of your credits.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
<p>My big tip would be to apply for the fall semester (which starts in August). This way, you'll get a two-week introduction program which is really nice and helpful. During these two weeks, your T.A.'s will show you around campus, you will get all the information you'll need on classes/books/activities/studying/everything. Most importantly, you will meet all your friends and spend some time getting to know them before starting law school. My friends were mainly from The Netherlands, Germany and Spain and we did a lot of activities together, already during the orientation programme.</p> <p>The downside of the introduction program is that Karen and your T.A.'s will scare you about study load and everything. This is a very American way of doing things, don't take it too heavily and just use your Dutch brain: if you are able to pass your classes in The Netherlands, you will pass your classes at Temple as well without basically living in the library. Don't worry.</p>
accommodation
<p>Temple is situated in North Philadelphia, which is known as a high-crime neighborhood. Don't be scared by this, just use your brain wisely and don't walk the streets alone, drunk, in the middle of the night. I switched between using the subway and my bike to commute to campus. The Indego bikes are 17\$ a month and I really enjoyed having one (once a Dutchie, always a Dutchie!). I lived in the Podiatric Graduate House, which is located in Chinatown (almost Center City). I had the BEST roommate ever, which made the living really nice. However, it is really expensive and there is literally NOTHING there: you have to buy your own pillows, blankets, toilet paper, kitchen utensils, everything. The same goes for the Nest flats in North Philly. I think the best option is to find something yourself (on Facebook or other websites), and if that doesn't work, pick the Podiatric building. Podiatric also has a gym.</p>
leisure & culture
I loved Philly. You should definitely use your first weeks to explore Center City (City Hall, Reading Terminal Market, Chinatown, Art Museum, Liberty Hall), Old Town (Society Hill, Race St Pier, Cherry St Pier) and South Philly (South St and South St bridge), which are all lovely. A summer activity that me and my roomie loved was



the free yoga on Race Street Pier, check that out! Philadelphia has a lot of outdoor fests and markets, which are really worth it. Other than just strolling around and getting coffee, you should go see a Temple game a few times, go celebrate Halloween, go to a frat once or do some other really typical American thing. I'm really into working out, and as a Temple students you have access to literally 4 gyms and two swimming pools: way better than working out at Olympos in Utrecht. We also did a trip to the beach twice (Atlantic City and Ocean City), Washington (3 hours by bus) and New York (2 hours by bus). Really lovely! Also: introduce your international friends to Sinterklaas and celebrate it with them.

suggestions/tips

I was very nervous before my departure, I think that is normal. As soon as I unpacked my stuff and met my roommate, I loved everything. Don't stress law school too much (coming from a very stressy student lol) and enjoy Philly while the weather is still good. As soon as it gets cold, being outside is a challenge in itself. For other tips, just send me a text or call me and I'm willing to tell you everything that I forgot to mention in this report.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Yes!! Of course I can only speak for myself, but I hope this report shows my level of enthusiasm. My classes were really interesting, I really enjoyed the American academic setting, I met a lot of great people and literally would go back as soon as I got the chance.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

No! :-)



PREPARATION

exchange application process

Not too bad, just read through everything carefully and you should be fine. The most complicated part is receiving your I-20 (a form which you will receive from Temple by mail (not e-mail!)). This form is essential for getting a student visa. Start early and make your visa appointment (in Amsterdam) as soon as you have received the form. There's a couple of other things you will need to take with you on that appointment, but they will tell you. Also keep in mind that US identification photos (you will need one for your visa) are square as opposed to rectangular like we have in The Netherlands.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

UU does a great job at giving help if you need any. Paula was kind enough to give me the email addresses of the other two students who were joining me to Temple. This is a great tip, as you can help each other with the application process and get to know each other before your big flight.

academic preparation

If you're a third year law students you should be absolutely fine. Some courses you might be taking will be first year courses where they still focus a lot on 'how to think like a lawyer'. You will probably already have that mindset, which will make studying a lot easier.

language preparation

I took some english courses during high school, which gave me some confidence. However, legal english was still a surprise. I had a hard time concentrating reading those big fat books at the start. But after two weeks you really get into it and it gets much better. It's more a transitory period in which you will have to look up some words, but those words get used a 100 times on every page. Once you understand those, you get the rest.

