



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

# Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering

*College of Engineering*

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## The Drexel Difference

- 4 and 5 year plans of undergraduate study available (1 and 3 co-ops)
- Accelerated degrees and minors possible
- 32 faculty in the department with experience in both research and industry
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Hands-on experience in dynamic urban environment



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## **The CAEE Difference: How we differ from other engineering fields**

- Our solutions must last a long time, often with little maintenance
  - Issues of sustainability and resilience become dominant
- The problems are often public sector, or strongly influenced by public sector entities (e.g., laws, codes, ...)
  - Need to be very good at written and verbal interactions with diverse parties
- Our solutions must perform well under highly variable influences of the natural environment
- Our solutions are often “one off” not mass produced

A man with dark hair, wearing a grey long-sleeved sweater and black work gloves, is leaning over a green mechanical device on a rooftop. He is focused on his work, with his hands on a component. In the background, a city skyline is visible through a large window or opening, featuring a prominent blue glass skyscraper. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

**What do they do?**

**Civil Engineers**

**Architectural Engineers**

**Environmental Engineers**

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## **Civil Engineers use technical knowledge to make an infrastructure project work**

- Design physical aspects, policies and strategies pertaining to large infrastructure
- Analyze reports, maps, and other data to plan projects
- Test soils and building materials for strength and durability to determine the strength of foundations
- Use design software to plan and design
- Apply economic principles to assess feasibility
- Work with government and the public to get designs and strategies accepted and implemented



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## **Architectural Engineers design buildings that work**

- Specialize in the planning, design, construction, and operation of engineered systems for different kinds of buildings
- Understand building materials, foundations, structural design, environmental systems, building codes, and building operations
- Understand how to keep buildings comfortable and healthful for occupants



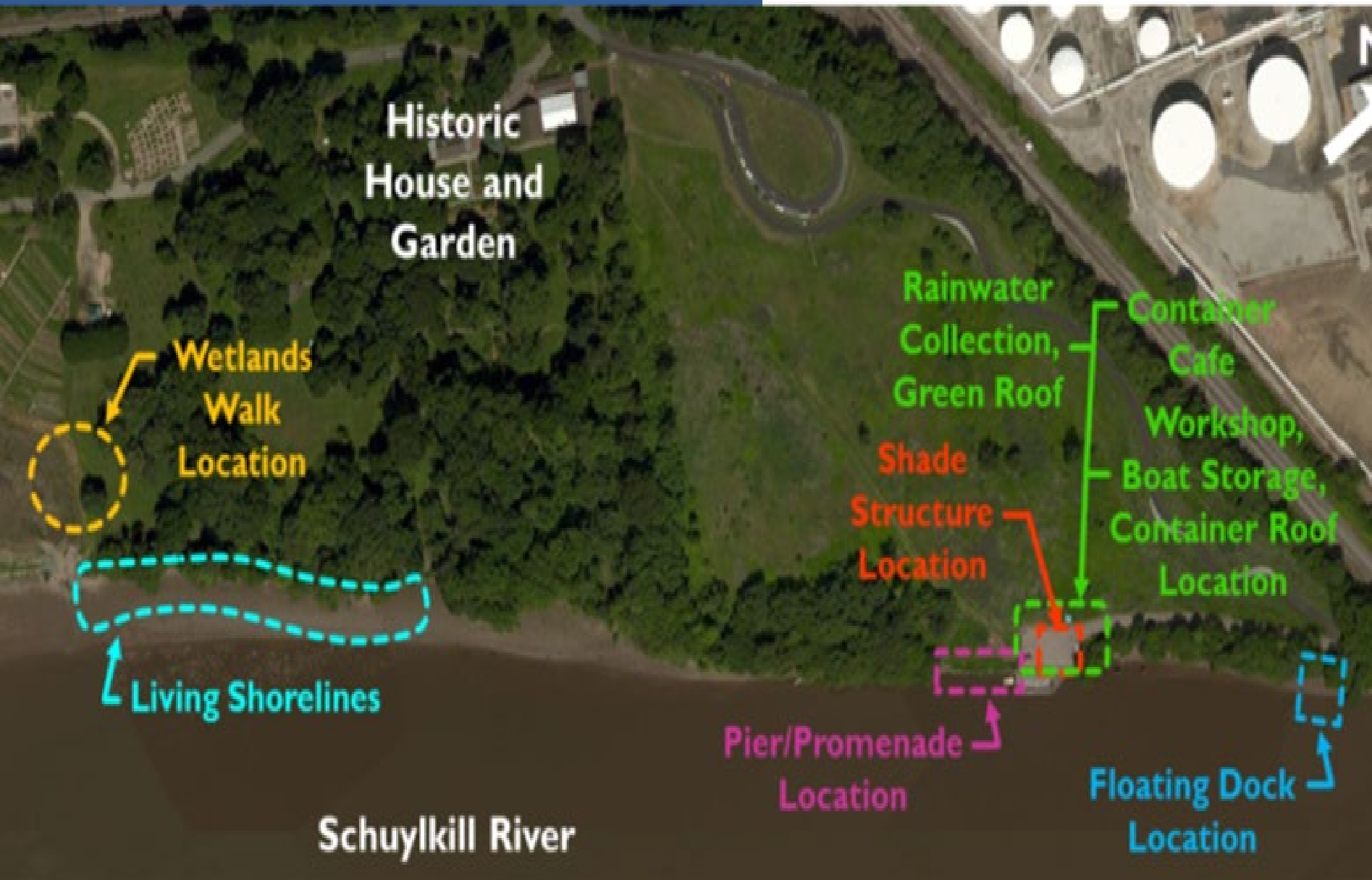
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## **Environmental Engineers design systems, processes, and policies that enable humans to co-exist more sustainably with the environment**

