



# GATEWAY TO DREXEL

## The International Gateway Program

At Drexel University, our innovative curriculum is designed to take our students beyond the typical college experience, uniquely preparing them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. Through rigorous academics and our world-renowned cooperative education program, Drexel provides international students with opportunities that will fully prepare them to make a meaningful impact, right away.

Drexel's International Gateway program is the pathway for international students who need additional English language preparation before matriculating into an undergraduate program.

Taught by Drexel faculty, students in the Gateway program receive a foundational year of study, full immersion into campus life, and dedicated student resources. Successful completion of the program allows students to transfer directly into their major at Drexel.

We know you have the ambition to accomplish your goals. The International Gateway Program is here to help you reach them.

# BEGIN YOUR UNIVERSITY JOURNEY HERE

## An Exceptional Education

Accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), the International Gateway program is an academic offering unlike any other at Drexel. This option is for students who are academically qualified to attend Drexel and would like to have additional English preparation and instruction prior to matriculating into their major. Taught by distinguished faculty who specialize in English as a Second Language, students in the International Gateway program receive both language support and individualized academic coaching.

The goal of this 6- to 12-month program is to serve as a pathway to a comprehensive academic career. Gateway students not only work to improve their English abilities but also take courses for up to 25 transferable credits within the Departments of Mathematics, Chemistry, Communication, Philosophy, and others.

After successfully completing the program, qualified students will be able to transfer directly into their undergraduate major at Drexel. With over 80 majors and even more minors, there are many options to choose from. Overall, participants in this program see powerful results, including a 94 percent retention rate year to year, for those who matriculate to Drexel. Many also move on to pursue their graduate studies.

## A Vibrant Community

Drexel has a thriving student life that Gateway students take part in. With over 300 clubs and organizations, including more than 75 spiritual/religious and identity-based organizations, 18 Division I sports teams, and many academic and professional organizations, it's easy to get connected and make new friends on campus.

From the Campus Activities Board (CAB), Drexel's largest student-run event-programming organization, to clubs such as the Community Student Association, Drexel CyberDragons, and fraternities and sororities — Gateway students are active members of our Dragon community.

Additionally, Gateway offers the Intercultural Community Bridge program, which provides the chance to learn about and share different cultures with the campus community.

On-campus and off-campus housing options are available to students in the program.





## A Revolutionary Town

Studying in the United States is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your education and gain experiences that will set you apart from your peers. Drexel's home in the city of Philadelphia has a lot to offer as the birthplace of America.

At Drexel, we are proud to host over 1,300 international undergraduate students from 122 different countries each year. Our students come from many backgrounds and places around the world, and each contributes a unique piece to our inclusive community.

Drexel was founded over 125 years ago in Philadelphia, the sixth largest city in the U.S. and the nation's first World Heritage City. Our location gives students the benefit of pursuing a world-class education in a city that offers numerous cultural, historical, and community-service opportunities. Philadelphia is also closely located to both New York City and Washington, D.C.

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## Learn More

Visit [drexel.edu/elc/gateway](https://drexel.edu/elc/gateway) to find out more about the International Gateway program.



# ADMISSIONS

International Gateway is a conditional admission program providing qualified international students with a foundation year of academic and English language courses. Students can apply directly to the Gateway program to enroll in one of three terms — starting in September, January, or March. Applicants to undergraduate programs may also be referred to Gateway by the Office of Admissions.

## Important Dates

<u>APPLICATION DEADLINES</u>	<u>TERM START DATE</u>
Fall..... July 15	Fall.....September 19-20
Winter..... November 1	Winter..... January 3
Spring .....January 31	Spring ..... March 27

## Application Requirements

- International Gateway Application
- Application Fee
- Official Transcripts
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE/Duolingo Score Report
- Proof of Financial Responsibility
- Personal Essay (for Media Arts & Design Majors)
- Portfolio (for select Media Arts & Design Majors)
- **No SAT or ACT Required**

## TEST SCORE RANGE REQUIREMENTS

<b>TOEFL iBT</b>	Score	53–78+
<b>IELTS</b>	Band	5.0–6.0+
<b>PTE</b>	Score	41–53+
<b>Duolingo</b>	Score	80+

## Apply Today

To apply online, visit [drexel.edu/elc/gateway](https://drexel.edu/elc/gateway).

# FINANCES

Students admitted to International Gateway will work with the Office of International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) to apply for the necessary documentation for the visa application process.

Upon successful completion of the program, students transferring into their major may be considered for merit scholarships and need-based financial aid.

## Program Costs

### 2024–2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

Application Fee.....	\$65
Tuition .....	\$31,722*
Fees .....	\$3,500
Living Expenses .....	\$16,980**
Total .....	\$52,267

\*Tuition is based on estimated costs for the typical student enrolled for three quarters (nine months). For more detailed information, visit [drexel.edu/elc/gateway/cost](https://drexel.edu/elc/gateway/cost).

\*\*Living expenses are estimates only and include approximate costs for housing, food, books, and personal expenses.

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