



# **COMMUNITY GUIDE TO DREXEL & PHILADELPHIA**

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# Welcome to Drexel University!

We are thrilled you have chosen to pursue your academic career at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a graduate student at Drexel, you bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with your fellow students and the greater Drexel community. We are excited about your adventure in Philadelphia, but we also recognize the transition and change can be overwhelming.

To assist you in getting acclimated with everything from getting around Philadelphia, to finding food from home, to identifying places to visit, we have developed this guidebook for you. Please read through it as you prepare to take this next step in your life and career.

Thank you for choosing Drexel to continue your education and professional development. We are glad you are here.

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# Welcome Home to Drexel and Philly



Drexel University, a private co-educational University founded in 1891, is located in the University City area of West Philadelphia, which abounds with a variety of cultural activities, museums, musical and theatrical centers. Drexel has been proud to call Philadelphia our hometown.

Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," holds a significant place in the birth of American independence. The Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were both debated and signed here in Philadelphia. Drexel students can now be part of this rich history and vibrant culture.

Everything that Philadelphia has to offer is within distance. This is a hub for art enthusiasts, sports fans and cultural fanatics. Notably, Philadelphia is one of just a few cities with a professional franchise in five major league sports.

Most of Philadelphia's pro teams are located in South Philadelphia: Wells Fargo Center (76ers basketball and Flyers ice hockey), Lincoln Financial Field (Eagles football) or Citizens Bank Park (Phillies baseball). The Philadelphia Union soccer team plays at Subaru Park in Chester, Pennsylvania, which is accessible by Septa Region Rail through the Wilmington/Newark line.

- Wells Fargo Center <https://www.wellsfargocenterphilly.com/>
- Lincoln Financial Field <https://www.lincolffinancialfield.com/>
- Citizens Bank Park <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/ballpark>
- Philadelphia Union <https://www.philadelphiaunion.com/>

# Campus Information & Map

Drexel University's Main Campus is also known as the **University City campus**.

Drexel's interdisciplinary approach to applied education is part of what makes us stand out, in Philadelphia and around the world. At Drexel, we value experiential learning, where our students develop knowledge, skills, and values from direct experiences outside a traditional academic setting. This is highly visible on campus as you will notice a diverse array of research and policy centers, arts and cultural events, international restaurants, and student-operated coffee shops. Drexel has a wide variety of places to eat and socialize with the campus community. In the "[Dining](#)" section of this guidebook, we feature international cuisines that can be found on campus and around Philadelphia!

For a map of Drexel's campus, [click here](#).

Drexel is also an inclusive and diverse place. Our [Office for Institutional Equity and Inclusive Culture \(EIC\)](#) supports the promotion of a living, learning, and working environment that incorporates diversity, equality, fairness, inclusion, and respect for individuals. [Drexel's Disability Resources Team](#) is available to accommodate the needs of our students. Located at 3225 Arch Street, Suite 011, students should feel empowered to reach out for accommodations for any documented disability. All campus guests must complete the [Campus Guests & Volunteers Accommodation Request Form](#) in order for auxiliary aids, accommodations, and services to be provided. Disability Resources recommends submitting individual requests as soon as possible. Disability Resources considers all requests on a case-by-case basis and may request additional information from the guest in order to facilitate accommodation needs. Every effort will be made to secure accommodations in a timely fashion. When equipment is provided to a person with a disability, Disability Resources loans this equipment on a temporary basis. [For more information regarding disability resources, click here](#).





# Campus Safety and Security

Philadelphia is the largest city in the State of Pennsylvania and the sixth most populous city in the US. As with other major metropolitan areas, it is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure your personal safety and security. This is a shared responsibility by our entire community. Drexel's Public Safety department, including the Drexel Police, and in coordination with the Philadelphia Police Department, works hard to educate the community about the resources and services available for incident prevention and reporting, safety tips, victim support, and emergency preparedness. Be alert. Be aware. See something? Say something. Visit the [Public Safety Website](#) for more information.

