

Useful Information for students:

The students are advised to visit Drexel University and Pune University weblinks for updates on information.

Students interested in the program must demonstrate an excellent command of spoken and written English and relevant education background. Proof of English proficiency shall be provided within the previous two years from the date of application. Drexel accepts the score of International English Language Testing System (IELTS) in addition to the TOEFL to test English Language comprehension. IELTS has Band scores of One to Nine with Nine being the highest competency. An overall minimum composite score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.5 in Speaking competency and a TOEFL score of 90 or above, is necessary for application. An evaluation by World Education Services (WES) is required for transcripts from institutions outside the United States. For guidelines, please refer to these links:

<http://drexel.edu/grad/resources/international/> and <http://drexel.edu/grad/apply/checklist/>

- A) **Application and Admission Requirements.** The additional information for international students can be located [here](#).

The hard criteria for applying to Drexel, on top of English language proficiency, are:

- A bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering, or any other engineering discipline such as material or chemical engineering or engineering / technology equivalent thereof from Pune University or any other university recognized by Government of India. For master's in biomedical sciences, a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences, life sciences, biotechnology, medical science, pharmacy, or any other science degree is required.
- Curriculum vitae including details on the academic career at higher education institutions.
- Official and certified transcripts of academic records from previously attended higher education institution(s).
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty.
- Essay of motivation (two pages of A-4 size, with 1-inch margin and single space lining);
- Optional: Language certificates.

- B) **Tuitions:** Current tuition and fees of Drexel University are published on Drexel website: <http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost/tuition/graduate/> and SP Pune University current tuition can be located at SPPU webpage.

SPPU students are eligible for the Dean's fellowship, depending on their academic standing. Onsite Faculty Program Coordinators at SPPU and Drexel must ensure potential applicants are aware of these policies concerning billing, payment, and refunds. Information about these policies is available at: <http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/billing/overview/>

International students who wish to study in the United States are not eligible for federal financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education but may be eligible for alternative financing options. Onsite Faculty Program Coordinators at Drexel and SPPU must make students aware of these opportunities, which are summarized at: <http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/finaid/financing/international-resources/>

- C) **Services and Accommodation:**

SPPU: While DU-PU program students are at SPPU campus, the SPPU program coordinator will help students for accommodation / residence, with the help of PU's School of Biomedical Sciences, Pune.

SPPU is conveniently located, having some on-campus and lots of options for off-campus around SPPU main campus. The students are advised to contact PU project director while they are in Pune.

Drexel: Majority of graduate students at Drexel University live in non-university owned housing, on or near campus. Drexel Off Campus Housing (OCH) facilitates the opportunities to find housing in the local Philadelphia community and provides activities to improve applications. Please visit Drexel University Housing at <http://drexel.edu/campuservices/universityHousing/overview/> for more information. The students can also contact DU-SPPU project director at Drexel for the advice in this regard.

D) Continuation of Candidature:

Students of the program should follow the rules and regulations of both Parties for Master of Science degree studies, including the conditions for continuation, withdrawal, and termination of studies. At SPPU students must take at least equivalent of 15 course credits and the overall grade of the degree courses (GPA) should be no lower than 3.0. At Drexel, students must take at least an equivalent of 30 Drexel course credits and need to be enrolled with 9 course credits in each term to be enrolled full-time. In case more time needed by a student to complete his/her studies, Drexel agrees to be supportive in accommodating the student to be able to finish the studies.

E) Drexel's dual degree provision:

Like domestic students, the DU-PU program students would be eligible for dual degrees of Master of Science (means, biomedical engineering, and another complementary branch of engineering), if any student(s) is/are interested. All regulations and norms of Drexel University would be applicable to DU-PU program students. The students are strongly recommended to contact their Drexel Academic Advisor and/or Graduate Program Director.

F) Insurance Coverage:

All Drexel students must have health insurance that includes international coverage for their time abroad. This is in addition to the On Call International coverage that is provided by Drexel for university-affiliated international activities. The best way to determine if your insurance includes international coverage is to contact them directly. The Drexel student health plan through Aetna includes international coverage. Health insurance policy is available at: <http://drexel.edu/healthservices/insurance-immunizations/health-insurance/>

Graduate international students may satisfy their requirement by purchasing the Drexel student health insurance plan or by submitting an insurance waiver. Graduate international students holding a J-1 visa must also purchase the university sponsored plan so that federally governed J-1 mandates are met.

G) Issuance of Degree Certificates:

Upon the successful final examination and authorized approval by Drexel, the respective Master of Science degree is awarded within the framework of Biomedical Engineering or Biomedical Science (Drexel). The diploma documents from Drexel University will list the courses transferred from SPPU.

H) Research areas at Drexel Biomed and Pune University:

The School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems (Biomed) has strong research programs. The students strongly advised to explore Drexel or PU websites and contact their graduate advisors / program directors upon admission.