

Temple University, Philadelphia, United States

Quotes of Faculty of Sports and Nutrition students who followed their minor here in 2019.

Short statement about the university

"The experience at the university was great. They had a great office for international students which organized multiple events. During these events, I met most of my friends. Furthermore, the main campus program board also organizes fun off-campus trips for affordable prices!"

"This university is great if you want to emerge in the American (sports) culture. Furthermore, make sure to keep in close contact with Global Programs, they organize great events which will help you meet other exchange students during your time there."

"It's a university really focused on preparing you for starting your career. They organize career fairs, guest speakers from the industry, and trips to companies and conferences. The lecturers are also willing to connect you with connections within their network. The classes aren't very difficult and involve a lot of group work. Most students have worked prior to starting their graduate program and are therefore very motivated. For me, this made it very easy to work and socialize with them. The lecturers also all have extensive experience in the sport industry and have a lot of expertise."

Housing (in private sector or organized via the university)

"I spent 700 Euros, including gas, electricity, water and light. I had my own bedroom and shared the bathroom, kitchen and living room with two other ISMB students. Furthermore I spent around 1000 Euros per month on average, especially groceries in the United States can be very expensive."

Note: Do not get a place in North Philly. You can easily walk everywhere but I got a bike off of craigslist because that way you can go around at night with more safety.

Tips for future students

"Make sure to have a good health insurance when you go to the USA. Even the smallest health injury can already get you a medical bill of a couple of thousand dollars."

Housing: do research into best housing option (plenty of options around campus, although many are unfurnished, so be careful), share housing.

Not get a 'fully furnished' place as in the US that means you get a couch, a table and a horrible bed that will break your back.

Transport: get a SEPTA card.

Useful contacts: Lecturers are really willing to help you, especially Jim Alton. Jim is a student advisor who will help you out with literally anything. He's extremely nice so contact him with any questions.

Temple is not too big so it is easy to get around quick and find your way.

Social aspect: I'd advise you to socialize and hang out with American students, and not get stuck in the global program activities too much. I didn't participate in it and had a great time with classmates, who are mostly American. Other ISMB students often just stuck with the international exchange students, which I thought was unfortunate as they just stayed within the comfort zone the entire time we were there.

“ Try to socialize more from the start. Most students live off campus and have a long commute. American students also don’t have much experience with international students and therefore are a bit hesitant to socialize. I would start socializing early as they open up to you quickly as long as you make the effort. ”

Level of education and the courses

“I also enjoyed the classes at Temple University, during the classes I especially learned a lot about the American sports culture. However, I did not like that I could not choose all the class I wanted. I had to take sport marketing and strategic management (again). The classes were fun but very repetitive.”

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