DESIGN, ARTS, & MEDIA
AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY
A NOTE FROM OUR DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

When you think about choosing the college or university you will call home, you will want to ensure that it fits your interests, and will not only support you in your goals, but encourage you to push your boundaries and to succeed in the ever-changing world.

Drexel University is a premier global research institution that has been preparing students through practical and cultural education for over 125 years. Utilizing academic and volunteer-based partnerships with our community, our students actively become the most engaged students in the nation. They are not only making an impact on campus, but also in the city of Philadelphia and around the world through academics, service, and leadership.

The effectiveness of our unique educational model holds especially true for students in our Design, Arts, and Media programs. As the creative industry adapts to changes in the ways messages are perceived, professionals in these areas are constantly evolving to compete with today’s trends, using their artwork as a medium of social activism to better the world. Graphic designers, artists, and filmmakers all have an important place within the creative field. With a dynamic history of culture and innovation, Drexel’s Design, Arts, and Media programs prepare students for the challenges ahead through a unique curriculum that includes our renowned cooperative education program, also known as co-op.

Having served as a successful blueprint of career success since 1919, co-op provides students with the opportunity for professional work before graduation. Drexel Dragons experience their chosen industries with the leaders of today, and gain the necessary firsthand knowledge to become the leaders of tomorrow. Students leave our doors on graduation day with a full understanding of the professions they have chosen.

Drexel is a place where you will make your mark on the world today. I encourage you to explore what Drexel has to offer you.

Sincerely,

Evelyn K. Thimba
Vice President & Dean of Admissions
Enrollment Management & Student Success
Your passion for envisioning creative solutions to simplify complex problems would make you valuable to the design industry, whether it be in the studio, on the runway, or in an architectural firm. Designers serve vital roles that improve the way we see and experience the world. With a Drexel education, you can use your passion to make a difference.

From day one at Drexel, you’ll learn how to understand the principles behind the creative process and interact with the aesthetics we view daily. Through studio courses and dedicated expert faculty who are working in the field, you’ll conceptualize and implement creative thinking, enabling you to hone your design skills and be ready to respond to a rapidly changing and competitive environment. You’ll take fashion creations from sketches to the runway, or even a visual concept to an award-winning graphic design piece. And with our cooperative education program (also known as co-op), your classwork will blend into firsthand experience working one-on-one with clients while collaborating with industry leaders — all before you graduate.

By the time you receive your degree, you’ll have made your mark through experiences you won’t find at any other university. Through Drexel’s Design programs, you can prompt forward thinking and shape the world.

Learn more about our Design programs at drexel.edu/academics.
MAJORS

- Animation and Visual Effects
- Architecture
- Design and Merchandising
- Fashion Design
- Game Design and Production
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Product Design
- Undeclared – Design
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ARTS

Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson,
URBN Center Black Box Theater
You have a profound ability to connect with and understand the beauty and movement of the world. Every day, artists express themselves and tell stories on the stage, in photography exhibits, and at the theater to enhance the lives of those around them.

Whether your goal is to portray a piece of music via dance, interpret a famous work of art, or share a different perspective of the world through a camera lens, Drexel provides the knowledge and hands-on training you’ll need. Our innovative co-op program will allow you to strengthen and apply your classroom learning with real-world experience before you receive your degree, providing the opportunity to work directly with leading professionals in the field.

This unique combination of traditional learning and industry experience will not only prepare you to excel after graduation, but will allow you to share your unique vision with the world.

Learn more about our Arts programs at [drexel.edu/academics](http://drexel.edu/academics).
Your creativity is what drives you. Your interpersonal skills and flair for compelling storytelling will enable you to become a leader in the media field, where you can share your message on the big screen, at television studios, or in digital media agencies. Media professionals influence the content we receive every day, causing a ripple effect throughout communities at home and around the world. At Drexel, you will develop as a dynamic narrator and communicator.

From day one, you’ll be immersed in all there is to know about visuals, function, technology, and business. Through collaborative projects, you’ll act on these ideas while keeping current with the industry by analyzing top television genres, experiencing the music business through our student-run record label, turning a story idea into the next hit Broadway play, or concepting and creating your first feature film.

Through Drexel Co-op, you’ll tell your story as you learn from those leading the way. By the time you graduate and are ready to enter the workforce, you will have already built a résumé of real-world experience and knowledge that will set you apart from your peers.

Learn more about our Media programs at [drexel.edu/academics](http://drexel.edu/academics).
Drexel Recording Studio

MEDIA

MAJORS
- Communication
- Entertainment & Arts Management
- Film and Video
- Interactive Digital Media
- Music Industry
- Screenwriting & Playwriting
- TV Production & Media Management
- Undeclared – Media
WANT TO KNOW WHAT DREXEL IS REALLY LIKE?