In addition, the Department of Public Safety (<https://drexel.edu/publicsafety/crime-reports-prevention/programs/>) offers crime prevention and awareness programs. Here are some programs to promote a secure and productive environment:

- Situational Preparedness Presentations
- Public Safety & U (Workplace Safety Program)
- Property Registration Program
- Self-Protection Program
- Safe Transaction Zone

Drexel's public spaces are intentionally designed to be well lit and animated at the street level at all times of day and feature "[Blue Light](#)" emergency direct-line telephones throughout our campuses for immediate assistance. Students, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to stay connected to Public Safety's 24/7 communications center by downloading the [Drexel Guardian app](#) and monitoring notifications provided by the [DrexelALERT system](#). Students are also invited to utilize our [Walking and Medical Escort services](#) whenever they may feel unsafe or require assistance en route to a University-approved medical facility (in non-life-threatening medical situations).

## Drexel Public Safety Phone Numbers:

### For Emergencies:

**911 or 215.895.2222**  
**TTY: 215.571.4141**

### For Non-Emergencies, Lost Items, and Walking Escorts:

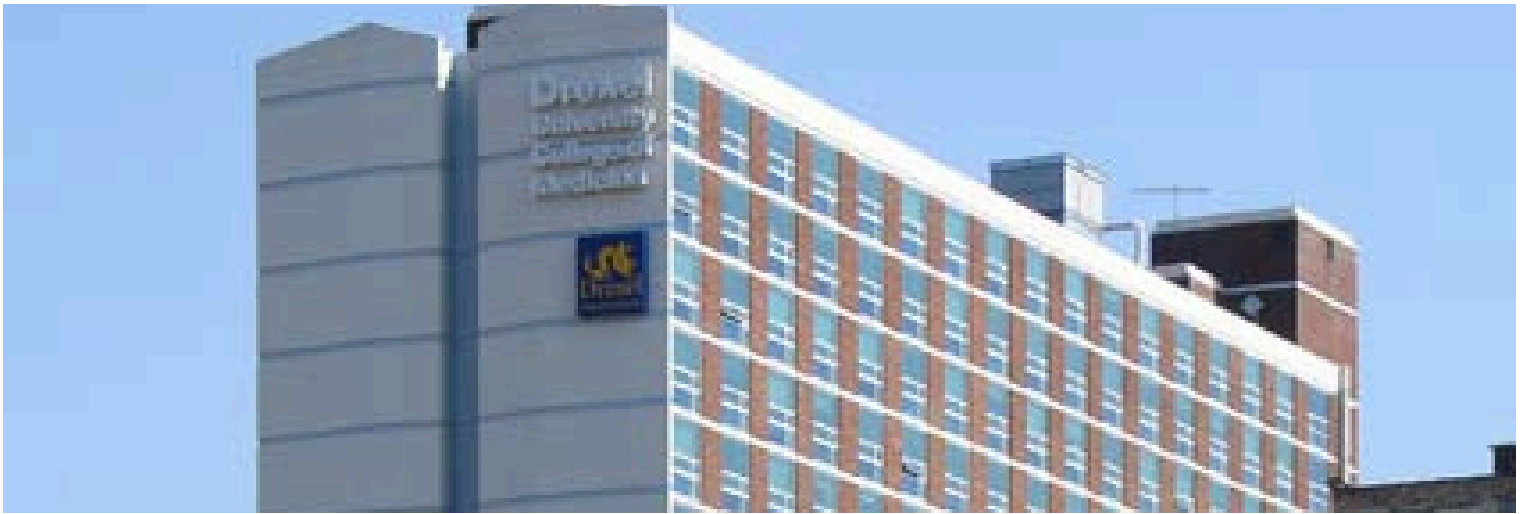
**215.895.2222**  
**TTY: 215.571.4141**

## Walking and Medical Escorts

Upon request, Public Safety security officers provide walking escorts for Drexel students, faculty and professional staff within our patrol boundaries: 30th to 36th streets and Chestnut to Spring Garden streets. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information and to request a walking escort:

- Call Public Safety at **215.895.2222**;
- Use one of the many building and blue-light emergency phones located across campus; or
- Ask any Public Safety officer on patrol or inside a building.