- Characterize how actions affect environmental and human health
- Design ways to avoid and reduce adverse impacts
- Design facilities to mitigate impacts
- Monitor progress of environmental improvement programs
- Assess industrial and municipal facilities and programs to ensure compliance with environmental regulations

## A wide range of academic offerings





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## **BS Program Majors**

### ■ **Architectural Engineering**

- Concentrations in Mechanical (HVAC), Structural, and Digital Building

### ■ **Civil Engineering**

- Elective sequences in structures, geotechnical, water resources, construction management and transportation

### ■ **Environmental Engineering**

- Elective sequences in water & waste treatment, air quality and treatment, biological systems

**All majors allow students to take electives in Sustainability**

**Students have the opportunity to pursue a dual degree and do not declare their major until end of freshman year.**

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## BS/MS Program

- Earn your bachelor's and master's degrees in 5 years
- Students can apply for this option when they are between 90-120 credits

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## Sample Topics in Sustainability

- Green infrastructure and design
- Indoor and outdoor air quality
- Building energy efficiency and intelligent building design
- Sustainable construction materials and recycled materials in geotechnics
- Sustainable infrastructure design and maintenance
- Renewable energy and biofuels
- Community outreach, environmental systems, and environmental health



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## Freshman Engineering Experience

- Educate students about engineering departments and facilities
- Exposure to engineering software packages
- Exposure to fundamental engineering concepts

## Sample Projects

- Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Replacement
- Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Runoff
- Geosynthetics Reinforced Retaining Structures
- Bioengineering the Built Environment



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## Senior Design Objectives

- Simulate a professional work environment
- Provide experience with working in a group on an open-ended problem
- Develop information gathering and communication skills

## Sample Projects

- Biogas Production in Anaerobic Digestion
- Schuylkill River Hub at Bartram's Garden
- Design for a Community Development Center located in Zambia
- Transportation design for an Amazon Distribution Center



# Test drive your career with cooperative education





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## Cooperative Education (Co-op)

- Explore a potential career
- Enhance the academic experience
- Network with world leaders of today
- Create a stand-out résumé
- Refine interview skills
- Many co-op positions are paid
- Steinbright Career Development Center guides students from co-op to career



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## Co-op Cycles: Four-Year and Five-Year Programs

### One Co-op Option (Four Years)

	fall	winter	spring	summer
Year one	●	●	●	◆
Year two	●	●	●	●
Year three	■	■	●	●
Year four	●	●	●	

### Three Co-op Option (Five Years)

	fall	winter	spring	summer
Year one	●	●	●	◆
Year two	■	■	●	●
Year three	■	■	●	●
Year four	■	■	●	●
Year five	●	●	●	

#### Co-op Cycle Key:

● On-campus study   ■ Co-op experience   ◆ Vacation



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## Where do you want to work today?

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Get involved at Drexel



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## Go global

- Study Abroad
- International co-op



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## Join Student Organizations



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA  
DREXEL UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER



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Student Group



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# The value of a Drexel degree



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## **Drexel Engineers get hired in a range of career options.**

- Public and private employment
- Design engineering
- Field engineering
- Engineering infrastructure management
- Construction and land development
- Policy administration
- Academic research and teaching



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## **Recent graduates are also placed in MS and PhD programs at many universities including:**

- Stanford
- Princeton
- University of Illinois
- University of Texas
- Vanderbilt
- M.I.T.

Thank you for visiting Drexel University



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