

# Master of Laws Program

Temple University Beasley School of Law  
Tsinghua University School of Law

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of Temple University

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# 法学院介绍

## About the Law Schools

Temple University, founded in 1884, is a comprehensive public university with nearly 40,000 students based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Temple law school is nationally ranked for its trial advocacy, international law, and legal research and writing specialties. With 1,200 students and 70 full-time faculty members, Temple law school is well regarded in the field of legal education.

Tsinghua University, founded in 1911, is one of China's most prestigious universities with over 40,000 students based in Beijing, China. Tsinghua law school is nationally recognized for its Anglo-American law, civil law, and criminal specialties. With 1,500 students and over 50 full-time faculty members, Tsinghua law school is considered a top choice for many of China's law students and future leaders.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS

# 院长致辞



**Dean JoAnne Epps**

Thank you for your interest in the Temple-Tsinghua Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Beijing. We welcome you to the first and longest-running foreign LL.M. program in China. The friendship and cooperation between Temple and China date back to 1979, when Temple bestowed an Honorary Doctorate of Laws upon Deng Xiaoping. Temple has long worked to form enduring bonds of cooperation with the Chinese government and educational institutions, especially Tsinghua University.



**Dean Wang Zhenmin**

Temple established this program in 1998 as part of the rule-of-law initiatives launched by Presidents Jiang Zemin and Bill Clinton. Temple then became the first foreign university approved by the Chinese government to offer a foreign law degree program in China. To date, we are proud that nearly 500 students have graduated from this program.

The Temple-Tsinghua LL.M. program is one of the most renowned international legal exchange programs in China, having been recognized by both the U.S. and Chinese governments for its achievements. The U.S. Senate passed a resolution acknowledging that Temple “has succeeded in furthering the goal of promoting collaborative legal exchanges between the United States and China.” Similarly, Jiang Zemin has noted the program’s “lofty mission in educating qualified legal professionals in China.”

Students benefit not only from systematic study in U.S. law, but also from a diverse classroom environment with experienced lawyers and officials from the Chinese public and private sectors. Chinese judges, prosecutors, government officials, law professors, and lawyers all come together to discuss fundamental legal concepts in U.S. law. They share their diverse perspectives with each other and with American law professors and practicing lawyers. In addition, the program provides students with the opportunity to exchange views with U.S. judges, including a private meeting at the U.S. Supreme Court. Students also benefit from the program’s alumni network in China and around the world.

In sum, the unique strengths of the program include the broad-ranging faculty expertise, comprehensive and practice-oriented course study, and extensive student resources available at Temple and Tsinghua. The program’s curriculum offers rich insight into U.S. law, academically and practically, thus allowing students to expand their thoughts and develop analytical skills while improving their abilities to engage in international legal practice.

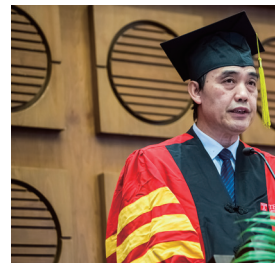
We invite you to apply to the program and become a member of the Temple-Tsinghua family.

# TEMPLE IN CHINA 天普在中国

*Historic meetings between Chinese government and Tsinghua and Temple officials since 1979*



*Deng Xiaoping and Former Temple President Marvin Wachman (1979)*



*Tsinghua University Vice President*



*Meeting with SAFEA Minister Zhang and Temple President Theobald (2013)*



*Jiang Zemin and former Temple President Peter Liacouras at Zhongnanhai (1998)*



*Former Vice Minister of Education Chen Xi with former Temple President Ann Weaver Hart*



*Zhu Rongji and Dean Emeritus Robert Reinstein (2003)*



*Tsinghua International Affairs*



*Deng Lin, daughter of Deng Xiaoping, with Temple and Tsinghua Leadership (2009)*



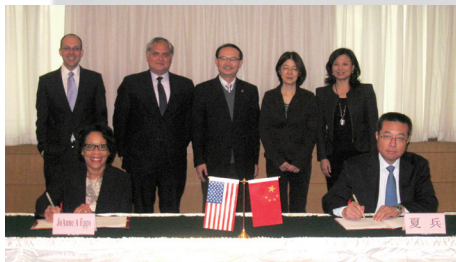
*Former U.S. Senator Arlen Specter and Tsinghua law school Associate Dean Shen Weixing (2010)*