finances

During the visa appointment in Amsterdam they might ask you for papers proving that you have enough finances. I went to my bank beforehand to ask if they wanted to print out a financial statement showing that I had enough. They were kind enough to do so, but not every bank may be so compliant. You may have to translate something yourself as long as it looks formal enough and you give the original dutch version with it.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Things got a little complicated. Temple will send you a link with their study programmes but beware: Legal Research and Writing and Introduction to the US Legal System are mandatory. The last one not necessarily, but they really advise you to take it. You can decide not to. The problem was that (a) those two courses fell in the middle of your day and thus I couldn't take some courses that I wanted because they overlapped (and they don't allow for a 5 min overlap) and (b) a lot of courses have limited space and/or are advanced (you need to have taken prerequisites). Temple students can already choose their courses in May, unlike you, who will choose them at the start of the semester. Thus, a lot of limited space courses will be taken. Really pay attention to which courses you want to take, what time they are, how many spaces, and if you can even take them. Keep in mind you can drop Intro. to US Legal System if you want to take other courses that overlap within that timeframe.

Something else: books. there's four ways of doing this. Books in the US are crazy expensive. A friend of mine paid around 800USD just to rent them for a semester (you aren't allowed to highlight those). So, you can (a) buy them (even more expensive) and they are heavy, thus not ideal to put in your luggage on your way back home, (b) rent them, (c) buy 1 edition earlier on amazon for 5% of the original price (you might be missing 2/3 cases in



a book) and (d) the library has the newest edition of each book, you can borrow those for free and make copies for on your tablet/notebook, the scanning machine works outstanding. I did a combination of c and d and used some of the money I saved to buy a tablet to read the scans on.

academic quality of education activities

Quality in the US really depends on the professor. They don't have curriculums for courses like in The Netherlands. The professor has all the power and teaches you whatever they find necessary. Some professors might focus on casefacts, and others on the holding (the court's argumentation). If I were to compare it to The Netherlands: you read a lot more (you have to due to the Socrates-method) but actually study a little less as you learn a lot on the go. Temple Law stands relatively high in the national rankings so quality overall should be pretty good.

One part which we found to be very annoying is that they tried to scare us a lot during the orientation program as to how hard law school is "you will be in the library the whole day, night, sleep there & have maybe 3 hours left to have fun". This is NOT true. The workload is a little bit more than in The Netherlands but the level isn't any higher and you don't have exercises every week like we do at the UU. It's just a lot of reading, not much more than you're used to.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Karen was very helpful with choosing my courses and informing me on which ones I could take or not.

transfer of credits

I took contracts (4CR), Intro. to Intellectual Property (3CR), Intro to US Legal System (3CR) and Legal Research & Writing (3CR). The main rule at Temple is 1CR = 2 ECTS. However, beware! US Legal and Reseaech & Writing are part of a LLM program, for which the UU gives you 2,5 ECTS per credit. That LLM program also included any first year course (such as contracts), for which you again get 2,5 ECTS per credit. Thus, I received 31 ECTS. If you know what's part of the LLM and what's not it's much easier to choose your courses accordingly to get the ECTS you need.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The orientation program was OK. Like I said, they try to scare you a lot during this period, don't let it get to you. They give a nice tour of campus and explain a lot of the facilities. There's not that much, but it's useful.

accommodation

I slept at Podiatric because a lot of UU students before me slept there aswell. It's in Chinatown, about a 15 min walk from the city centre and 15 min subway travel or a 20 min bike travel to campus. It's about a 15-30 min walk to the best areas in Philly (south street and the harborside). There's a chinese store very nearby where you can buy vegetables and chicken for a very good price. Also it's a safe area.

However, I noticed that I spend a lot of my time near campus as most student bars and activities were there. The area around campus is far less safe than Chinatown, but I never felt threatened there as there are always a lot of students walking in the streets.

Personally I might have preferred to live near campus after all because I only visited the nice areas at the start of the semester in tourist-like fashion and spend the rest of my time with friends near campus.

leisure & culture

We went to a lot of parties and activities in Philadelphia. I would strongly suggest to check out the fratparties & club markets at the start of the semester (you can sign up for sports teams, debate teams, comedy activities



and many more!) to get the vibe of a US university. The city itself also organises a lot of activities like free yoga near the harbor and foodtruck festivals where you're allowed to drink beers on the streets (crazy expensive though, bring your own). The Law School specifically organises a lot of seminars about interesting subjects. Northeast Philly has a lot of great bars and beergardens where you can casually play some pool or tabletennis.

