

Admission to the Honors College

Students are selected for admission based on multiple indicators of intellectual strength, accomplishment, and motivation, including a written statement; high school and, if applicable, college GPA; activities; and SAT scores. To learn more about Honors College admission, visit www.drexel.edu/honors/opportunities/apply.shtml.

Honors Membership Requirements

As a member of the Honors College, a student is required to:

- Complete HON 200, a one-credit, freshman-level discussion course
- Complete at least one 3-credit Honors course beyond HON 200 within his or her first six academic terms
- Complete an additional 3-credit Honors course beyond the sixth term
- Maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA
- Attend at least two Honors-sponsored events each term
- Demonstrate conduct befitting an Honors student

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The Smart Set from Drexel University and Drexel InterView

Drexel offers unparalleled opportunities for students interested in writing, editing, photography, and website design. *The Smart Set* is Drexel's online cultural magazine, devoted to intellectually stimulating prose, poetry, and essays as well as articles covering a wide range of topics related to science, technology, and arts. The *Drexel InterView* is a television program broadcast on Drexel television (DUTV) and hosted by cultural critic, novelist, and Distinguished Professor of English, Dr. Paula Marantz Cohen. Filmed in the Anthony J. Drexel Picture Gallery, the program highlights artists, celebrities, innovators, and public figures who live and work in Greater Philadelphia or who are visiting the region.

Graduating With Distinction

Students who graduate with distinction — the highest honor bestowed by the University — have it noted on their official transcripts, receive a Drexel University Honors Certificate, and have their names listed on a special page in the graduation program. Eligible students must:

- Successfully complete a minimum of 32 Honors credits (21 credits for students admitted after freshman year)
- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Complete a senior project or thesis judged worthy of Honors

Students aiming for this distinction traditionally meet with the Honors Advisor in their junior year to ensure that they understand these requirements and are prepared to meet them.

Honors Credits

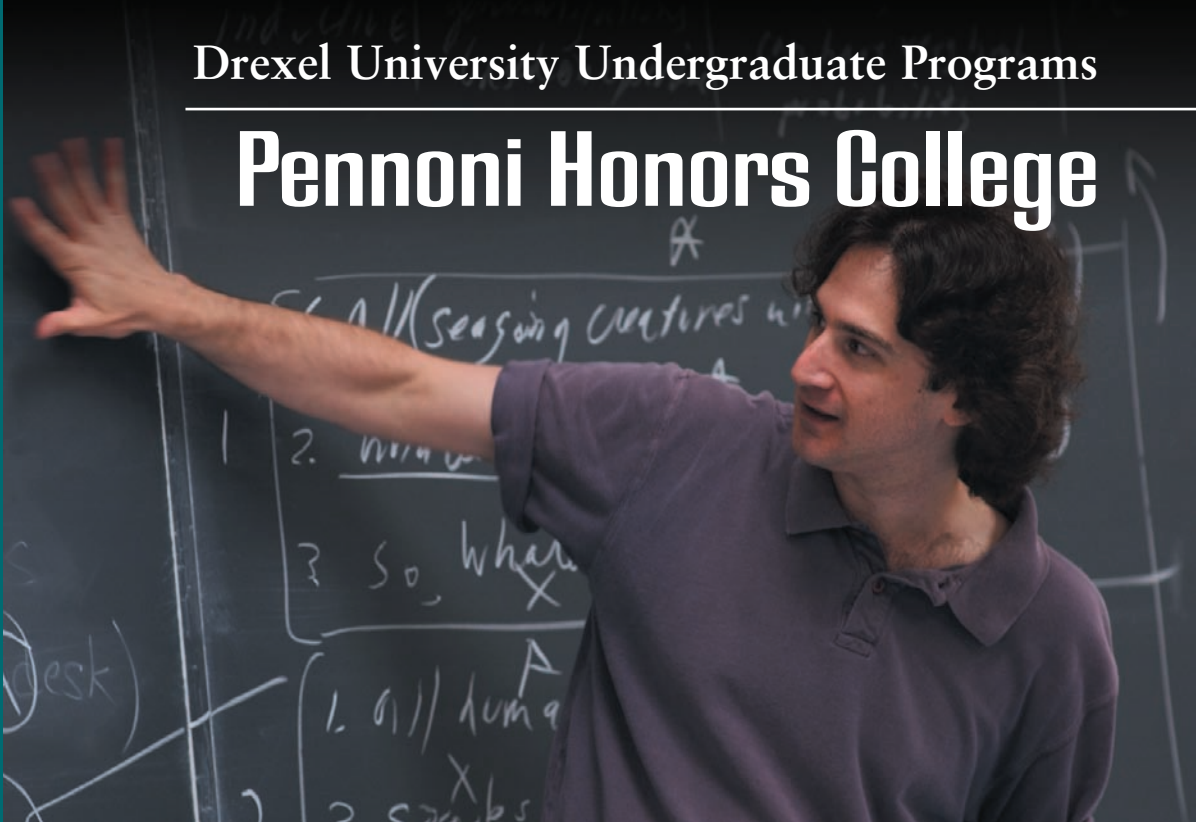
The Pennoni Honors College provides a rich array of course experiences to its students. Honors courses, taught by the University's best faculty, are rigorous, enriching, and discussion intensive. There are several ways to earn Honors credits, which are required to maintain membership in the Pennoni Honors College.

