



**DREXEL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

# HISTORY

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## **DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

How have power and colonialism redrawn maps and driven modernity? How has science evolved over time and across societies? Through coursework and experiential learning, Drexel University's Department of History leads students in the exploration of lands, cultures and technologies far beyond the world of today. Students discover and evaluate evidence from the past in order to address the complexities of the modern economy and modern global challenges. A focus on such areas as race, identity, ethnicity and society links historical and contemporary issues and events, providing invaluable context for study and problem solving.

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## **DEGREES OFFERED**

History (BA)

Accelerated BA/JD in History and Law

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Admissions

[drexel.edu/undergrad](https://drexel.edu/undergrad)

College of Arts and Sciences

[drexel.edu/coas](https://drexel.edu/coas)

Department of History

[drexel.edu/history](https://drexel.edu/history)

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Working closely with faculty, our students acquire research skills in applied historical practice, including digital humanities, oral history, international travel and research, language proficiency, and public and policy-focused history, in addition to traditional archival skills and historiography. Students can design a curriculum that fits their interests and may choose to focus in one of two thematic areas that build on faculty expertise:

### History of Science, Technology and the Environment

This area provides a window into a vast range of social and cultural conditions over time. Issues of race, gender, class, sexuality, (dis)ability and other identities come into sharper focus as students study histories of the life sciences or bioengineering. Ideas about national identity or geopolitics can be investigated through histories of military or energy technologies; understandings of global cultural priorities regarding health, sustainability and environmental disaster emerge through written accounts of industry or energy infrastructures. Students are encouraged to ask: Who decides whether a historical episode has been “positive” or “negative”? Who decides what counts as a welcome or a destructive change?

### Global History

Rather than focusing on conventional periodization or regional delineations, Global History allows students to follow things, ideas and people on the move and delve into the spaces enabling such moves. For example, students can explore how ostrich feathers illustrate stories of Jewish peoples’ movement (typically involuntary) from their homeland to South Africa, Palestine and Europe; how El Niño weather patterns bring together apparently unrelated rebellions in Brazil, India and China; and how sugar traveled from slave plantations in the Caribbean Islands to European capitals.

## ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

**Minors.** All of our concentrations reserve enough free electives for students to take a minor. We recommend a foreign language, economics, political science or a natural science such as biology or chemistry. All of these options make graduates highly marketable.

**Accelerated Degrees.** For qualified students, we offer a BA-to-JD admission process that allows students to matriculate into the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law at the start of their senior year. To be considered for this program, students must apply and be accepted as prospective freshmen during the admission process to Drexel.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

We bring courses to life through Intensive Courses Abroad, which take students out of the classroom and to the places and people we study. Our students have traveled to England, France and Belgium for a course on World War I; São Paulo for a course on the history of commodities; and Milan for a course on the World’s Fairs. These courses fit easily into students’ breaks between terms and can also serve as a springboard for traditional, full-quarter study-abroad experiences.

## DREXEL CO-OP

Through Drexel’s cooperative education program, students embark on up to three, six-month periods of employment, exploring their career options, strengthening their résumés and building a professional network in the process. Students complete technical courses before starting their co-op, making them a valued asset to their co-op employer. Whether working with academic researchers, law firms or nonprofit organizations like the Historical Society of Pennsylvania or the Science History Institute, our students gain the professional exposure needed to launch a meaningful career. Our co-op placements span Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and beyond.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

Some of the best educational moments come from informal interactions with professors and peers. We ensure that our incoming students take courses together and interact regularly outside of the classroom in order to grow together throughout their academic journey.



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