PaperClip is a collection of unique stories about Drexel experiences written by students. Learn more at paperclip.drexel.edu or download the app for Apple or Android.

Our Admissions Blog gives you the insider’s view of Drexel University. From hints about the admission process to a preview of life on campus and in Philly, you’ll learn more from those who know it best. Learn more at drexel.edu/undergrad/blog.
WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN
Westphal provides students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in highly competitive art, design, and media fields. Students at Westphal will build a strong foundation, which includes opportunities for interdisciplinary study among Drexel’s other colleges and schools, and can personalize their program with diverse minors. With programs that are mostly studio-based, Westphal offers small classes and an individualized approach to creativity.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
The College of Arts and Sciences challenges students to see beyond their own perspectives and establish a deeper understanding of humanity’s needs. With a diverse range of programs in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, faculty and students are making an impact to meet those needs today. The college provides a comprehensive, real-world education that empowers graduates to respond confidently to the world’s most pressing issues — now and long into their future.
WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN

Westphal is located in the URBN Center, which houses studios, equipment, and computer labs available for 24/7 student use. The space fosters collaboration across diverse design, media, and art disciplines, in addition to interdisciplinary study throughout the University.

A few highlights include:

• **Fox Historic Costume Collection**, a display of over 14,000 dresses, accessories, and fashion-related pieces for studying the history and progression of fashion.

• **Hybrid Making Lab**, which gives students access to fabrication equipment and a production space in a multidisciplinary setting.

• **Leonard Pearlstein Gallery**, a 3,500-square-foot space that features upcoming contemporary exhibitions of dance, sculpture, photography, and more.

• **MAD Dragon Records**, an award-winning and nationally distributed student-run record label housed right in the URBN Center.

• **RePlay Gaming Lab (in collaboration with the Department of Computer Science)**, where students develop and produce potential game ideas.

• **Specialized Studios**, which include the Entrepreneurial Game Studio, a motion capture/green screen compositing space, and a student-run television station.

• **URBN Center Black Box Theater**, a flexible state-of-the-art performance space that hosts theatrical productions by students and professionals, while serving as a laboratory classroom for Westphal classes.

• **WKDU**, Drexel’s award-winning college radio station that is entirely student run.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Because of its diverse academic programs and areas, the college has labs and research facilities spread throughout campus. Students are able to collaborate via interdisciplinary study throughout the University.

A few highlights include:

• **Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University**, the oldest natural sciences institution in the Western Hemisphere, which offers students access to more than 18 million specimens and archival collections.

• **Joseph R. Lynch Observatory**, home to a 16-inch Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, the largest in Philadelphia.

• **Drexel Publishing Group (DPG)**, a resource that provides popular University literary publications such as 5027mac, Painted Bride Quarterly, and The 33rd.

• **Drexel Writers Room**, an initiative in the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships, where the Philadelphia community can explore writing as a tool for learning and a mode of creative expression.

• **Maya**, Drexel’s only undergraduate literary magazine where students have input on content or help with public relations.

• **Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building**, a 130,000-square-foot location with state-of-the-art teaching laboratories, classrooms, and North America’s largest biowall.
**This is Drexel**

**About Us**

**1891**

Founded

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Colleges & Schools

Mario the Dragon is our Mascot

The Barcode was created here

Ranked in the **Top 8 Percent** of U.S. colleges and universities by *The Wall Street Journal* and *Times Higher Education*

Drexel Crew won multiple championships at the **Dad Vail Regatta**

First University to have a fully **Wireless Campus**

Historic recordings by **David Bowie** are being restored in our Audio Archives

**Connections**

**Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University**

Home to Thomas Jefferson’s fossil collection

**ExCiTe Center**

An incubator for studying emerging areas and mingling with research mentors

**Barneget Bay, New Jersey**

Students study animal life in this research center on the beach

**Student Life**

**WKDU**

18 Student-Run Radio Station

18 Division I Teams

**Campuses**

**University City**

The University’s main campus

– Philadelphia, PA

**Center City**

Home of the College of Nursing and Health Professions

– Philadelphia, PA

**Queen Lane**

The University’s main medical campus

– East Falls, PA

**Drexel University Online**

– Anywhere
PHILADELPHIA, PA IS OUR HOME

Home of the Philly CHEESESTEAK

Over 250,000 college students

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS SIGNED HERE

ALSO KNOWN AS THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

5 MAJOR PHILLY SPORTS TEAMS: FLYERS, PHILLIES, EAGLES, 76ERS, AND UNION

Over 30 FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES

Over 400 CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS TEAMS

AROUND CAMPUS

9 RESIDENCE HALLS

DREXEL RECREATION CENTER NAMED PHILLY’S BEST GYM

15+ ON-CAMPUS PLACES TO EAT

HOME OF NORTH AMERICA’S LARGEST BIOWALL

FOOD TRUCKS ALL OVER CAMPUS

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

1919 YEAR DREXEL’S COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED

More than 1,600 CO-OP EMPLOYERS

Co-ops in 51 COUNTRIES 32 STATES
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

When Drexel was founded in 1891, A.J. Drexel’s dream was to establish a university that would fully prepare its students for future careers. Our students gain valuable experience in and out of the classroom. True to the vision of our founder, the following are just a few aspects of the University where the value of a Drexel degree shines.