We did a lot of trips with other exchange students such as weekends in NYC or DC (rather close and cheap to get to by bus) and even went on a roadtrip to Chicago. Travel as much as you can to experience more of the US.

The university itself also has a lot of FREE facilities. Students there pay a lot to go Temple, but they get a lot in return. There's multiple gyms, a swimming pool, game areas, a climbing wall, dancing rooms, basketball, football and soccer fields. All free to use. There's also a lot of free food if you know where to look so you can save some money that way. Talking about soccer: Temple also organises competitions for several sports within its own school (they're called intramurals). We made a soccer team with the exchange students. Lost pretty much every game, but it was great fun! Watch out for those. Temple also gives free tickets to their students for any national league competitions such as football and basketball. It's really fun to go to those to feel the student vibe of cheering for your team.

Culturally there was not that much of a difference. People start a conversation much quicker. Get used to asking and answering "how you doing?" with "good, you?" and that's it.

suggestions/tips

Yes, if you walk from the lawschool to the student center (you'll know soon enough what i'm talking about if you go there) there's usually about 3 falafel food trucks next to eachother parallel to the student center. Always pick the one closest to the taco truck!!! You'll get a stunning meat of choice over rice for 6USD with a free drink! It's one of the cheapest places around and it really fills you up.

Also, for transportation: a single subway ride is 2,50 USD. If you don't live near campus you might be spending a lot. You could also hire a bike (they're called indego). Where you pay around 20 USD a month to pick up and drop off a bike at any of their stations (there's a lot of them spread around the city). It's a good money saver, but beware that US road traffic isn't the same as in NL. A friend of mine broke her leg this semester biking. But she wasn't dutch ofcourse.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Absolutely. While Philly isn't necessarily the prettiest city in the US, it's very approachable and I had a blast with the people I was with. Also it's very close to great spots at the eastcoast.

do you have any additional advice or comments?



2018 – 2019

PREPARATION
exchange application process
The application process was not hard if you follow the steps on the website. The only thing I recommend is that you start the process as soon as you have decided you want to go.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The International Office is always happy to answer your questions.
academic preparation
I did not do any academic preparation. Everything you need to know will be explained to you in the introduction weeks.
language preparation
You don't need any language preparation. You can only make it a bit easier for yourself to search some legal definitions. However, you pick up legal words very fast when you are there.
finances
America is expensive. The rent is expensive and groceries are expensive. Besides that, you want to do some fun things when you are there. So make sure you have saved enough before you go. You have to show the University that you have \$10.000 before you go.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
You can chose up to four courses. Two courses are mandatory (when you go in the first semester): Introduction to the American Legal System and Legal Research and Writing. Besides that, you can chose any subject you want. I picked Evidence and International Trade Law. If you need the credits, you have to pick at least one 4-credit course.
academic quality of education activities
I would say that the academic level is comparable to the Dutch level. My professors were experts in the area. All professors have office hours, so you can drop by after class to ask additional questions.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
Karen McMichael is your contact person at Temple. She is doing this for many years now and can answer all your questions.
transfer of credits
For me, the transfer of credits was an easy process. As soon as I got my grades from Temple I gave them to the Studiepunt Rechten and within a week, the credits were transferred. Like I said before, check before you choose your courses if the American credits will give you sufficient ECTS.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The first two weeks are for introduction. You meet all the other international students from your semester and you get to know the campus area and Philly.
accommodation



I lived at Podiatry Hall. This is a university building, but in center city. I would recommend this, because it is in a safe neighborhood.

leisure & culture

There is so much to do in and around Philadelphia. Philadelphia has a lot of history for starters. Besides that there are food festivals and other events every week. New York and Washington D.C. are also pretty close. So you can easily visit those cities.

suggestions/tips

I highly recommend to attend sport events. From the university teams and the professional teams of Philadelphia as well. These are not only games, but there is also a lot of entertainment surrounding the games.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I would definitely recommend Temple. It is a good university and Philadelphia is a great city. It is also a pro that it is so close to New York. The people are very friendly.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Try to do as much fun things as possible next to your studies.



