# EXPLORE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY





## A NOTE FROM OUR DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Are you curious about what Drexel University has to offer but aren't sure where to begin? Perhaps you have some ideas in mind about what you want to study but aren't ready to commit to a specific program or major. If so, then the First-Year Exploratory Studies, undeclared options, or custom-designed major programs at Drexel University might be right for you. A Drexel education will immerse you in the sphere of higher education as you meet talented individuals and inspirational professors who will aid you in deciding upon a degree that meets your interests.

Drexel is a premier global R-1 level research institution that has been preparing students through practical and experiential education for over 125 years. Our innovative model of learning pairs world-class academics with real-world experience, uniquely preparing students to thrive and excel in their fields.

Having served as a successful blueprint of career training since 1919, our cooperative education program (known as 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 path they have chosen.

This is a place that will allow you to develop your skills and encourage you to use them for the greater good. Utilizing academic and volunteer-based partnerships with our community, our students are among 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.

At Drexel, you can make your mark on the world. I encourage you to explore our First-Year Exploratory Studies, undeclared options, or custom-designed major programs – along with everything else this great University has to offer you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Keaton Dean of Undergraduate Admissions

# ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES AT DREXEL



College is a transformative experience — one where you discover the career path that is best for you but also find who you are and where your interests lie. At Drexel, there are many resources for students who haven't yet selected a major and need some time to figure out what they want to get out of their education.

Your options at Drexel are endless. Our First-Year Exploratory Studies program allows you to sample courses from varied areas of study and determine the major that is the right fit for you. For those who have a grasp on a specific academic area but aren't sure about the particular program that suits them, Drexel provides an undeclared major in which a student can experiment with different courses in that field before determining a focus. You can also choose to combine existing programs to create your own plan of study through our custom-designed major.

Through our cooperative education program, regardless of what you choose, you'll leave Drexel with an extensive résumé and professional work experience that will prepare you for future success.



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# FIRST-YEAR EXPLORATORY STUDIES

Without a clear path to follow, it can feel like a daunting task to commit to any higher education program. That's why Drexel supports and guides students who need some assistance. If you aren't sure where to begin, the First-Year Exploratory Studies program will light the way as you discover your personal, academic, and career options in programs focused in either STEM or Non-STEM, all prior to choosing a major.

This exploratory phase allows you to browse what Drexel has to offer and confidently choose the major that suits you best. Within your first year, you'll enjoy the perks of UNIV 101, a course designed to prepare students for success at Drexel; an academic advisor to support you every step of the way; social and educational activities with your First-Year Exploratory Studies program peers; and opportunities to engage with students from majors that may interest you.

Once you've chosen your major, Drexel's cooperative education program will prepare you for life after higher education in a way that no other university can. Learn more about our First-Year Exploratory Studies program at **drexel.edu/academics**.



### STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH)

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
  - Mathematics
- Physics

### COLLEGE OF COMPUTING & INFORMATICS

- Computer Science
- Software Engineering

### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

All Undergraduate Majors

### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Nutrition/Health Sciences

### SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

• Biomedical Engineering

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Biology
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Chemistry
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Computer Science
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Earth and Space Science
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) General Science
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Mathematics
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Physics

### DORNSIFE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

• Public Health

### NON-STEM (BUSINESS, SOCIAL SCIENCE, AND HUMANITIES)

### WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN

- Art History
- Design & Merchandising
- Entertainment & Arts Management

### LEBOW COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

All undergraduate majors

### COLLEGE OF COMPUTING & INFORMATICS

- Computing & Security Technology
- Data Science

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Information Systems

### CHARLES D. CLOSE SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

• Entrepreneurship and Innovation

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- All humanities majors
- All social science majors
- Environmental Studies and Sustainability

### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

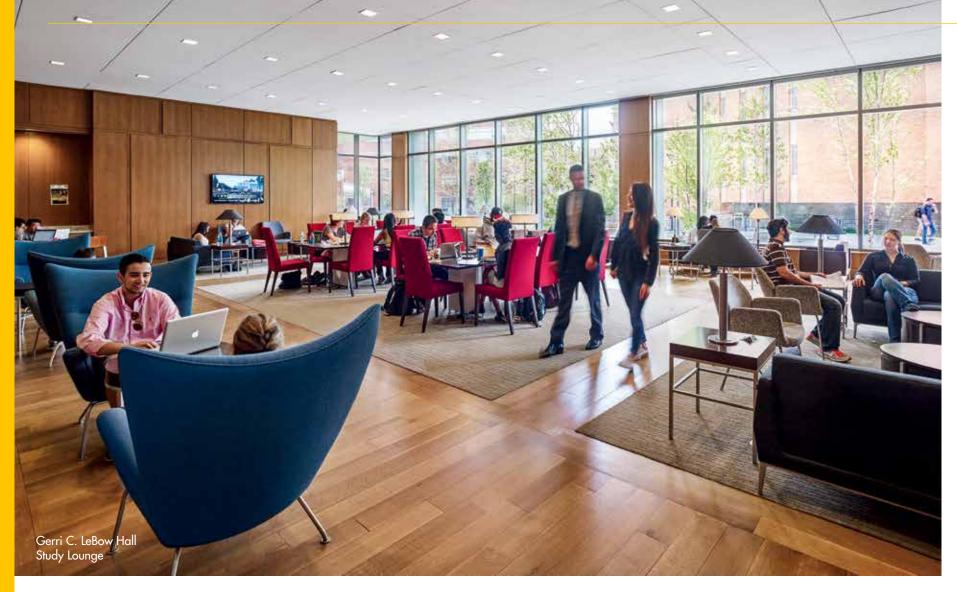
- Culinary Arts and Sciences
- Health Services Administration
- Nursing

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Elementary Education Pre-K-4
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) English
- Teacher Education (Grades 7–12) Social Studies

### DORNSIFE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

• Public Health



# UNDECLARED OPTIONS

Even if you already know your preferred area of study, choosing a specific program can be a task within itself. Perhaps you know that you're interested in business, the arts, or engineering but are overwhelmed by the myriad of concentrations to choose from. Selecting your focus is an important step in the educational process, and that's why some students benefit from the choice of an undeclared option.

At Drexel, students with an undeclared major take core classes that allow them to simultaneously meet academic goals and try out different programs. Consider this a tour in which you'll be exposed to various interests through your coursework. At the end of this tour, you'll have the information you need to select your specific path.

Regardless of your choice of an undeclared major, you'll transition into your major of choice with confidence and into the opportunity to participate in our renowned cooperative education program. Learn more about our undeclared programs at **drexel.edu/academics**.



### MAJORS

- Undeclared Business
- Undeclared Computing and Information Science
- Undeclared Design & Media
- Undeclared Engineering
- Undeclared General Humanities and Social Sciences
- Undeclared Science
- General Studies Transfer Only

# CUSTOM-DESIGNED

Perhaps the program you're looking for extends beyond the traditional mold. When you're an independent, critical thinker, drawn to making connections across majors, an interdisciplinary plan of study with the custom-designed major may be the right path for you.

Students developing their own plan-of-study within the custom-designed major have unique opportunities. Along with access to courses across Drexel, students participate in early intensive research; have priority registration; conduct an original, interdisciplinary senior-year project; receive tailored advising from the custom-designed staff; work closely with mentors from one or more expert faculty members in at least one of the disciplines in your proposed area of study; and connect with a cohort of likeminded innovators.

Students will still benefit from Drexel's Cooperative Education program, which truly elevates our custom-designed major. Your highly specialized undergraduate degree will be accompanied by an impressive résumé filled with professional work experience that sets you up for career success from the second you start your first class. Learn more about this exciting option at **drexel.edu/academics**.





### MAJOR

• Custom-Designed

RESOURCES

Drexel offers numerous resources for students to take advantage of. Some highlights include:

- Academic Advisors, who assist students in every aspect of course selection and planning for their program of study.
- 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.
- Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry, located in the Pennoni
  Honors College and home to the custom-designed major, where students
  are empowered towards big-picture thinking and analytical skills
  associated with cutting-edge interdisciplinary teaching and research.
- Center for Learning and Academic Success Services (CLASS), which empowers students to develop skills and strategies that foster academic success and personal growth through interaction with peers and professional staff.
- **CIVC 101,** a first-year course where students learn concepts and frameworks for understanding civic engagement, and then complete 8–10 hours of service with a community organization.
- COOP 101, a course offered by the Steinbright Career Development Center that readies students for co-op and helps them develop career planning and job skills.
- **Counseling Center,** which offers free, confidential counseling services to current full-time undergraduate and graduate students in a welcoming and comfortable environment.
- ExCITe Center, a multidisciplinary collaborative space, which incorporates arts and design along with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a STEAM approach.



