Welcome to Drexel ELC
Get the English you need for the future you want!
Welcome to Philadelphia

Beautiful, exciting “Philly” is ...

- **Dynamic**: the 5th largest city in the United States
- **Accessible**: about 2 hours by car, train, or bus from New York City and Washington, DC
- **Affordable**: less expensive to live in than other large US cities
- **Stimulating**: home to over 50 colleges and universities and a major center for the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries
- **Vibrant**: full of music, theater, museums, restaurants and clubs, sports teams and recreational facilities
- **Stylish**: featuring hundreds of tax-free designer clothing outlets
- **Historic**: the first capital of the US; home of the Liberty Bell and Declaration of Independence
Drexel ELC is part of Drexel University and located on campus
Located in a residential urban neighborhood
5-10 minutes by bus or subway from Center City Philadelphia

A Tradition of Excellence

- A private, urban university founded in 1891
- Consistently ranked in the top 100
- Nationally recognized cooperative education program
- Over 16,000 undergraduate and 9,000 graduate students
- Over 3,500 international students from more than 100 countries

Campus Features

ELC students receive Drexel ID cards and full access to all university facilities:

- Wireless campus with internet access
- Newly renovated state-of-the-art gym, pool, and fitness center
- Interactive, high-tech library, computer labs, and bookstore
- Sporting facilities for soccer, basketball, tennis, and other sports
- Shuttle bus service
- Snack bars, restaurants, cafes, and cafeteria

ELC Features

- Year-round intensive English study (six levels)
- Conditional admission (undergraduate and graduate)
- University preparation and gap year programs
- Specialized language courses in STEM, business, design, and medicine
- Teacher education programs
- Individualized diagnostic assessment and programs for professionals
- Standardized test preparation and on-campus testing
- Flexible individualized programs for sponsors
Six- and eleven-week courses year-round for beginning to advanced level students, including pre-academic coursework and TOEFL or IELTS preparation

Curriculum: 21 hours per week

Program Highlights and Features

➤ Orientation program before classes start
➤ Certificates for successful completion of each full or half term
➤ Small classes: average size 10-12; largest have 15 students
➤ Experienced teachers with advanced degrees for all classes
➤ Student leadership opportunities
➤ Visa counseling
➤ Academic advising for university study in the US
➤ Optional tutoring sessions available free of charge
# American Cultural Connections®

**Improve your English while you experience life and culture in the US**

- Connect with American students
- Exchange language and conversation through the Conversation Network
- Enjoy on-campus events and recreational activities
- Join trips to Philadelphia-area historic sites and cultural events, shopping centers, and professional sports venues
- Student volunteer opportunities

## Core Integrated Skills

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- **21 hours/week**
  - 7.5 Listening & Speaking
  - 7.5 Reading & Writing
  - 3 Special Topic
  - 3 Grammar
International Gateway

A structured 9–12 month undergraduate conditional admission program that offers...

- Quality English language and test preparation courses
- Credit-bearing academic coursework
- A solid foundation for full-time undergraduate study

Gateway students can apply to over 70 undergraduate majors offered by nine schools and colleges at Drexel University

Program Features

Real faculty:

- Up to 21 hours of university credit for core academic courses in mathematics, sciences, and communication, taught by outstanding faculty in the Drexel College of Arts and Sciences
- English language courses plus IELTS or TOEFL preparation courses taught by highly qualified faculty in the CEA-accredited Drexel English Language Center

Real support:

- Individualized advising for academic success
- Community and cultural connections

Real success:

- Preparation for full-time undergraduate degree programs in majors including bioscience, communications, computer science, engineering, business, and more
- The future opportunity to participate in Drexel Co-op, the ultimate internship™

Applicants must:

- Be academically qualified for admission to Drexel University
- Have entry standardized English proficiency test scores

For more information, go to: www.drexel.edu/ELC.gateway
Intercultural Community Bridge

“Intercultural Community Bridge is a unique program that helps International students make contact with Americans, and experience campus life and their community. Participants are placed into “community families” that meet once a month for on and off campus activities that enrich their college experience. “Community families” include Drexel employees, matriculated students, and members of the Philadelphia community. Participation in Community Bridge is mandatory for all International Gateway and Drexel Graduate Bridge students.”