*Zhejiang University Visit*



President Yuan Si



Temple-SAFEA Agreement Signing Ceremony



Temple-Tsinghua Agreement Signing Ceremony

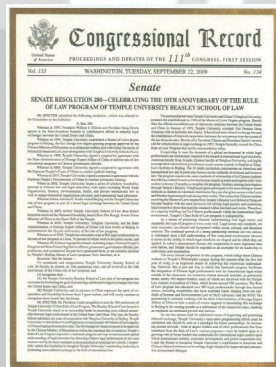


Temple-ECUPL Agreement Signing Ceremony



Temple-Yingke Law Firm Agreement Signing Ceremony

# Law School Partnerships 中国合作伙伴



Senate Resolution 280. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Rule of Law Program



Adapted from Deng Xiaoping's Biography



Faculty Office Visit



Temple-Nankai Agreement Signing Ceremony



Temple-CUEB Agreement Signing Ceremony



Temple-Tsinghua Graduation



Temple and Tsinghua Faculty and Leadership

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW 美国法学硕士项目

The Temple-Tsinghua LL.M. program equips Chinese legal professionals with the knowledge, reasoning capacity, and technical skills essential to succeed as legal practitioners in a global context. Through 15 months of study, students sharpen their analytical abilities, develop new legal thought processes, and enhance their capacity to communicate about legal concepts.

Classes meet at Tsinghua law school in Beijing, except for a U.S. summer session on Temple's main campus in Philadelphia. The program begins with a one-month intensive Legal English course that prepares students for their law school coursework. The courses in Beijing focus on principal areas of American law studied by law students in the United States, with course offerings in civil, criminal, and commercial law. During the summer term in Philadelphia, students focus on technical skill, while also visiting sites such as federal and state courts, a state crime lab and prison, and prosecutor and public defender offices.

Graduates of the program receive a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from Temple and a Certificate of Completion from Tsinghua. The program is approved by the Ministry of Education of China and acquiesced by the American Bar Association (ABA).

Courses are taught in English by Temple full- and part-time faculty, Tsinghua faculty, and adjunct professors who are expert practitioners in their fields. The composition of the Faculty varies from year to year.

The Temple Law Alumni Association of China (TLAAC) has almost 500 members and holds events each year. TLAAC gives students a strong platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and professional development.

## Degree Requirements

### 学位要求

The Master of Laws degree is conferred upon students who complete the required credit hours with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better and who are recommended for the degree by the faculty. Temple policy requires that students attend at least 80% of their classes, although most professors increase this requirement for individual courses.

Detailed information on the academic program, degree requirements, policies, and codes of conduct are available from Temple's Assistant Dean of Graduate and International Programs.

## Highly-Ranked Programs

### 持续上升的排名

Our Students benefit from access to Temple's world-class faculty as well as support through individualized academic and career advising. In the 2014 U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools rankings, Temple's Trial Advocacy and Legal Writing programs were ranked 2nd and 5th, respectively, while the International Law program was ranked 13th.

## Contributors and Scholarship Donors 奖学金和捐助者

We are very grateful to have received support from the American and Chinese corporate and legal communities.

DuPont is a proud supporter of the arts and education through the DuPont Theatre and its programs.

### Scholarship Contributors:

- E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
- American International Group, Inc.
- Yingke Law Firm

### Alumni Contributors:

- Mr. Liu Chi
- Mr. Wang Zhengzhi
- Mr. Wang Hongpeng
- Ms. Shen Dongmei
- Mr. Zhu Wenting
- Mr. Cai Kaiming
- Ms. Zhao Weicheng
- Ms. Leng Yijia
- Mr. Tan Jiakai
- Mr. Zhang Ruoyu

# CURRICULUM

# 课程设置

The program includes basic and elective courses. All students must complete the basic courses as well as the required number of electives. The courses listed are representative of the types of courses that may be offered in any given year.

Each term is eight weeks, with seven weeks of courses and one week of exams. Courses generally meet three half days per week.

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

For students to be better equipped for law practice, practical coursework is included in the curriculum.

We regularly invite guest speakers to address students who are from government, corporate, and legal communities. Previous guest speakers have included counsel from Alston Bird, HP, Boeing, and the US Department of Justice.

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

Select students are given internship opportunities with the Philadelphia offices of Reed Smith, Blank Rome, and Alston & Bird .