The Department of Public Safety provides medical escorts for non-life-threatening medical conditions to University-approved hospitals, emergency rooms and healthcare centers. Medical escorts are currently provided to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Presbyterian Hospital. You can reach Drexel's public safety at **215.895.2222**.



## On-Campus and Off-Campus Housing

You are probably wondering if it is better to live on-campus or off-campus. There is no one right answer. It is easy to get housing on campus, if available. Most off-campus housing requires an established credit history and may require a hefty security deposit (an amount of money a tenant pays to a landlord or property manager when renting apartment or house and which covers damages, unpaid rent and in some instances, unpaid utilities). In addition, there are benefits of staying on campus. It may be located near your classes and less time to commute. Above all, it may provide you a better graduate experience since you are part of campus life, and the various social activities occur on campus.

Off-campus housing, on the other hand, can be more affordable. In general, off-campus housing is usually more spacious compared to dormitories. It is also typically easier to find a quiet space to get a break from Drexel. In an apartment building, you are likely to reside with a diverse mix of professionals, families, and non-students. When looking for off-campus housing, students have a variety of options and costs to consider in terms of location, convenience, type, condition of the space and size.

Students planning to live off-campus are encouraged to take advantage of the resources and services offered by Off-Campus Housing, which in partnership with [Apartments.com](#) provides access to a database of rental listings as well as useful information on the housing process.



**For additional support, please see the following important resources: Off-Campus Resources and Tips and Your Drexel Neighborhood, brought to you by the Office of Student Life.**

## Utilities

Students living off campus will also need to sign up for local utilities. Local utility companies and initiatives include:

- Verizon provides local telephone service, access to a long-distance company of your choice, and optional Internet service for students living off-campus.
- AT&T Wireless and T-Mobile offer cellular phone service. [Tip: Student discounts are often available, so mention that you're a Drexel Dragon!]
- PECO Energy Company provides electrical service.
- Philadelphia Gas Works
- Xfinity Cable TV & Internet Service
- Philadelphia Water Revenue Bureau
- City of Philadelphia Recycling Program

Students who choose off-campus housing also may wish to consider renters' insurance.





# Drexel Bookstore

Drexel University Barnes & Noble Bookstore is located on the University City campus and offers textbooks, school supplies, Drexel clothing and gifts, and general merchandise. Drexel bookstores also coordinate programs for ordering Convocation and Commencement regalia and class rings. Students can place textbook orders for new or rental textbooks through the bookstore's website.

Barnes & Noble at Drexel University  
3250 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(445) 888-3800





# Historic Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's largest city, is notable for its rich history on display at the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall (where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed) and other American Revolutionary sites. Also, other points of interest are the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, immortalized by Sylvester Stallone's triumphant run in the film "Rocky."

[Click here to visit Drexel's guide to Philadelphia and maps.](#)