- HNRS 200: Honors Freshman Seminar
- Honors Colloquia courses
- Honors sections of University courses
- Honors options
- Honors Independent Study
- UNIV 241: Great Works Symposium
- UNIV 320: Writing and Peer Tutoring Workshop

National Collegiate Honors Council

Drexel is a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Northeast Region of the NCHC. Honors students are automatically invited to conferences and programs sponsored by these organizations. Attendees have the opportunity to meet students from across the country who have similar interests and new insights. NCHC also sponsors programs of study both within the United States and abroad.

Pennoni Honors College



The Pennoni Honors College at Drexel

Through the Pennoni Honors College, students of all majors can deepen and enrich their University experience. Honors students take part in a variety of courses that pair small groups of students with Drexel professors, creating the feeling of an intimate college without sacrificing the diverse academic opportunities offered by a major research university.

Honors students represent many countries. By participating in the Honors College, students can share their interests and abilities while introducing their peers to new ideas and activities.

Enhanced Academic Options

The Pennoni Honors College offers a number of academic choices for its students. These opportunities are designed to be discussion intensive, and are taught by faculty members who understand and develop Honors students' abilities. These options include:

- **Honors-Section Courses:** Honors students can take traditional course requirements on an advanced level in an environment that encourages discussion and practical application. Honors-section courses include calculus, psychology, chemistry, biology, and philosophy, among others.
- **Honors Colloquia:** Students are introduced to interdisciplinary course topics not typically covered in undergraduate studies. Past Honors Colloquia courses have included Arts and the Internet, Defining Leadership, Game Theory, and Representations of the Holocaust.
- **Independent Study:** Honors students can study and research a topic of their choosing with guidance from a faculty member.
- **Honors Options:** With faculty approval, non-Honors courses may be enriched for Honors students and carry Honors credits.

Did you Know?

- The Honors College consists of 1,800 Drexel students from all majors.
- The Honors College is named after Drexel alumnus C.R. "Chuck" Pennoni, CEO of Pennoni Associates and one-time interim president of the University, and his wife, Annette.
- Honors students complete international co-op positions in Japan, England, Belgium, Honduras, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Germany, Spain, China, Hong Kong, Turkey, and Ukraine.
- Honors College graduates continue on to study in schools such as Harvard, Dartmouth, Tufts, MIT, Case Western, Princeton, Stanford, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of California at Berkeley.
- Several Drexel students and Honors alumni have participated in the prestigious Fulbright fellowship program.

About Honors

To learn more about the Honors College visit www.drexel.edu/honors.

Honors College Features

Honors Center

Within the Honors Center is a lounge exclusively for Honors College members. Students can take advantage of comfortable couches and chairs for studying as well as computers and a printer. The lounge is a great place to meet other Honors students, socialize, or join in on the latest political debate.

Learning Communities

Freshman Honors students have the option of living in Race Street Hall, Drexel's newest hall and the residence for the Honors College. The Honors Learning Community offers a convivial atmosphere and the opportunity for Honors students to get to know each other. Through Hall Council activities and special events, students themselves create a true learning community.

Drexel Great Works Symposia

Each term the Honors College identifies a Great Work — a human construct with wide-ranging impact. Faculty from across the University form a team to design and teach these innovative pan-disciplinary, multimedia, lecture- and discussion-driven courses. Past topics have included The Atomic Bomb, The Internet, Modern Medicine, The Underground Railroad, Civil Rights, The European Union, and Global Warming.

Center for Civic Engagement

All Drexel students are required to take part in the Center for Civic Engagement during their freshman year. This initiative is designed to help ease students' transition to Drexel through community-based service projects — a long-standing tradition of the Honors College. Opportunities in a wide range of disciplines may include teaching and literacy projects, community rehabilitation, outreach programs, and service to the city and local government.



