

***TEMPLE UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO
IN RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO***

If you are interested in enhancing your Spanish language skills and broadening your awareness and understanding of Latin American society, consider spending a semester or a year at the University of Puerto Rico. Through a reciprocal exchange agreement with the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Temple undergraduates can exchange places with UPR undergraduates and spend time studying at UPR.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

The University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Río Piedras Campus, with a student population of approximately 23, 000, is the largest of three main campuses in the university system. The University is located in the San Juan metropolitan area and comprises 289 acres. For additional information, refer to the UPR web site at www.rrp.upr.edu.

ABOUT RIO PIEDRAS

The metropolitan area of San Juan has three distinct areas: Old San Juan, the Beach and Resort area, and other outlying communities, the most important of which are Río Piedras, Hato Rey, Puerta de Tierra, and Santurce. San Juan's population is just under one million, or a third of the entire island. It is a major port and tourist resort of the West Indies. Río Piedras was founded in 1714 and incorporated into San Juan in 1951. It is known as "University City" because it is home to the University of Puerto Rico, which is the oldest and largest educational institute on the Island. Interamerican University and Metropolitan University are also located in Río Piedras.

COURSES AVAILABLE

Temple students are eligible to take courses in all University of Puerto Rico colleges which include: Humanities (Fine Arts, Foreign Languages, Hispanic Studies, Philosophy, History, English, Drama, Linguistics, Comparative Literature), Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, General Studies, Education, Business Administration, Architecture, and the Schools of Planning, Library Sciences, and Public Communication. A General Course Catalogue is available on-line through www.rrp.upr.edu.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

The Exchange Program offers the option to study at the University of Puerto Rico for one semester, either Fall or Spring, or for a full academic year. Students must enroll for 12 – 17 credits per semester.

HOUSING

The University of Puerto Rico will provide housing for Temple students in its dormitories. The dormitories for men and women are located directly on campus and contain full kitchen and laundry facilities. Furthermore, students have complete access to all University facilities including the library, gymnasium, pool, and health services.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FINANCIAL AID

In advance of their departure, Temple University students pay tuition, fees, and housing costs to Temple University. Exchange students are responsible for the cost of airfare (estimated at about \$700), textbooks (\$300), health insurance (\$500), and meals and personal expenses (\$1,500-\$2,000 per semester). Temple students receiving financial aid may apply their financial aid to the costs of studying at UPR.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students are selected for the exchange on the basis of their academic record and a personal interview. To be considered, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, at least four semesters of university level Spanish, background in the subjects to be pursued at UPR, and at least junior-year status by the time they begin their study at UPR. Students must complete the Temple University Exchanges Application and submit two academic references and transcripts for all university-work completed, in addition to a Spanish language evaluation report.

The application deadline for academic year, fall or spring study is March 1.