- The Innovation Studio, a "flow through" space offering students a place to create projects while serving as a central hub for cultivating ideas across the University.
- The Center for Civil Discourse, which serves as a gathering place for students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to openly discuss, debate, disagree, and engage with opposing viewpoints through panel discussions, casual conversations, and interviews.
- Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, a 130,000-squarefoot LEED Gold-certified facility with state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories, classrooms, and North America's largest biowall.
- **Pennoni Honors College,** an unparalleled college of innovation, creativity, and intellectual exchange and home to the Honors Program for high-achieving students.
- Undergraduate Research & Enrichment Programs, which focus on engaging students in the process of intellectual and self-discovery through research, fellowships advising, and enrichment programming.
- UNIV 101: The Drexel Experience, a course that helps first-year students learn about themselves, develop academic and career goals, and learn how to navigate the Drexel experience.



### THIS IS DREXEL

### ABOUT US

891 founded

5 colleges



our mascot is Mario the Dragon



the barcode was created here

Ranked in the TOP 100 UNIVERSITIES for Lifetime Earnings by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce in 2019

Drexel Rowing Team won six consecutive DAD **VAIL REGATTA** titles

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 President Thomas Jefferson's fossil collection

### **ExCITe CENTER**

An incubator enabling transdisciplinary research, discovery, and mingling with research mentors

### **BARNEGAT BAY, NEW JERSEY**

Students study animal life in this research center on the beach

### STUDENT LIFE

Over

clubs, organizations, and intramural sports teams

8 Division I Teams

fraternities & sororities

Over

student-run radio station

### PHILADELPHIA, PA IS OUR HOME

Home of the Philly

### **CHEESESTEAK**

Over

340,000 college students



the Declaration of Independence was signed here



major Philly sports teams: Flyers, Phillies, Eagles, 76ers, and Union



### COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Founded in

919

Students have co-ops in

(+ Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, & U.S. Virgin Islands)

35 countries

### AROUND CAMPUS

Residence Halls

Drexel Recreation Center named one of Philly's

**BEST GYMS** 

on-campus places to eat

Home of North America's largest

Food Trucks BIOWALL

all over campus



### **UNIVERSITY CITY**

The University's main campus

- Philadelphia, PA



**DREXEL UNIVERSITY ONLINE** 

Everywhere

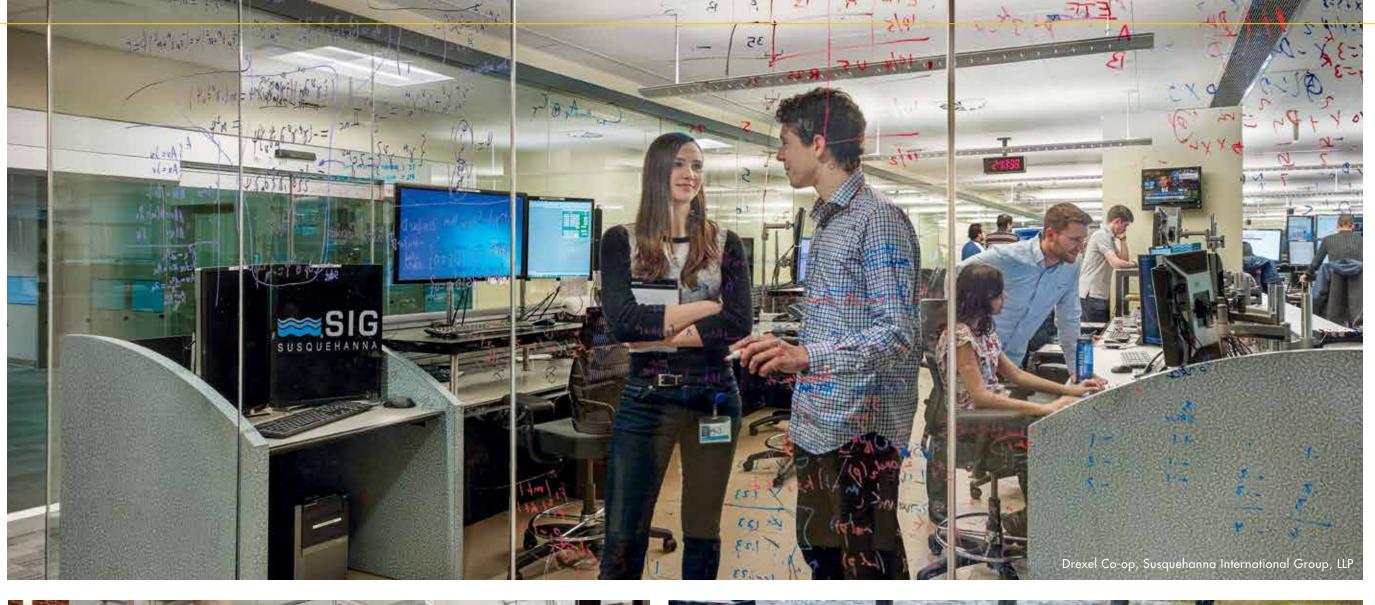
### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

