



Drexel University Undergraduate Programs

DREXEL CO-OP

Knowledge at Work

Since 1919, Drexel University has partnered with some of the biggest names in business, providing generations of students an experience that most universities just can't match. Our co-operative education program, known as Drexel Co-op, is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. From Fortune 500 investment firms to cutting-edge tech startups, there are opportunities here for students from every major and career interest.

As a Drexel student, you'll attend classes full-time during your first year, but you can begin alternating quarters of classroom study with six-month periods of full-time employment as early as sophomore year. That way, you'll graduate with more than a respected degree — you'll also have the résumé of an industry veteran.

With Drexel Co-op, you can:

- Choose from over 1,200 Drexel Co-op employers
- Take a position in one of the 35 states or 35 international locations where employers are located
- Apply classroom knowledge in a professional environment
- Get a head start on your career with up to 18 months of professional experience
- Network with current leaders in your field of study and develop professional contacts
- Earn an average of more than \$16,000 per six-month paid co-op
- Explore up to three different career paths before graduation

To put it simply, Drexel Co-op isn't an internship, it's the chance to audition a career, and a good part of the time co-op students are offered full-time positions after graduation.

For More Information

To learn more about Drexel Co-op, visit www.drexel.edu/undergrad/co-op



Where You Can Work

More than 80 percent of Drexel Co-op students accepted positions within the tri-state area (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware), and for good reason — the region is a major hub for a wide range of industries. However, there's plenty of opportunity to expand your horizons, whether you want to cross the country or the ocean.

Philadelphia: Opportunity Everywhere

Drexel's University City Campus is located in the University City district of Philadelphia. Conveniently situated next to Amtrak's 30th Street Station, Drexel makes commuting to co-op locations easy. Whether you accept a co-op position in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, or New York, you can get there by foot, bus, subway, or rail.

As the second largest city on the East Coast, Philadelphia is a popular region in which to live and work. Nearly three million people are employed in the metro area, with the largest industries being information technology, finance and banking, chemical, and the life sciences.

International Co-op: A Global Perspective

Drexel recognizes the importance of international experience. While we've always offered students the means to study abroad, Drexel has launched a strategic initiative to provide co-op students the opportunity to work abroad as well.

An international co-op can provide you with a distinct advantage in the global economy. By living and working in another country, you'll broaden your cultural perspective and gain insight on the interdependency of national economies. In addition to opportunities in 35 international locations, Drexel offers financial support for students who accept positions in China, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, and Japan.

What You Can Earn

Drexel Co-op students are on the job eight hours a day, five days a week. You'll be performing a real job with real responsibilities, and your paycheck could reflect just that.

Average Six-Month Co-op Earnings By College/School*

Arts and Sciences	\$14,262
Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems	\$16,510
Business	\$15,800
Education	\$11,137
Engineering	\$17,401
Information Science and Technology	\$17,608
Media Arts & Design	\$12,624
Nursing and Health Professions	\$13,154
Professional Studies	\$14,522

*Does not include volunteer co-op positions or co-op students receiving stipends.

The Financial Value of Co-op

A college education is a major investment. Drexel Co-op can help you get a better return by providing sources of income and professional work experience. The income you earn while employed on co-op is excluded when the federal government calculates your expected family contribution (EFC). EFC is used to determine your level of eligibility for federal and institutional need-based aid.



Calvin Klein, New York City

Where Co-op Can Take You

The benefits of Drexel Co-op are obvious. Drexel students have the opportunity to apply what they learn in class to the real world while still undergraduates, and they're likely to be more competitive for career-level positions than peers from other institutions when they graduate. They also have the practical foundation needed to gain entry to some of the top graduate schools in the country.

Overall, Drexel graduates typically receive a higher starting salary than their peers because of their co-op experience.

Average Starting Salaries*

Arts and Sciences	\$37,874
Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems	\$51,886
Business	\$47,186
Education	\$39,100
Engineering.....	\$58,584
Information Science and Technology	\$58,686
Media Arts & Design	\$36,483
Nursing and Health Professions	\$55,688
Professional Studies	\$55,639

*These average starting salaries are from 2010, the most recent year for which complete data are available.

Co-op Numbers

- More than 1,200 employers located in 35 states and 35 international locations
- Over 4,000 total co-op students employed
- 98 percent co-op placement rate per cycle

Popular Co-op Employers

*Drexel hires mostly research-related co-op students.

Undergraduate Programs

Over 70 full-time programs

Colleges and Schools

- Arts and Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Information Science and Technology
- Law
- Media Arts & Design
- Medicine
- Nursing and Health Professions
- Pennoni Honors College
- Public Health
- Technology and Professional Studies

The Drexel Co-op Cycle

You'll begin co-op in your second or third year, depending on your program, and you can participate in up to three Drexel Co-op experiences before graduation. The chart below represents a fall/winter co-op cycle; a spring/summer co-op cycle is also available.



Co-op Cycle Key:

- On-campus study
- Co-op experience
- ▼ Vacation

Visit Us

The best way for you to learn about Drexel is to visit campus. We offer a variety of options to meet your needs. For more information or to schedule a visit, go to www.drexel.edu/undergrad/visit or call 1-800-2-DREXEL (1-215-895-2400 for international students).

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Apply to Drexel University online at www.drexel.edu/apply. The application fee is waived for students who apply online or during a Campus Visit.

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