## Legal English Program

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

## Basic Courses

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

## Elective Courses

Antitrust Law  
Civil Procedure  
Commercial Law (UCC)  
Conflict of Laws  
Criminal Procedure  
Evidence Law  
Intellectual Property Law  
International Business Transactions  
Investment Law  
Professional Responsibility

## Academic Calendar 课程安排

2014 - 2015 Academic Calendar (subject to revision)

**First Term: Intensive Legal English Training-ILET: August 4 to August 27, 2014**

**Second Term: September 1 to October 24, 2014 (Exams: October 27 to 31, 2014)**

**Golden Week Holiday**

**Third Term: November 3 to December 19, 2014 (Exams: December 22 to 26, 2014)**

**Winter Break**

**Fourth Term: March 2 to April 17, 2015 (Exams: April 20 to 24, 2015)**

**Fifth Term (Philadelphia Summer Session): May 18 to July 16, 2015**

**Sixth Term: August 31 to October 23, 2015 (Exams: Oct. 26 to Oct 30, 2015)**

**Graduation: October 31, 2015**

# FACULTY 项目教授

*Courses are taught by Temple full- and part-time faculty, visiting faculty from other U.S. law schools, Tsinghua faculty, and adjunct professors who are expert practitioners in their fields. The composition of the program faculty will vary from year to year.*



John Smagula



Chris Norris



Mo Zhang



Robin Nilon



Dean Emeritus Robert Reinstein



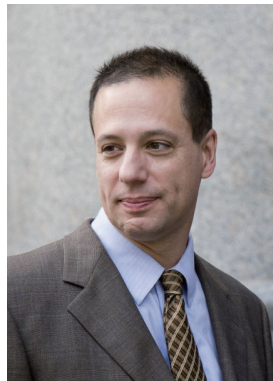
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Tarry Mahony



Maureen McCartney



Guy Pudula



Sara Jacobson





Dean JoAnne Epps with Dean Wang Zhenmin



Assistant Dean Louis Thompson



Eleanor Myers



Paul Messing



Laura Little



Eddie Ohlbaum



Burt Caine



Bill Rosoff (Right)

# ALUMNI 天普中国校友

*The Temple Law Alumni Association of China (TLAAC) has almost 500 members and holds events each year. TLAAC gives students a strong platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and professional development.*



U.S. Supreme Court Visit (2013)



Alumni Reunion in Shanghai



Dupont Trip (2013)



Student Volunteers Wang Siyuan and Zhou Lingyun



Students visit with Temple alumna Ann Connolly Hughey in Washington, DC



Alumni visiting Yuan Dasong at Jingyue Law Firm



Graduation Ceremony



Blank Rome Interns



Reed Smith Interns



Reed Smith Interns



Fu Yao, Prosecutor  
Beijing People's Procuratorate



Alumni Reunion at Reed Smith, Beijing Office



Leng Yijia, General Counsel  
Xiao Nan Guo Group



**Guest Lecture**



**Alumni Dinner**



**Chinese Food Party**



**Winter Holiday Party**



**Liu Chi, Senior Partner  
Dacheng Law Offices**



**Gongbao & Dawa's wedding, organized by  
TLAAC after the Yushu earthquake**



**Alumni Reunion**



**Wang Hongpeng, Senior  
Partner, Qi Lu Law Firm**



**Alumni Gathering**



**Dong Xiao, Lantai LLP, with Dean JoAnne  
Epps and Prof. Edward Ohlbaum**



**Wang Zhengzhi  
Beijing Globe-Law Law Firm**



**Gathering at Assistant Dean Louis Thompson's  
home (2013)**



**Deans Xu Chongli and Cai Lidong with Dean  
JoAnne Epps**



**Sha Lijin  
China University of Political  
Science and Law**



**Baseball Night**

# PROGRAM DIRECTORS

# 项目主任

## Shen Weixing 申卫星

Professor Shen joined Tsinghua law school in 2003, where he serves as Associate Dean and doctoral advisor. His research areas include property, contracts, torts, bioethics, and health law. Professor Shen has published 14 books and more than 40 articles, and he has received numerous rewards for his teaching and research. Professor Shen is nationally recognized for his work in property and health law, and he is the recipient of the Tsinghua University Outstanding Young Faculty Award. He is proficient in English and German.

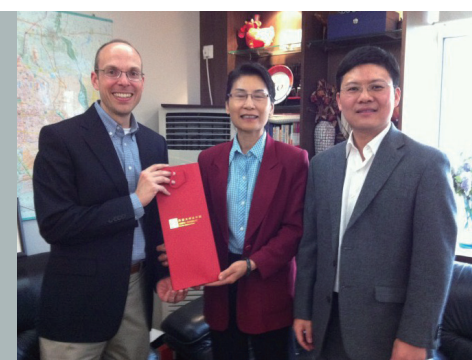


Professor Shen earned his LL.B. in 1989 from Jilin University, LL.M. in 1992 from Jilin University, and his Ph.D. in law in 2001 from China University of Politics and Law. He also conducted his post-graduate research at Beijing University. He was a visiting professor at Temple law school in 2004 and 2007. He also taught at Macao University of Science and Technology, was a visiting scholar at University of Freiburg and University of Cologne in Germany, and was a Fulbright scholar at Harvard Law School.

