

First-Year Exploratory Studies



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The First-Year Exploratory Studies (FYES) program at Drexel University is designed for students who wish to explore various academic disciplines before committing to a major. This program offers a structured yet flexible plan of study, allowing students to discover their interests and strengths while also examining all that Drexel's Colleges and Schools have to offer. By the end of the first year, students are prepared to transition into their chosen major with confidence and clarity, as well as remain on track with credits.

INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

The FYES program curriculum is tailored to provide a comprehensive educational experience that aligns with your individual personal and professional goals. Schedules are customized to foster exploration and intellectual growth, ensuring that students gain a broad understanding of multiple fields. With manageable credit loads, students have the opportunity to reflect on their own academic journeys and make informed decisions about their futures.

TRACKS

The FYES program gives students the unique opportunity to explore disciplines from across Drexel's unique colleges and schools before declaring a major. Each major has specific entry requirements that FYES advisors will explain to support a smooth transition to the intended degree program at the end of the year. Students can also create their own interdisciplinary academic plan through the Custom-Designed major offered through Pennoni Honors College. Advisors help students make informed decisions that will enable them to succeed.

While in the FYES program, students explore a variety of subject areas that pique their interest, including **SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, HEALTH, NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MEDIA, ARTS AND DESIGN, EDUCATION, ENGINEERING AND MORE!**

This unique approach helps students identify the major(s) and/or minor(s) that best suits their aspirations and career goals.



DREXEL CO-OP

One of the standout features of Drexel University is its renowned co-op program. This unique cooperative education program allows students to gain real-world experience while earning their degree. FYES students, like all other Drexel students have access to co-op opportunities that enable them to:

- **APPLY CLASSROOM KNOWLEDGE IN PROFESSIONAL SETTINGS**
- **BUILD A STRONG RESUME**
- **ESTABLISH VALUABLE INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS**

Depending on the major chosen at the end of their first year, FYES students will be able to participate in up to three co-op opportunities.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Learning at Drexel extends beyond the classroom. As a FYES student, students will engage in activities that enhance their academic experience and personal development. These extra-curricular activities engage students to build connections with peers, make the most of what Drexel University has to offer, and become immersed in the City of Philadelphia. Past activities have included:

- **FACULTY-LED PANELS ON FUTURE MAJORS AND PROGRAMS**
- **TRIPS TO THE SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK AND ADVENTURE AQUARIUM**
- **GROUP VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY**
- **ACTIVE ADVENTURES LIKE ICE SKATING AND BOWLING**
- **TICKETS TO 76ERS, PHILLIES AND FLYERS GAMES**
- **STUDY GROUPS FOR MID-TERMS AND FINALS**
- **SCAVENGER HUNTS AROUND PHILADELPHIA, GOING BEYOND UNIVERSITY CITY**

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

The First-Year Exploratory Studies Living Learning Community is available to all incoming FYES students. This unique opportunity allows FYES students to live together with a group of like-minded classmates and provides an incredible way to get involved and build relationships during your first year. Along with the academic benefits of having study groups organized in a close-knit community, opting in to the FYES Living Learning Community is also a great way to form long-lasting friendships beyond the first year.

TRANSFER STUDENTS WELCOME

Students who have completed less than 26 semester credits and are looking to transfer to Drexel but still aren't sure what they want to major in, the FYES is an ideal option. Students can seamlessly transfer into the FYES program for the following terms:

- **WINTER (JANUARY)**
- **SPRING (LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL)**

A Fall (September) start date in the second year may also be possible depending on the student's unique circumstances. Drexel's academic advisors will work closely with transfer students to ensure that credits are maximized toward completing a degree on time.

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