STEINBRIGHT CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Steinbright sets you up for success at Drexel from day one. With world-class career services and preparation, you’ll have guidance throughout your Drexel career to discover your interests and develop all your professional tools such as a résumé and interview skills.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (CO-OP)
Since 1919, our curriculum has included our cooperative education program, which enables students to test drive different careers. Through Drexel Co-op, you will be able to narrow down your interests. You can gain up to 18 months of professional work experience on co-op in the United States and abroad at Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, startups, a variety of governmental agencies, and more. Most importantly, since you’ll gain a lot of experience off campus, you’ll be able to inspire further thinking when you bring that knowledge back to the classroom.

RESEARCH
We have always encouraged students to question what is and to explore what can be, emphasizing the importance of research and how it can impact the world around us. Using our state-of-the-art facilities, you’ll not only assist faculty and staff with major research projects, but also take the lead in your own studies — including the opportunity for graduate-level research during your first year at Drexel. The possibilities are endless here, and you get to decide where your research will take you.
At Drexel, learning goes well beyond the traditional classroom. We encourage our students to pursue different opportunities such as studying abroad, immersing themselves in the local community, and developing their own course of study.

- **Honors Program**: A department within the Pennoni Honors College, the Honors Program supports top-achieving students in cultivating their skills and becoming leaders in their fields. Students in the program receive benefits such as small Honors classes, Honors-specific housing, free tickets to cultural events in Philadelphia, Honors-specific advising and mentoring, and priority registration for classes.

- **Civic Engagement**: We believe in the importance of giving back to local communities — there are always opportunities to make an impact and serve the community here. Students can get involved on campus through Drexel’s Lindy Center for Civic Engagement and the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships during community-based learning courses and volunteering for community service. But our impact doesn’t stop there; our dedication reaches out globally through opportunities abroad to improve the world around us.

- **Custom-Designed Major**: The Custom-Designed program enables you to truly individualize your academic experience and curriculum. If we don’t have the major you’re looking for, we can work together to create it or combine existing majors and minors to match your career goals. As a custom-designed major, you’ll be advised by custom-designed major staff and mentored by a Drexel faculty member who has expertise in at least one of the areas in your course of study.

- **Global Opportunities**: Includes study abroad, international co-op, and more. All Drexel students can take advantage of study abroad, which enables them to live and learn in another country while immersing themselves in the culture. Using our worldwide connections, you can choose from six continents and 60 countries! International co-op takes study abroad one step further; students not only live in another country, but also gain work experience as they test drive a potential career. Students currently on international co-op are working in over 50 countries.
We’re proud to be located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sixth largest city in the United States. Philadelphia is a revolutionary town founded on revolutionary thinking — much like the ambition Drexel students have for influencing change in the world. The City of Brotherly Love is an extension of our campus, and as a student here, you’ll take full advantage of all it has to offer.

Philly culture is known for being as diverse as its many neighborhoods. From our main campus in the hub of Philadelphia’s higher learning community, University City, it’s easy to get to the stadiums in South Philly, take in some history in Old City, and enjoy the park in Rittenhouse Square. When you’re not in classes, there is plenty to do, no matter how you like to spend your free time. Being in the fourth most walkable city in the country according to Walk Score has its perks: concerts, performances, restaurant weeks, and athletic events are all easy to access.

Public transportation is just steps away from campus — it’s easy to enjoy an authentic cheesesteak and then visit the famous Philadelphia Museum of Art. You can travel to historic sites around the city or connect to various locations across the country. And when you need to get away from home, Philadelphia is close to everything from farmers’ markets in Lancaster County to ski and snowboarding locations in the Pocono Mountains to strolling the best beaches in the Mid-Atlantic.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- Anthropology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Communication
  - Corporate and Public Relations
  - Journalism
  - Technical and Science Communication
- Criminology and Justice Studies
- Emerging Scholars Program
- English
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies and Sustainability
- Geoscience
  - Applied Geology
  - General Geoscience
  - Paleontology
- History
- Global Studies
  - Global Business, Economics, and Development
  - Global Health and Sustainability
  - Justice and Human Rights
  - Literature, Culture, and Arts
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Undeclared — General Humanities and Social Sciences
- Undeclared — Science

SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
- Biomedical Engineering

LEBOW COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Business and Engineering
- Finance
- General Business
- International Business
- Legal Studies
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Organizational Management
- Real Estate Management and Development
- Technology and Innovation Management
- Undeclared — Business