## John Smagula 桑国亚

Professor Smagula joined Temple in 2003, where he serves as China Program Director. His research area includes Corporations Law and Legal English instruction for international students. He has delivered lectures on U.S. law and legal education at nearly 50 Chinese government agencies and law schools, has written articles about legal education in China and the United States, and has presented at conferences on teacher training and legal education. He is proficient in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

Prior to his work with Temple, John taught at law schools in geographically diverse locations in China, worked in the corporate law practice of the New York and Hong Kong offices of Paul Weiss, and worked with the law firm of Totti & Rodriguez Diaz in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He earned his B.A. in International Relations in 1992 from Pomona College, J.D. in 1995 from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, and M.S. in Education (with focus on Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) in 2007 from Temple University College of Education.



# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 申请条件

## Admission Requirements

To be eligible to apply to the LL.M. program, applicants must have completed an accredited college degree program with any of the following:

- A bachelor of law degree (LL.B.), or
- A master of laws (LL.M.) or higher law degree, or Chinese bar membership



## APPLY ONLINE 在线申请

Temple law school only accepts online applications. To apply online, please follow these steps:  
Visit [www.law.temple.edu/llm](http://www.law.temple.edu/llm)

1. Select “LL.M. in U.S. and International Law in Beijing, China”
2. Select “Apply Now” and complete the application procedure according to the instructions provided for each item in the online application:
  - a. Digital Signature Permission. Print, sign, and send directly to the Temple law school Beijing Office.
  - b. Electronic Submissions. Complete the Beijing LL.M. Application Questions, submit a two-page, double-spaced personal statement, and submit your one-page resume.
  - c. Material Submissions. Submit your RMB 200 yuan application fee, law school transcript(s), and TOEFL or English assessment scores to the Temple law school Beijing Office.
  - d. Recommendations. Referees may submit recommendations accompanied by the Temple Recommendation Form directly to the Temple law school Beijing Office, or they may submit electronic recommendations.
  - e. Application Signature. Submit application signature.



# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

# 申请程序

## Application Procedure

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

- English Assessment. All applicants must take an English assessment exam and arrange to have the testing agency send an official score report directly to Temple law school. There are three options for this test:

1. For applicants who take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a score of at least 570 (paper-based exam), 230 (computer-based exam), or 88 (internet-based exam) points is required for admission consideration.
2. For students who take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), a minimum band score of 6.5 is necessary for admission, with no score below 6.0.
3. Temple administers an English Assessment Exam (EAE) for purposes of this Program. The Temple EAE is generally each May in Beijing. The Temple EAE is based on the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency (MTELP) and its Listening Comprehension Test (MELICET-L).

- Notification. Admissions decisions are mailed to the applicant. While we strive to make admission decisions written one month after receipt of a complete application package, some applications may warrant reevaluation at a later date or be conditional upon satisfactory performance on our English proficiency test.

- Admissions Deposit. Each admitted student is required to make a deposit in the amount of RMB 2,500 yuan in order to secure a place in the program.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION 学费及资助

## Tuition and Expenses

Tuition and books for the students entering the program in August 2014:

RMB 150,000 (estimated, subject to final approval by the Temple University Board of Trustees)



## Payment of Tuition

The tuition payment may be made in two installments during the program. The first payment at the beginning of registration shall not be less than fifty percent (50%) of the total applicable tuition, and the second payment made at the beginning of the spring term. Failure to satisfy any financial obligation promptly is cause for cancellation of students' registration, withholding of transcripts or diplomas, and denial to participate in the graduation ceremony.

## Summer Session in Philadelphia

Students are responsible for all their living expenses for the summer session in Philadelphia, including transportation, room and board, university fees, and health insurance costs.

## Housing in Beijing

Students must provide their own housing in China. The program cannot guarantee housing on the Tsinghua campus for any student.

## Financial Aid

A limited amount of financial aid is available to cover part of the cost of tuition. It is awarded based on academic merit and need, and will be determined at the same time decisions are made on admissions. No financial aid may be used to cover living expenses.





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