# Places to Visit

## Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University

**1900 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy  
Philadelphia, PA 19103**

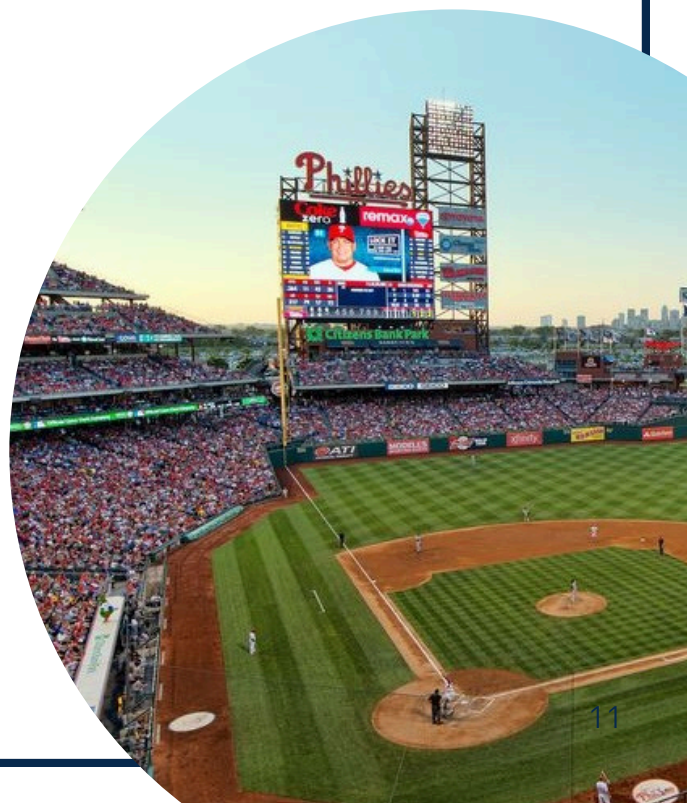
Founded in 1812, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University is a leading natural history museum dedicated to advancing research, education, and public engagement in biodiversity and environmental science. Located on the historic Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The Academy of Natural Science is free to all active Dragoncard holders. [Visit the Academy's website here for information about tickets and exhibits.](#)



## Citizens Bank Park

**1 Citizens Bank Way  
Philadelphia, PA 19148**

Citizens Bank Park is home to Philadelphia's baseball team, The Phillies! Located in South Philadelphia, Citizens Bank Park is accessible via The Broad Street line of the Septa subway system ([learn more on page 14](#)). [Click here to view Citizens Bank Park's website and the Phillies' home schedule.](#)







## **African American Museum of Philadelphia**

**701 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

The African American Museum in Philadelphia is the first institution built by a major United States city to house and interpret the life and work of African Americans. Located in the heart of the historic Center City, it is filled with richness and vibrancy of African American heritage and culture in four magnificent exhibition galleries filled with exciting history and fascinating art. Visitors must reserve timed entry passes to visit the museum. Admission is free. [Visit the museum's website by clicking here.](#)

## **The Liberty Bell**

**526 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

Located in Old City, across from the historic Independence Mall, the Liberty Bell is one of the most iconic symbols of Philadelphia. This popular tourist attraction is free. [Click here to access the website for information.](#)





## **Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History**

**101 S Independence Mall E, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, presents educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore, and celebrate the history of Jews in America. Its purpose is to connect Jews more closely to their heritage and to inspire in people of all backgrounds a greater appreciation for the diversity of the American Jewish experience and the freedoms to which Americans aspire. Museum admission is free with a suggested donation. [Learn more about museum hours and exhibits here.](#)

## **The Franklin Institute**

**222 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

The Franklin Institute is a science museum and the center of science education and research in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It has been voted one of the nation's best science museums! The museum features various exhibits including a "walk-through" heart and brain exhibit, an interactive sports and exercise exhibit and a planetarium! [Visit the Franklin Institute's website by clicking here.](#)

## **Penn's Landing**

**301 S Christopher Columbus Blvd  
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

Located on the Delaware River, Penn's Landing is just a short walk from Old City. Here, visitors can eat at a selection of food trucks and restaurants, ride on the Ferris wheel, play carnival games, and rollerskate during the summer months. Penns Landing hosts a variety of events throughout the year including Winterfest, which features ice skating. [Visit Penn's Landing's website here.](#)



## **Reading Terminal Market**

**51 N 12th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107**

The Reading Terminal Market offers a variety of food vendors from different cultures. It is open daily to visitors and is a short walk from City Hall.







## **Love Park**

**16th Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19102**

Located near City Hall, LOVE Park serves as the grand entrance to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Various festivals and events happen here and at Dilworth Park across the way throughout the year. Here, you can embrace the Philadelphia city life around you and take a picture in front of the famous LOVE sculpture.