2017 – 2018

preparation
exchange/placement application process
<p>The only thing I would like to mention about the application process is that I would recommend you to start as soon as you are sure about your desired destination. There are a couple of things that could take some time, and you don't want to wait with those until days before the deadline. For example, you need to get a study plan checked and affirmed by a study counsellor, and possibly make some adjustments if this counsellor does not agree with your plan. Moreover, you don't want to underestimate the importance of your motivation letter. Make sure you have others read your letter, and ask/be open to feedback. I found the feedback of friends and family very helpful.</p>
counselling/support at home university
<p>I did not feel the need to contact my home university a lot during my time abroad, but they were very helpful before departure. I was informed about possible culture shocks I could experience, and about the differences between Dutch and American teaching. If you have any questions, make sure you ask Paula Banning at the international office, because I am sure she will happily answer all of them.</p>
academic preparation
<p>I did not do a lot of academic preparation before my departure to Temple University. You could read about the teaching style at American law schools. However, it's barely possible to acquire substantive knowledge beforehand, since you are not sure if the courses you would like to enroll in, are open to you. What you could do is read about the United States legal system, as the course about this subject is mandatory to international students. So, if you get picked for a semester at Temple University, you know for sure that you will have a course about the American legal system (only if you'll go in the first semester, though).</p>
language preparation
<p>The only language preparation I personally did, was a 2-day legal English course offered by the study association (JSVU). However, I don't think anybody at Utrecht University should worry about their capabilities regarding the English language. Before my departure, my friends always made fun of my English, and even I did not experience any serious trouble. Exchange students from several countries are required to show their English skills by making a test beforehand, and it's not without reason that Temple University has waived this test for its European students: Temple University found that these always fit in quite well without any major problems.</p>
finances
<p>Make sure that you have enough resources to study a semester in Philadelphia. You'll find that having to pay in dollars is favorable to you, since you get more than a dollar for every euro, which is nice. However, there are several expenses that are higher than you are used to, the rent in particular. I paid 900 dollars per month for my apartment. Other internationals paid around 700 dollars per month, but that is probably still a lot more than</p>



you are paying for your room in Utrecht. I believe you have to show that you possess around \$10500 to get a visa. You should be able to get all your necessities with that amount of money, but be prepared for extra expenses, since you probably want to go on a Thanksgiving trip (to Canada for example), or some sport/music events.

study/placement abroad period

study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)

I cannot tell you if the difficulty level at Temple University is higher or lower than at Utrecht University, but I can tell you that the classes require a lot more preparation. Professors will cold-call you with questions about the cases you had to prepare before class. Since some classes take preparation and attendance into the final grades, and since you don't want the slightly embarrassing experience of being called on unprepared, you should read all of the materials before class. I would advise you to use the library a lot during the week: There are more seats than students, and a lot of other internationals will be there as well, so you're able to suffer together. If you study from Monday to Friday, you should be able to take the weekends off.

academic quality of education/placement activities

The quality of education is excellent, in my view. The American students pay over \$20000 dollar per year for their law education. I was told that the professors in the United States therefore know that the expectations of their students are very high, and that they want to live up to those expectations. This is for example reflected by the fact that the professors have office hours: Students are welcome to stop by the offices of professors with any question they might have, outside of class hours. Moreover, a lot of professors are very passionate about the subjects they teach.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

There is a lot of counselling as soon as you arrive at Temple University. The international office at Temple University does not only help you with any question (study-related or not) you might have, but also helps proactively. They regularly send out emails with important dates and issues. They basically solve every problem before it occurs: For example, before you are even worrying about your exams yet, they've already organized a session to explain all exam procedures.

transfer of credits

The American way of grading is with letter grades. So, you're able to pass with a D, C, B or A, or to fail with an F. Passing grades will give you credits, which are different from ECTS. I needed 30 ECTS for my bachelor programme. 13 US credits gave me 31 ECTS, but I cannot guarantee that this will be the same for you. Utrecht University requires you to get your courses checked as soon as you are enrolled in them, so at that point you should ask how many ECTS the courses will give you. Transferring the credits was fairly easy. As soon as Temple has your grades, you can order a transcript. Because this can be done digitally, it does not need to take more than a couple of weeks to get your credits transferred and acknowledged.

