

Factsheet for Prospective Exchange Students

(2023-2024)

About Penn Carey Law and Philadelphia



ABOUT PENN CAREY LAW

Consistently ranked as one of the top law schools in the United States, the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, provides a rigorous legal education in a collaborative, supportive, and inclusive community.

<https://www.law.upenn.edu/>

Our faculty are leaders in law and other cutting-edge disciplines, and our integrative curriculum reflects our commitment to the pursuit of cross-disciplinary learning.

<https://www.law.upenn.edu/faculty/homepage.php>

Penn Carey Law's campus is state-of-the-art, with four fully interconnected buildings surrounding a green courtyard. Law students are steps away from the amenities of the larger University of Pennsylvania campus, with its activities for graduate and professional students, its state-of-the-art gym and health club, and its many libraries, museums, theaters, lectures, and events.



ABOUT PHILADELPHIA

“Philly” is the fifth-largest city in the United States. Philadelphia features wonderful residential neighborhoods, a booming restaurant scene, robust art and theater life, excellent shopping, and great sports teams – all centrally located and served by public transport.

The historic city of Philadelphia is the birthplace of the U.S. Constitution. Millions around the globe were inspired by the decisions made here, which laid the bedrock foundation for the American legal system, making it an ideal place for a visiting student to study law.

Philadelphia offers professional students an affordable, accessible, and exciting lifestyle with easy access to both New York City (1.5 hours by train) and Washington DC (2 hours by train).

<https://www.law.upenn.edu/admissions/visiting/>

Academic Information



COURSES AT PENN CAREY LAW

As a national leader in cross-disciplinary legal education, Penn Carey Law provides students with an unparalleled opportunity to prepare for careers that engage virtually every major issue facing our society. Each year, Penn Carey Law offers nearly 300 courses covering an extensive range of legal topics including health law, environmental law, corporate law, criminal law, constitutional law, and international law. A sample of upper-level courses offered in Fall 2022 included:

- Administrative Law
- Antitrust
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Litigation
- Copyright
- Corporations
- Corporate Finance
- Criminal Law Theory
- Cross-Border M&A
- Family Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Evidence
- Intl Investment Law and Arbitration
- Intl Law and Intl Relations
- Tax Land Use Law in Practice
- Mediation Theory and Skills
- Mental Health Law
- Patent Law
- Property
- Sports as Legal Systems



2024 academic year calendar being published at a later date.

PENN CAREY LAW ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall 2023

Sept. 4
Classes Begin

Sept. 22
Faculty Retreat: Upper-Level Classes Will Not Meet

Nov. 23-24
Thanksgiving Recess: No Classes

Dec. 8
Classes End

Dec. 9-10
Reading Period

Dec. 11-20
Exam Period

Dec. 22
Winter Recess Begins



HELPFUL TIP

In the United States, law school is a graduate level program, and you will be considered graduate exchange students. Exchange students are classified as '2Ls' (i.e., second year students) for course registration purposes, and enroll in four courses at Penn Carey Law to maintain fulltime status. Please note that exchange students may not enroll in non-law courses.

Logistics



HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

The University requires all full-time exchange students to have medical insurance. You may satisfy the insurance requirement through enrollment in the Penn Student Insurance Plan (PSIP) or through any private plan (including a plan from your own country) that meets University criteria for coverage.

Please note that all exchange students will also be required pay a one-time, non-waivable clinical fee (this fee is \$332 in 2022-2023).

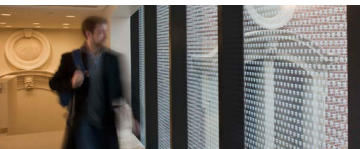
TRANSPORTATION

The University of Pennsylvania is approximately 20 minutes by car from Philadelphia International Airport. Philadelphia is well connected by a public transit system (SEPTA) within the city and the Greater Philadelphia region. You can purchase a monthly pass or pay per trip on SEPTA's system of buses, commuter trains, and trolleys.

<http://www.septa.org/>

VISA INFORMATION

Penn Carey Law will sponsor either an F-1 or J-1 student visa for the duration of your semester in the United States. Admitted students will receive further detail on the visa application instructions and links to the relevant forms. For visa approval, be aware that you will be required to prove sufficient funding (approximately \$15,000) for one semester in Philadelphia.



MONTHLY BUDGETING

An individual's expenses will depend on their personal habits and preferences. Below for planning purposes is an estimated monthly budget:

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| Housing | \$895-\$2,500/month (off-campus) |
| Renter's Insurance | \$35/month |
| Utilities | \$50-\$100/month (off-campus) |
| Books and Supplies | \$1,250 |
| Public Transportation Pass | \$96/month (optional) |
| Personal Expenses | \$500-\$800/month (travel, meals, entertainment) |



HELPFUL TIP

Graduate students are not housed in the undergraduate dormitories. Most law students live off campus in shared apartments, mostly in University City (the area around campus) or Center City (within walking distance or accessible by public transportation).

Applying for the Exchange Program



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Students nominated by their home institutions to participate in Penn Carey Law's exchange program must be in good standing and have completed at least two years of law studies prior to their exchange semester.

Application materials will include a resume/cv, academic transcript, personal statement, and documentation of English-language proficiency.

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE
FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR IS
APRIL 1, 2024.**



CONTACT INFO

PENN CAREY LAW'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION.

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