“I felt that our conversations were fun and helpful. We shared our culture, opinion and confusion. We asked for advice and we did not feel embarrassed.”

— Vanessa Zhou
International Gateway Student 2012-2013
Drexel Graduate Bridge

A conditional admission program that prepares qualified graduate applicants for full-time graduate study at Drexel University

Curriculum: 21–24 hours of class per week

- English for academic purposes
- Standardized test preparation
- Credit-bearing graduate foundation courses
- Intercultural Community Bridge

Students can apply to over 25 graduate majors including business, engineering, communications, law, fashion design, and more.

Applicants must:

- Apply first to Drexel University
- Qualify academically for admission to preferred Drexel graduate programs
- Obtain standardized English test entrance proficiency scores

For more information, go to: www.drexel.edu/elc/elc_programs/drexel-graduate-bridge/
Experiential learning brings vocabulary to life as you learn the English necessary for academic and professional success

- Connect with experts in your field
- Attend symposiums and lectures
- Improve reading, speaking, and presentation skills
- Prepare for graduate level studies

Global Business English (GLOBE)

Global Business English meets the needs of pre-MBA students as well as business professionals

- Investigate case studies in finance, marketing, human resources, and international business
- Gain insight about the language of the global business environment

Language of Media and Design

The Language of Media and Design immerses you in the language and critical processes of design and arts administration

- Visit Drexel University design studios and area museums
- Increase confidence presenting ideas and sharing creative work

The Language of STEM

The Language of STEM prepares you to communicate on current topics in the fields of science technology, engineering, and mathematics

- Connect with STEM experts conducting groundbreaking research
- Examine the connections across a wide range of topics through lectures and workshops
The English Language Center offers a variety of testing services to meet the needs of a diverse population. These include:

- IELTS English Language Proficiency Testing
- IELTS Test Preparation Seminars
- MCAT Medical School Admissions
- CCHI Medical Translation Certification
- RID Sign Language Translation Certification

To learn more about our testing services, go to: www.drexel.edu/elc/resources/testing_services/

Because different students prefer different lifestyles, several types of housing are available

- **The Axis**: A luxury student residence with a reasonable price, just minutes from campus; Drexel meal plans available
- **Right at Home Homestay**: An American home where students can enter into family life, practice English, and learn American culture
- **International House**: A large dormitory-style residence providing private bedrooms with shared bath and kitchen facilities, near the Drexel campus
To apply:
- Complete the online ELC application form:
  www.drexel.edu/elc/apply/overview/
- Pay the $100 application fee and $60 express mail fee (if applicable)
- Send the following documents to Drexel ELC by email scan, mail or fax:
  - A current, original bank statement in the name of the person who will pay for your studies
  - A copy of the bio page of your passport

For International Gateway
Follow the instructions on the ELC website:
1. Complete the online International Gateway Application:
   www.drexel.edu/elc/gateway
2. Submit the Gateway Application Checklist and the Financial Certification I-20 Application along with the following documents:
   - 4 years of high school transcripts (3½ for current high school seniors)
   - An official TOEFL, IELTS or other standardized English test score
   - Bank statement or other financial guarantee document
   - $100 application fee payment

For Drexel Graduate Bridge
You must apply directly through the Graduate Admissions office
- Email gradbridge@drexel.edu for more information

Mailing address: Drexel ELC, 229 N. 33rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 USA
Phone: 215-895-2022
Fax: 215-895-6775
Email address: elc@drexel.edu
Web: www.drexel.edu/elc

“Drexel ELC is a great place to meet many people from different countries in one place.”
— Waleed Majed Alqahtani

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