student life



welcome/orientation programme

The orientation programme at Temple University is excellent. At least, when you go the first semester. Namely, in August, before classes start, the international office organizes a two-week introduction programme. You get a tour around all important campus buildings, you'll get a tour, by bus, through the city of Philadelphia, you'll get a brief introduction to the American legal system and the American culture, and you'll get instructed in some basic US law school skills (case briefing and outlining). After these two weeks, you don't only know your way around campus, but you will also know your fellow internationals really well, and you will know Karen and Louis really well. These two members of the international office will make sure your stay will be as smooth as possible, and will go out of their way to make sure that you are able to study to the best of your abilities. They are amazing: After the two weeks they will know everyone's name, but they also still remember the names of exchange students that were at Temple five years before you, if you ask them.

accommodation

Temple University has a campus in the north of Philadelphia. Staying in Temple Housing on campus is only for undergraduate students, and not for exchange students enrolled in law school (a graduate school). There is a lot of rentable housing around the campus, though. However, that neighborhood is sketchy, and Temple does not recommend you to go outside after dark, at least not on your own. So, you'll rather want to live in Center City. Temple University has one building for graduate students, and it is in the heart of the city: The Podiatric Residence Hall. This is where I lived during my exchange. The rent is high, as I mentioned before, but you are in the heart of the city, instead of in one of the less attractive parts of town. The commute from Podiatric to campus is no problem at all, since there is a subway station just outside of the building. Getting to campus should only take you about 15 minutes. The Podiatric Residence Hall in principle only offers housing for a full study year. However, when not all apartments are leased, you'll be able to lease a room for just a semester. I believe they will know if there are apartments left around the end of June/at the start of July.

leisure/culture

The culture in the United States is very different from the one at home, and I loved every minute of it. There is a great feeling of community in Philadelphia, and everyone will help you out as soon as they see you are facing difficulties. That started on the first day, when I had some trouble with figuring out the train from the airport to the city of Philadelphia. Immediately, there were at least three people helping me with the procedure. This is no different on campus: The American students in class really liked the fact that they could show their culture to the internationals at their university, and included us in a lot of their activities: After the first class already, a group of American students asked us to join them for a game of basketball, and to come and watch a football match with them in a pub nearby.

suggestions/tips

A nice way to meet American students, is joining an intermural sports team: There are various sports that have competitions on campus. When you join an intermural sports team, you'll play against other teams of Temple students.

**conclusions**

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

Absolutely. You'll just be amazed by the fact who structured and organized everything is. The first two weeks really help you getting around the university, and after the two weeks the members of the international office will keep supporting you on a regular basis. Moreover, the professors are really passionate about their courses, and the American students are really passionate about their culture. You'll feel at home immediately, and the only real problem you'll face is the fact that you don't want to leave in December.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I hope that the above gives you an idea of how a semester at Temple University would be. It's of course impossible to summarize a complete semester in a document like this. So, if you are interested after reading the above, but you are still in doubt, or you have any other question, feel free to ask the international office in Utrecht for my email address. I would be happy to help you with any question regarding the application, or my stay at Temple University.



preparation
exchange/placement application process
The usual process. I needed to submit a motivation letter, my resume and my grades. Philadelphia was a popular destination in my year, so there were more students who signed up for Temple University than actually could go.
counselling/support at home university
I went to the presentation about studying abroad. During the presentation it became very clear what you have to do for the application of an exchange. You can also e-mail the international office or walk by the international office for further questions, but that was not necessary for me.
academic preparation
I did not do any extra courses for the exchange.
language preparation
I did a short Legal English training.
finances
Savings and some support from my parents. Living in Philadelphia is more expensive than in Utrecht.
study/placement abroad period
study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)
I already obtained all my credits that I needed for my bachelor, so I decided to do only three courses. It is mandatory to do the course Legal Research and Writing and Introduction to the American Legal System. Besides those, I also chose to do the course Introduction to Intellectual Property. I think the two mandatory were a little bit easier than most courses in Utrecht, but Intellectual Property was a little bit harder.
academic quality of education/placement activities
The academic quality really depends on the course and the professor. You can sign up for almost every class only for some courses It is required to have passed another course.
counselling/support at host institution/organisation
The professors and the people at Temple University were really kind and very helpful. The professors have office hours outside class, where you can just walk in their office to ask questions.
transfer of credits
For these three courses, I obtained 21 credits. If you want to obtain 30 credits, you can do 4 bigger courses or 5 smaller courses.
student life



welcome/orientation programme

I really enjoyed the orientation program. It started two weeks before our classes would actually start. It was a really nice way to get to know the University, the staff and the other international students.