In 1891, A.J. Drexel founded this University with the dream to establish an institution that would fully prepare its students to excel in their future careers. To meet his vision, Drexel has developed a model of learning that takes students beyond the typical collegiate experience by combining world-class academics with real-world application. Our students are challenged to apply what they've learned in the classroom by working alongside mentors and industry professionals who push the boundaries of knowledge and achievement.

As a leading research institution, Drexel carries a long and storied history of innovation. Here, you'll not only assist faculty and staff with major projects, but you'll also have the opportunity to take the lead in your own studies — including graduate-level research during your first year — in our state-of-the-art facilities and labs. You will be encouraged to ask important questions and consider how the answers you find impact the world around us.

For over 100 years, our curriculum has also featured our cooperative education program, which enables students to test-drive different careers while learning side by side with the leaders of their respective fields. Through Drexel Co-op, students can build an impressive résumé and gain up to 18 months of professional work experience in the United States and globally at Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, startups, a variety of governmental agencies, and more. The majority of these positions are full-time and paid, and those that are carry a median six-month salary of over \$19,000. Co-op will allow you to explore your options and narrow down your interests, ensuring you are on a fulfilling career path that meets your needs and expectations. With each experience, you'll gain a unique working perspective that can't be found in any textbook, allowing you to serve as a knowledgeable resource for fellow classmates and professors as well as inform classroom instruction moving forward.

The Steinbright Career Development Center, one of the largest collegiate co-op and career services teams in the world, sets you up for success at Drexel from day one. Whether you're looking for potential co-op employers, research opportunities, or post-graduate endeavors, Steinbright connects you to Drexel's constantly growing network of employers and industry leaders while also building your résumé and interview skills through workshops and information sessions. Our unique combination of world-class career services and dedicated counseling professionals will help guide you to discover your interests and develop your professional tools.







### ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES

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: At the Pennoni Honors College, the Honors Program serves as a catalyst for enhanced intellectual exploration. Composed of curious and active learners, this program offers exclusive access to Philadelphia events, advising and mentoring, dedicated housing, and a Living Learning Community, along with specialized opportunities to complete service and develop leadership skills. Honors students in this program are scholastic ambassadors at Drexel, raising their academic experience to the next level.

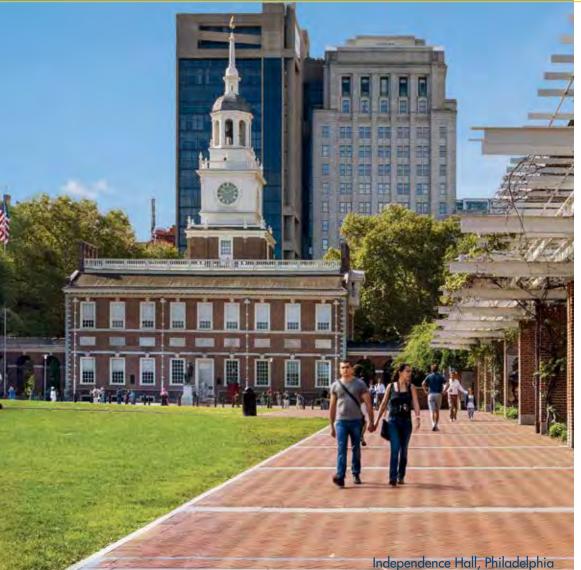
**Civic Engagement:** We believe in the importance of giving back to local communities — there are always opportunities to make an impact and serve the community here. Students can get involved on campus through Drexel's Lindy Center for Civic Engagement and the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships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