## **Dilworth Park**

**1 South 15th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19102**

Across from Love Park, you will find Dilworth Park surrounding Philadelphia's City Hall. Here, visitors can rollerskate, have a drink from two local coffee shops, and cool off using the sprinklers. During the winter, Dilworth Park hosts the Made in Philadelphia Holiday Market for holiday gift shopping, a holiday-themed carousel, and an ice rink! [Visit the park's website for more details on festivals and skate rentals.](#)





## **The Free Library of Philadelphia**

**Where: Philadelphia, PA**

**Website: <http://freelibrary.org/>**

The mission of The Free Library of Philadelphia is to provide to all segments of Philadelphia's diverse population a comprehensive collection of recorded knowledge, ideas, artistic expression and information in a variety of media, including current technology; to assure ease of access to these materials; and to provide programs to stimulate the awareness use of these resources. There are multiple locations of the Free Library across the city; the Free Library also hosts author events and other programs and services.

## **The Philadelphia Zoo**

**3400 W Girard Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104**

The Philadelphia Zoo, America's first zoo, is a 42-acre Victorian garden that is home to more than 1,300 animals. Special features include a children's petting zoo, a paddleboat lake, a rainforest-themed carousel, and many interactive and educational exhibits. It is close to campus and a quick ride on SEPTA. [Click here to view events at the Zoo and ticket prices.](#)



## **The Academy of Music**

**240 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102**

Philadelphia's Academy of Music, owned by The Philadelphia Orchestra Association, is one of the most treasured and legendary theaters in the world. [Click here to access their website to learn more about upcoming events.](#)

## **Eastern State Penitentiary**

**2027 Fairmount Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19130**

Eastern State Penitentiary was once the most famous and expensive prison in the world but stands today in ruin, a haunting world of crumbling cellblocks and empty guard towers. Its vaulted, sky-lit cells once held many of America's most notorious criminals, including "Slick Willie" Sutton and "Scarface" Al Capone. Tours of this historic prison are held daily throughout the day and at twilight. Discounted admission is offered to current Drexel students (with a valid Dragoncard). In the fall, the Penitentiary hosts its famous "Halloween Nights." [Click here to learn about tours, hours, and events at Eastern State.](#)

# **The Free Library of Philadelphia**

**Parkway Central Library**  
**1901 Vine Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19103**

Throughout the City of Philadelphia, you will find many branches of the Free Library. They provide access to books and digital resources as well as lifelong learning opportunities that build literacy at all stages of life. They also have workshops for job seekers, cutting-edge Culinary Literacy Center, and other vital programs and resources regardless of your age and ability. This particular outpost is the closest to campus.

## **The Rosenbach Museum and Library**

**2008-2010 Delancey Place**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19103**

Located within two 19th-century townhouses, the Rosenbach offers exhibits, programs and tours showcasing rare books, manuscripts and art. A list of some of the treasures amassed by the Rosenbach brothers is amazing in itself – Lewis Carroll’s own copy of *Alice in Wonderland*, a first edition of *Don Quixote*, James Joyce’s handwritten manuscript for *Ulysses*, and the earliest extant letter from George Washington.

## **Get Your History Straight and Your Nightlife Gay**

The LGBTQIA+ community in Philadelphia is a highly visible and important part of the city. Spanning several blocks just east of Broad Street in downtown Philadelphia, the Gayborhood is the center of Philadelphia’s LGBTQ+ community.

Today, this early display of LGBTQ+ activism is commemorated with a historical marker at the corner of 5th and Chestnut Streets.

Other LGBTQ+ historical markers can be found in the city. There’s one for Alain Locke, known as the “Father of the Harlem Renaissance” for promoting African American artists, writers, and musicians. Another one for Gloria Casarez, Latina lesbian civil rights leader and Philadelphia’s first director of LGBT Affairs.





## Quakers

Philadelphia is home to a ton of history and has earned several nicknames. One of them is "The Quaker City." The name is originated from its founding and settlement by the Religious Society of Friends, colloquially known as the "Quakers."