accommodation

I lived in Podiatric Residence Hall. I can really recommend this place. It is the only hall of Temple University where graduate students can live. (as a law student you are a graduate student). I shared an apartment with an American girl. We each had our own bedroom and shared a living room, kitchen and bathroom. The location was really good. It was in city center. Commuting to the law school on campus took only 10-15 by subway.

leisure/culture

There is a lot to do in Philly! It is a big American city and has a lot of history. Furthermore, it is really close to New York and Washington DC. I made a lot of weekend trips to these places. Going out is also definitely possible in Philly. I liked to go out in Old Town, but there are also a lot of other fun places. I also have been to American college parties (fraternity parties) a few times, which I think is a must see.

At Temple University you can also do a lot besides studying. There are a few gyms, a swimming pool and you can join sport teams, which you can do for free as a Temple Student. I think it is also really fun to watch the Temple sport games. I went to a lot of football games. And there is much more!

suggestions/tips

I can really recommend living in Podiatric Residence hall or somewhere else in center city. I also had some friends with a nice AirBnB. There are also a lot of student apartments near campus which are nice, but you should know that Temple University is located in North Philly and the area around campus is not really safe during the evening/night.

conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

Yes I would really do. I had a lot of fun. Philly is a really cool city and I made amazing friends.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

preparation

exchange/placement application process

The application process was pretty easy. The Law department gave a presentation where they explained everything that was important for the process. It is advised to start early with the preparations. Your motivation



letter can require a lot of work.
counselling/support at home university
Student service and International Office were always able to answer any questions I had.
academic preparation
I did not really do much of an academic preparation before leaving. It wasn't really necessary but if you do want to have an advantage on the rest of your classmates at Temple, you could familiarize yourself with the American legal system before departure.
language preparation
I took the 'Legal English for Academic Purposes' course that is offered by Babel. It did make me more comfortable with speaking English when I started at Temple. I noticed that it also had broadened my legal vocabulary.
finances
Studying abroad can be quite expensive so I started saving money that I earned with my job. My parents also helped me out with the expenses.
study/placement abroad period
study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)
We got to choose our own courses so that was awesome. The content was adequate and made sure we were getting the courses that were necessary, such as Introduction to the American legal system.
academic quality of education/placement activities
<p>The quality of education at Temple is really high. The professors motivate you and do their best to make sure you are as prepared as you can be for exams. They have office hours and are always prepared to see you or answer questions via email.</p> <p>What I also noticed was that the quality of the classes given to only international students was significantly lower than the classes with mostly JD students. My advice would be to take as many classes possible with mostly JD students.</p>
counselling/support at host institution/organisation
Karen and Louis were both really nice and helpful. You could always drop by their office if you needed help with anything.
transfer of credits
The transfer of credit, from what I know so far, has been a bit unfair. Some courses deserve more points than others, this is something you also notice when studying at Temple. Make sure to get an extra course back in Utrecht, just as a back up plan.



student life
welcome/orientation programme
The welcome programme was interesting and fun. We go to meet our class, the dean and even had a tour through Philly. It was fun!
accommodation
It was pretty hard to find accommodation. My advice is to start early with your search. Sent Karen (Temple) and email if you need any help. I lived in an Air-bnb for a month before finding a place. I stayed at the International House in West-Philadelphia. It's a great neighbourhood, very safe and you're in city centre within 13 minutes.
leisure/culture
Philadelphia is an amazing city! You can find amazing museums but also good parties. There is something to do every weekend and the city is close to other cool cities such as: New York and Washington.
suggestions/tips
<p>Start early with finding a place but do NOT live on campus or around it! From what I saw, the neighbourhood is not safe.</p> <p>Try to do ,as much as you homework allows, you when in Philadelphia. Football game, parties & sightseeing but also going to meetings with law firms and connecting a lot. You are going to miss it more than you think when you leave.</p>
conclusions
would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain
Yes, I would definitely recommend it. Not only is Philadelphia a great city, there is also a lot to do! Temple is also a very good University. Students get motivated and they get a lot of opportunities to connect with law firms and other law students.
do you have any additional advice or comments?