**Custom-Designed Major:** The Custom-Designed program is suited for highly motivated students whose interdisciplinary curiosity and ambition cannot be satisfied by a traditional major. This path enables you to pursue an individualized course of study in place of an existing major, either by developing a plan with your advisor or by combining existing majors and minors to match your career goals. As a student in this unique program, you'll be advised by staff from the Pennoni Honors College and mentored by a Drexel faculty member who has expertise in at least one of the areas in your course of study.

Global Opportunities: These options include 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, students have been able to choose from six continents and 65 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 35 countries.



### A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a revolutionary town founded on revolutionary thinking — much like the ambition Drexel students have for influencing change in the world. As the sixth largest city in the United States, 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 University City Campus in the hub of Philadelphia's higher-learning community, 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, restaurants, 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 will find that all areas of the city are interconnected by simple means of travel, and getting to historic sites around the city or connecting to various locations across the country is an easy task. Living in Philadelphia provides access to everything from farmers' markets in Lancaster County to ski and snowboarding locations in the Pocono Mountains to the best beaches in the Mid-Atlantic.



### MAJORS

For the most up to date listing of majors, visit drexel.edu/undergraduate/academics.

### College of Arts and Sciences

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Communication
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Technical and Science Communication
- Criminology and Justice Studies
- English
- Literary Studies
- Writing
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies and Sustainability
- Geoscience
- Global Studies
- Global Business, Economics, and Development
- Global Health and Sustainability
- Global Justice and Human Rights
- Global Media, Arts, and Culture
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Ethical Theory & Practice
- Philosophy & Law
- Philosophy, Technology, & Service
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- 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
- Esport Business
- Finance

- General Business
- International Business
- Legal Studies
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Organizational Management
- Real Estate Management and Development
- Sport Business
- Technology and Innovation Management
- Undeclared Business\*

### College of Computing & Informatics

- Computer Science
- Computer Security
- Game Programming and Development
- Computing and Security Technology
- Data Science
- Economics and Data Science
- Information Systems
- Software Engineering
- Undeclared Computer and Information Sciences

### School of Economics

- Behavioral Economics, Business and Organizations
- Business and Economics
- Economics (BA)
- Economics (BS)
- Economics and Data Science
- Economics and Math
- Economics and Public Health

### School of Education

- Elementary Education
- Education: Non-Certification
- Teacher Education

### College of Engineering

- Architectural Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Construction Management
- Electrical Engineering • Engineering Technology
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering
- Undeclared Engineering\*

### Charles D. Close School of Entrepreneurship

- BA, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (includes 3-year degree options)
- Corporate Entrepreneurship
- New Venture Creation
- Social Entrepreneurship

### Pennoni Honors College

• Custom-Designed Major

### Westphal College of Media Arts & Design

- Animation & Visual Effects
- Architecture\*\*
- Architectural Studies
- Art History
- Dance
- Design & Merchandising
- Entertainment & Arts Management
- Fashion Design
- Film & Television
- Game Design & Production
- Graphic Design
- Interactive Digital Media
- Interior Design
- Music Industry\*
- Business
- Recording Arts and Music Production
- Photography
- Product Design
- Screenwriting & Playwriting
- Virtual Reality & Immersive Media
- Undeclared Design & Media\*

### College of Nursing and Health Professions

- Culinary Arts and Science
- Culinary Science
- Food and Beverage Management
- Health Sciences
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Physical Therapy • Health Services Administration
- Hospitality Management
- Nursing

• Nutrition and Foods

### Goodwin College of Professional Studies

- First-Year Exploratory Studies
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- STFM
- General Studies\*\*\*