## Free Quaker Meeting House

Located on 5th and Arch Streets, the Free Quaker Meeting House is an 18th-century structure with a story to tell about non-conformists, the intersection of religion and politics, and the power of community.

## Visit Philadelphia

Philadelphia is one of the 67 counties of the U.S. state of Pennsylvania. The Quaker City has many things to do ranging from museums, city parks, historical sites and famous food like cheesesteak, hoagies, pretzels, donuts and Tastykake. Visit Philadelphia is an ultimate guide for things to do. This is the official visitor website for Philly travel and tourism information with a list of restaurants, events, things to do and local attractions.

# Theaters, Live Music, Performing Arts, and Artworks

Philadelphia is regarded to be one of the top theater cities in the United States. It is home to the Avenue of the Arts and the oldest theater in America built in 1809. Until this day, they continue to entertain us with magical musicals, spectacular shows and outstanding orchestras. In addition, Philadelphia is the home to the largest collection of public, fine and unofficial street arts. As you cruise through neighborhoods, you will discover treasures like sculpture, architecture, and murals. In this section of the guide, you will find many cool places to explore.

## **The Philadelphia Museum of Art**

**Located in Center City**  
**2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19130**

Philadelphia's Art Museum is known for its vast collection of art from artists around the world. Visitors can view works by Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, and many more famous artists! Discounted admission is offered to current Drexel students (with a valid Dragoncard). On the first Sunday of the month and every Friday night, pay whatever you would like. [Visit the museum's website for times, ticket prices, and to purchase tickets online.](#)



## **The Barnes Foundation**

**Located in Center City  
2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy  
Philadelphia, PA 19130**

The Barnes Foundation is an art collection and educational institution promoting the appreciation of art and horticulture. It features one of the world's greatest collections of modern art. [Click here for hours and admission prices \(students can receive a discount with a valid a Dragoncard\).](#)



## **The Fabric Workshop and Museum**

**Located in Center City  
1214 Arch St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107**

The Fabric Workshop and Museum, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a non-profit arts organization devoted to creating new work in new materials and new media in collaboration with emerging, nationally, and internationally recognized artists. Admission is free (with a suggested donation). [Click here to learn more about the museum and its hours of operation.](#)





## **Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA)**

**Located in Center City  
118-128 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102**

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts is a museum and private art school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was founded in 1805 and is the first and oldest art museum and art school in the United States. [Click here for hours and admission prices](#) (students can receive a discount with a valid a [Dragoncard](#)).



## **Opera Philadelphia / The Philadelphia Orchestra**

**Located in Center City  
1420 Locust St # 210  
Philadelphia, PA 19102**

The world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra and Opera Philadelphia strives to share the transformative power of music with the widest possible audience, and to create joy, connection, and excitement through music in the Philadelphia region, across the country, and around the world. [Click here for upcoming shows.](#)



## **Ensemble Arts Philly / Philadelphia Ballet**

Ensemble Arts Philly aims to share the transformative power of the performing arts and arts education with the widest possible audience. Events range from orchestras, ballet and dance performances, and captivating Broadway musicals throughout Philadelphia! [View upcoming events and locations here.](#)



## **World Cafe Live**

**Located in University City  
3025 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104**

World Cafe Live is a nonprofit independent live music venue in Philly for concerts, food & drink, special events, education, and community. [Visit their website for upcoming events here.](#)





## **The MET Philadelphia**

**Located in North Philadelphia**  
**858 N Broad St**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19130**

The Metropolitan Opera House is a historic opera house and current concert venue and entertainment hall located in North Philadelphia steps away from Center City. Featured shows range from pop concerts to comedy shows featuring A-List comedians. [View upcoming events here.](#)



## **Underground Arts**

**Located in Philadelphia's**  
**Spring Garden Neighborhood**  
**1200 Callowhill St**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Underground Arts is a 650 capacity club in Philadelphia, PA that has been a staple of the local music and art community for over a decade. Underground Arts has built and solidified its place as a repeat destination for some of the best local and nationally touring live music acts + artists on the rise, and a home away from home for thousands of fans. [View upcoming events here.](#)