D.B. Jones

BA, University of Kansas
PhD, Stanford University
Interim Dean, Pennoni Honors College

Research and creative interests

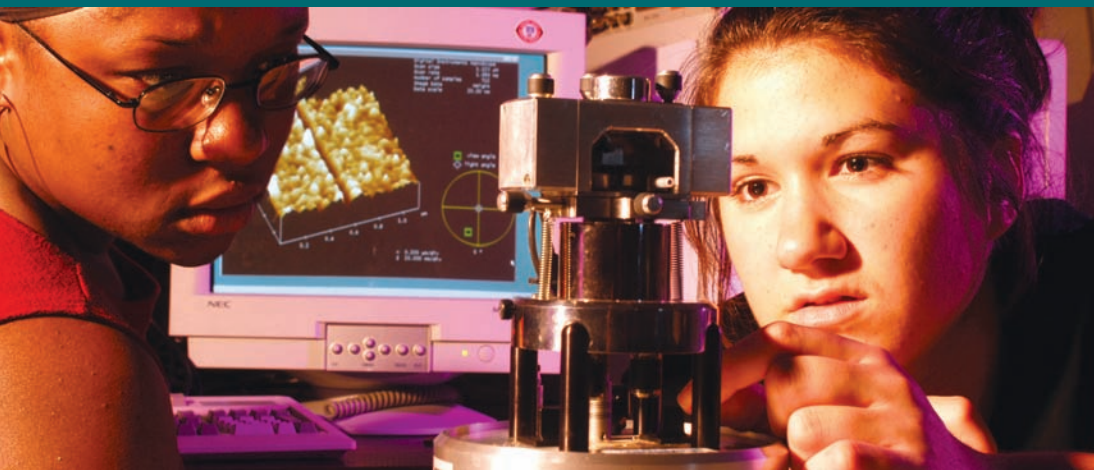
- Filmmaking
- Film criticism and analysis
- Documentary film

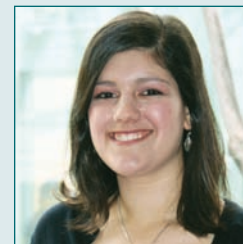
How did you get interested in your area of teaching?

"As an undergraduate, I discovered that a whole world of film — documentary, dramatic, experimental, foreign — existed beyond the Hollywood cinema that I grew up with."

What I like most about the Honors College

"I enjoy interacting with Drexel's top students. I learn as much from some of them as they learn from me."





Alexa Bonacquisti

Psychology, accelerated MS in Education program, History minor
Garnet Valley, Pennsylvania

Favorite class

- Sociology 101 with Professor Ridgway

Professional goal

- Work as a teacher, a school psychologist, or a counselor

Clubs and organizations

- Drexel Student Ambassador
- Member of the Honors College
- Reporter for *The Triangle*, Drexel's student newspaper

Favorite pastimes

- Cooking
- Reading and writing
- Watching movies

Favorite Drexel hangout

- The sunken quad outside of Creese

Favorite place to grab a bite

- Corner Café in Ross Commons

Best things about Drexel

“Not only are there great things happening on campus, but Drexel's location in Philadelphia allows you to experience everything the city has to offer: sports, museums, music, art, restaurants, and shopping!”

Students Tackling Advanced Research (STAR) Scholars

The STAR Scholars program enables talented students to participate in a paid summer research or creative project after their freshman year. While working on a project, STAR Scholars receive on-campus housing and a generous stipend. STAR Scholars are matched with faculty members in the department of their major.

University Writing Program

This program allows students who write well and enjoy teaching to become Writing Intensive Tutors (WITs). WITs and faculty work together to assist other Drexel students with their University writing requirements. WITs learn about the art of writing and tutoring in a special 3-credit course, UNIV 320. Upon successful completion of the course, students are eligible to work as WITs in subsequent terms and receive a stipend. Students who complete five Honors creative writing courses receive Honors Recognition in Creative Writing from the University Writing Program. Past courses have included The Graphic Novel, Poetry Writing Workshop, and Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop.

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Office encourages students to experience world cultures with programs such as history and culinary arts in London, fashion in Paris, engineering in Turkey, and more. Many other opportunities are available to students who want to live and learn abroad, including the Study/Co-op Abroad program. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Office at studyabroad@drexel.edu or visit www.drexel.edu/studyabroad.

National and International Fellowships

Drexel maintains files of information and applications for national and international fellowships to support undergraduate and graduate study. Accomplished students seeking to further their education should consider the prestige and financial support offered by these fellowships. Advisors and college deans work together to identify candidates for a range of fellowship opportunities and help qualified students develop competitive applications. For additional information, email fellowships@drexel.edu or visit www.drexel.edu/fellowships.