### Dornsife School of Public Health

- Global Public Health
- Public Health

### Accelerated Degrees

- BS/MBA
- Accounting
- Design & Merchandising
- Finance
- International Business
- Legal Studies
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Music Industry
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Real Estate Management and Development
- Sport Business
- BS/BA/MS Strategic & Digital Communications
- Communications (both BA and BS) - Marketing BS
- BS/BA/MPH
- Global Studies BA
- Health Services Administration BS
- Public Health BS
- BS/MS Biomedical Engineering
- BS/MS Engineering
- Architectural - Chemical
- Civil
- Computer
- Electrical - Environmental
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mechanical
- BS/MS Psychology
- BA/MS Sociology & Urban Strategy

### Combined

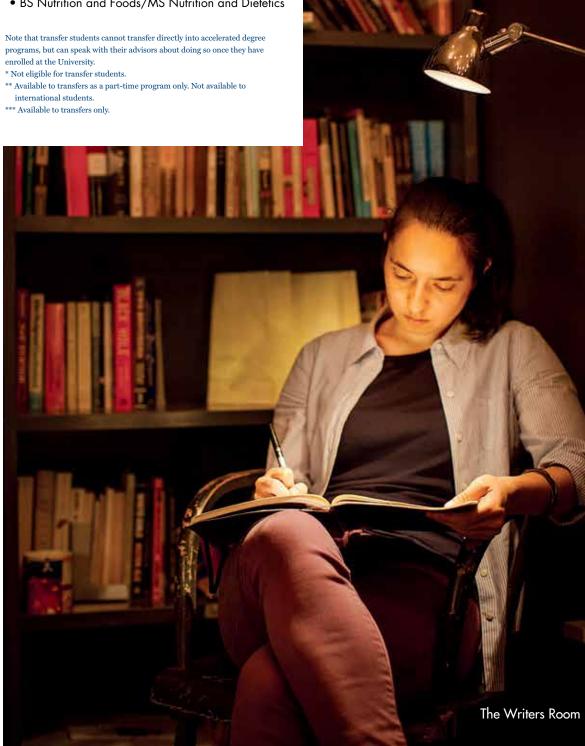
• BA/BS+MD Early Assurance Program

### **Bridge Programs**

- BS Health Sciences/MHS Physician Assistant
- BS Health Sciences/DPT Physical Therapy
- BS Nutrition and Foods/MS Nutrition and Dietetics

programs, but can speak with their advisors about doing so once they have enrolled at the University.

- \*\* Available to transfers as a part-time program only. Not available to
- \*\*\* Available to transfers only.



# FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS

There is no typical Drexel student. Our students are ambitious, curious, complex, and bold. Candidates are selected based on their ability to thrive in our unique academic environment and make contributions to our diverse community. Through a contextual and holistic review process, we carefully consider each applicant, evaluating their personal qualities, academic journey, and intellectual promise.

### **Application Deadlines**

### Submitting Your Application

First-year student applications are accepted through either the Common Application or the Coalition Application.

### drexel.edu/undergrad/apply

### Standardized Test Scores

Drexel University is Test-Optional for students applying for fall 2022 and 2023. For non-native English speakers, there may be additional testing requirements.

### drexel.edu/undergrad/apply/tests

### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to domestic and international students in the form of merit scholarships and need-based grants. 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

# TRANSFER APPLICATION PROCESS

There are many reasons you may consider transferring to Drexel; as you make your transition, we'll be here to help you every step of the way. Drexel has a vibrant and active transfer community. Qualified applications are considered on a rolling basis through all terms. Applications must be received one month prior to the start of the term for which you are applying.

### **Application Deadlines**

STARTING TERM	APPLICATION REVIEW BEGINS IN
Fall (September)	December
Winter (January)*	October
Spring (Late March/Early April)*	November
*Not all majors enroll in our off-terms	

### **Priority Deadlines**

STARTING TERM	DEADLINE
Fall (September)	APRIL 15
Winter (January)*	NOVEMBER 15
Spring (Late March/Early April)*	FEBRUARY 15
*Not all majors enroll in our off-terms	

There may be other deadlines for international students. Please visit **drexel.edu/undergrad/apply/deadlines** for more information.

### Submitting Your Application

Transfer students may submit applications through the Common Application or Drexel University's Admission Application.

### drexel.edu/undergrad/apply/transfer

### Financial Aid

Drexel offers competitive financial aid opportunities for transfer applicants. While students will be reviewed for scholarships during the admissions review process, we highly recommend filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS Profile as soon as possible to maximize their eligibility for support. **drexel.edu/undergrad/financing** 



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