EXPLORE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Because Exploration Can’t Wait

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 as they are challenged to apply what they’ve learned in the classroom by working alongside mentors and industry professionals, pushing the boundaries of knowledge and achievement.

Drexel’s curriculum is uniquely designed to put our students at the forefront of innovation. Here, you can pursue your interests and build a learning experience that works for you. Our university does not restrict students to a singular focus, instead allowing them to take the lead in their own studies as they assist faculty and staff with major projects in our state-of-the-art facilities. With your classroom-based learning supplemented with our cooperative education program (co-op), you can gain up to 18 months of entry-level professional work experience in the United States and abroad, building an impressive résumé and obtaining a unique working perspective — all before you graduate.

Drexel’s First-Year Exploratory Studies, undeclared, and custom-designed options give you the freedom to explore your passions without limitations. These programs ensure that students are not bound to a single path of study and have the chance to hone and sharpen each and every one of their skills. We know there is no limit to what you can achieve — you simply need the opportunity to begin.

A CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR PATH
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, you have the opportunity to create a college experience that is right for you.

Our university has many resources for students who haven’t yet selected a major and want the chance to explore their interests. 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 which particular program suits them, Drexel provides an undeclared major in which students 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.

With state-of-the-art facilities and resources across all fields, you will be at the forefront of innovation in any program you study. Regardless of what you choose, you’ll leave Drexel with all the tools you need for future success.
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 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 programs peers; and opportunities to engage with students from majors that may interest you.

As part of Drexel’s extended campus, the city of Philadelphia offers no shortage of new experiences to supplement your classroom learning. Surrounded by cultures, foods, and insights from all over the world, you’ll gain new knowledge every day that will set you apart from your peers after graduating.
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 undeclared options.

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.

With Drexel’s cooperative education program, you’ll even have the chance to test different career paths before choosing which is right for you — all before you graduate. Your classroom learning will be accompanied by professional work experience that will pave the way for a successful career the moment you graduate.
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 their proposed area of study; have the opportunity to test-drive different careers through co-op before they even graduate; and connect with a cohort of like-minded innovators.

As you forge your own path of learning, experienced and renowned faculty will help support you every step of the way. Drexel’s dedicated faculty and professional staff have years of experience to guide you as you embark on your journey of discovery.
Why Choose Drexel?

At Drexel, we take pride in offering state-of-the-art facilities for our students. No matter your field of study, you will have a wide variety of resources at your disposal, from student-run media outlets to cutting-edge labs.

**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 prepares 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 120,000-square-foot 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.
1891
founded

15
colleges & schools

Students have co-ops in 33 states (+ Washington, D.C. & Puerto Rico)

More than 28 countries

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

Founded in 1919

Over 1,700 co-op employers

Philadelphia, PA is our home

Home of the Philly Cheesesteak

Over 340,000 college students

Over 15+ places to eat

Over 9 residence halls

Food trucks all over campus

About us

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Cooperative education

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

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Philly, PA is our home

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Cardoza

Student-run radio station

Best gyms

Drexel Recreation Center named one of Philly’s best gyms

Around campus

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Camps

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University City
The University’s main campus
– Philadelphia, PA

Queens Lane
The University’s main medical campus
– East Falls, PA

Drexel University Online
– Everywhere

Connections

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Camper 12
Our mascot is Mario the Dragon

the barcode was created here

Home of North America’s largest biowall

Biowall

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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 sport 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 eighth 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.

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 scholarly 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 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, you can choose from six continents and 35 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 28 countries.

Study Abroad in Segovia, Spain

Independent Mall, Philadelphia

Boathouse Row, Philadelphia

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MAJORS

Bennett S. LeBow College of Business

• Science and Health Systems
• College of Arts and Sciences

• Biomedical Sciences
• Chemistry
• Communication
• Criminology and Justice Studies
• English
• Environmental Science
• Environmental Studies and Sustainability
• Geoscience
• Global Studies
• History
• Mathematics
• Philosophy
• 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

Bennett S. LeBow College of Business

• Accounting
• Business Analytics
• Business and Engineering
• Export 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

Charles D. Close School of Entrepreneurship

• Entrepreneurship and Innovation
– Corporate Entrepreneurship
– New Venture Creation
– Social Entrepreneurship
– Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Three-Year Option)
– Sustainability and Innovation

School of Economics

• Behavioral Economics, Business, and Organizations
• Economics (BA/BS)
• Economics and Business
• Economics and Data Science
• Economics and Mathematics
• Economics and Public Health

School of Education

• Education, Non-Certification
• Elementary Education
• Teacher Education (Secondary Education)
• Special 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

Pennoni Honors College

• Custom-Designed Major

Thomas R. Kline School of Law

• Bachelor of Arts in Law

College of Nursing and Health Professions

• Behavioral Health Counseling
• Culinary Arts and Science
– Culinary Science
– Food and Beverage Management
– Exercise Science
• Health Sciences
• Health Services Administration
• Hospitality Management
• Nursing
• Nutrition
• Nutrition and Dietetics

Goodwin College of Professional Studies

• First-Year Exploratory Studies
– Humanities and Social Sciences
– STEM
• General Studies

Accelerated Degree Programs

• RA/BS in Economics/MBA
• RA in Global Studies
• MS in Global and International Education
• RA/BS in Math/MS in Biostatistics
• BS in Business/MS in Finance
• BS in Design & Merchandising/BS in Design
• BS/MS in Education
• BS in Entertainment and Arts Management/BA
• RA in Global Studies/BA
• BS in Music Industry/BA
• RA/BS/MPH in Public Health
• RA/BS/JD
• RA/BS/MS in Strategic & Digital Communications
• BS in Health Services Administration/MPH in Public Health
• BS/MS in Biomedical Engineering
• BS/MS in Engineering
• BS/MS in Psychology
• RA/BS-MD Early Assurance Combined Program

Bridge Degree Programs

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

Note that transfer students cannot transfer directly into accelerated degree programs or bridge degree programs, but can speak with their advisors about doing so if they have enrolled at the University.

* Not eligible for transfer students
** Available to transfer students only
*** Available to transfer students as a part-time program only
**** Not available to transfers starting in the fall

For the most up-to-date list of majors, concentrations, and accelerated programs, visit: drexel.edu/undergrad/academics.
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

EARLY DECISION .......................................................... NOVEMBER 1
Early Decision is the perfect option for students who know Drexel is the number one school for them and would like a decision in December of their senior year. This is a binding admission plan; if admitted, students must withdraw all other active applications and commit to enrolling at Drexel.

EARLY ACTION .......................................................... NOVEMBER 1
Early Action allows students to apply by an earlier deadline to receive an admission decision in December, but that decision is non-binding.

REGULAR DECISION .................................................. JANUARY 15
Through the Regular Decision application process, students will receive a decision in early spring.

Submitting Your Application
First-year students can apply through either the Common Application or the Coalition Application.

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

Students who have earned an associate degree at a regionally accredited community college in either Pennsylvania or New Jersey are eligible for The Drexel Promise, a renewable scholarship for 50% of the cost of their tuition as they work to complete their bachelor’s degree at Drexel.

Your Future Can’t Wait
Ready to become a Dragon? Drexel prides itself on making the application process as smooth as possible. Students applying for first-year admission are offered the choice of applying Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision.
There are many different ways to visit Drexel University throughout the year, including Open Houses, Daily Visits, Transfer Tuesday and Thursday events, and more.

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/undergrad/visit

Our Office of Undergraduate Admissions is always here to help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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