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING & INFORMATICS
- Computer Science
  - Computer Security
  - Game Programming and Development
- Computing and Security Technology
- Data Science
- Information Systems
- Software Engineering

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
- Economics

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
- Design of Learning Technologies
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
- Architectural Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Construction Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Undeclared — Engineering

CLOSE SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation

CENTER FOR FOOD AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
- Culinary Arts and Science
  - Culinary Science
  - Food and Beverage Management
  - Hospitality Management

PENNONI HONORS COLLEGE
- Custom-Designed Major

WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN
- Animation and Visual Effects
- Architecture
- Art History
- Dance
- Design and Merchandising
- Entertainment & Arts Management
- Fashion Design
- Film and Video
- Game Design and Production
- Graphic Design
- Interactive Digital Media
- Interior Design
- Music Industry
  - Business
  - Recording Arts and Music Production
- Photography
- Product Design
- Screenwriting & Playwriting
- TV Production & Media Management
- Undeclared — Design
- Undeclared — Media

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
- Behavioral Health Counseling
- Health Sciences
  - Pre-Physician Assistant
  - Pre-Physical Therapy
- Health Services Administration
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Foods

GOODWIN COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- First-Year Exploratory Studies
  - Humanities and Social Sciences
  - STEM

DORNSIFE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
- Public Health

CENTER FOR SPORT MANAGEMENT
- Sport Management
ACCELERATED DEGREES
- BS in Business/MBA
- BS in Computing and Security Technology/MBA
- BS in Culinary Arts and Science/MBA
- BS in Hospitality Management/MBA
- BS in Design and Merchandising/MBA
- BS in Entertainment and Arts Management/MBA
- BS in Information Systems/MBA
- BS in Music Industry/MBA
- BS in Sport Management/MBA
- BA/BS/MS in Library and Information Science
- BA/BS/MS in Science, Technology, and Society
- BA/MA in Publishing
- BS/MS in Accounting
- BS/MS in Biomedical Engineering
- BS/MS in Communication
- BS/MS in Computing & Informatics
- BS/MS in Education (Five Years, One-Co-op)
- BS/MS in Engineering
- BS/MS in Engineering Management
- BS/MS in Project Management
- BS/MS in Psychology
- BS/MS in Systems Engineering
- BA/BS+MD Early Assurance Combined Program (Medicine)
- BA/BS/JD (Law)
- BS/DPT in Physical Therapy
- BS/MHS in Physician Assistant
- BS/MPH in Public Health
VISIT

The best way to find out if Drexel would be the right fit for you is by scheduling a visit. We have many options to fit your schedule.

VISIT CAMPUS
Open Houses
Think Big — Join students and their families who are interested in Drexel for a campus-wide Open House in the fall and the spring. At these larger events, you can get an in-depth look at academic programs, meet with current students, and take a tour of campus.

Campus Visits
Think Small — Weekdays and most Saturdays, you can schedule a Campus Visit. Each Campus Visit includes an Information Session and student-guided campus tour. The Information Session highlights Drexel’s cooperative education program, our academic offerings, and the admission and financial aid processes. Plus, there’s plenty of time for you to ask questions since you’ll be in a smaller group.

drexel.edu/undergrad/visit

Virtual Tour
If you can’t make it to campus, don’t worry; our virtual tours will give you an insider’s look into Drexel University. Whether you’d like to learn about restaurants in the area, what to do in University City, or even the best places to hear some local music, you can see it all through our virtual tours.

drexel.edu/virtual-tour

KEEP IN TOUCH
Contact Us
Our Office of Admissions is always here to help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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enroll@drexel.edu
drexel.edu/undergrad
We carefully consider every single application we receive. Admission is competitive and selective, and our Admissions Committee’s holistic review process assesses all aspects of the application personally. We believe it’s important to enroll the right-fit students, students who go above and beyond.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Early Decision** ............................................. **November 1**

Early Decision is the perfect option for students who know Drexel is the school for them and would like a decision sooner. This is a binding application plan and, if admitted, students must withdraw all other active applications and commit to enrolling at Drexel.

**Early Action** .................................................. **November 1**

Early Action means that students can apply by an earlier deadline to receive an admission decision sooner than students who apply Regular Decision. Early Action admission is not binding.

**Regular Decision** ........................................... **January 15**

Through the Regular Decision application process, students will receive a decision in early spring.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Freshman applications are accepted through the Common Application only.

commonapp.org

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Drexel requires standardized test scores from all freshman applicants, but we offer some flexibility in which test(s) will fulfill that requirement. For non-native English speakers, there may be additional testing requirements.

drexel.edu/undergrad/apply

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to domestic and international students. There are a few applications you should learn about to maximize the financial aid you are eligible for, such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS PROFILE.

drexel.edu/undergrad/financing