## The Franklin Music Hall

**Located in Philadelphia's  
Spring Garden Neighborhood  
421 N. 7th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123**

One of the larger music venues in Philadelphia, Franklin Music Hall (formerly the Electric Factory) draws national acts that attract crowds to the 2,500-person-capacity room. Standing room at stage level is typically all-ages, while a balcony with unbeatable views and a full bar. [View upcoming events here.](#)



## The Fillmore - Philadelphia

**Located in Philadelphia's  
Fishtown Neighborhood  
29 E Allen St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123**

The Fillmore is a concert venue located in the Fishtown neighborhood. It hosts a variety of popular musicians and artists and is one of the top concert venues in the city. Its campus also features a bowling alley/concert venue, a club, and a comedy club. [View upcoming events here.](#)





## A large mural on the side of a building in Chicago, featuring the word "FREEDOM" in large, colorful, block letters. The mural includes portraits of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and a collage of smaller figures and text, including "BLACK POWER" and "WE MUST SCHOOL OURSELVES".

## **Mexican Cultural Center**

**111 S Independence Mall W #310  
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

The Mexican Cultural Center (MCC) is dedicated to promoting Mexico and its rich heritage, history, people, cuisine, and traditions. The Mexican Cultural Center is proud to host and offer events such as The Mexican Independence Day Festival, Day of the Dead, Mexican Week, a Christmas Posada, and workshops. [Visit MCC's website here.](#)



## **Woodmere Art Museum**

**9201 Germantown Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19118**

Housed in a 19th-century stone mansion on six acres in the Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia, Woodmere offers a unique museum experience that centers on the art and artists of Philadelphia. Vibrant exhibitions explore the achievements and social ideas of Philadelphia's artists in the broader context of American art. Woodmere prioritizes diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in its collecting, programming, and admission policies. [The museum offers free admission to students.](#)





## **Ellen Powell Tiberino** **Memorial Museum of** **Contemporary Art**

**3819 Hamilton Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19104**

Ellen Powell Tiberino Memorial Museum of Contemporary Art highlights famous Philadelphia artist Ellen Powell Tiberino. Tiberino is best known for her art that depicts African American History and Experience through large-scale paintings, three-dimensional murals, and sculptures. [Learn more here.](#)



## **Accion Colombia**

Accion Colombia aims to promote leadership in the Colombian and Latin American community by fostering art, culture, and civic engagement in the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Accion Colombia hosts various events around Philadelphia to celebrate Colombian and Hispanic heritage throughout the year. [Learn more here.](#)





## **Taller Puertorriqueño Cultural Center & Bookstore**

**2600 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133**

Taller Puertorriqueño is a community-based cultural organization whose primary purpose is to preserve and promote Puerto Rican and Latine arts and culture. Taller Puertorriqueño supports all Latinx cultural expressions and common roots through music, art, and cultural celebrations. Located in the Taller Puertorriqueño Center is also Philadelphia's only Spanish-English bookstore. [View Taller Puertorriqueño's events calendar here.](#)

## **Society Ibero Latin American Medical Professionals**

Society Ibero Latin American Medical Professionals aims to promote careers in healthcare through networking events, collaborative projects, and friendship within Philadelphia's Latin American community. SILAMP also promotes healthcare education on topics that affect Latinx communities via health fairs, public press releases social media, newspapers, radio, TV, and workshops. [Learn more here.](#)



## **Mill Creek Urban Farm**

**4901 Brown Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139**

Founded in 2005, Mill Creek Urban Farm is an educational urban farm that is led by people of color and is dedicated to building a healthy community and environment and promoting a just and sustainable food system. Mill Creek Urban Farm cultivates and distributes fresh produce, hosts farm-based learning programs for people of all ages and demonstrates ecological technologies to provide for basic needs. [Learn more about civic engagement activities and events here.](#)



## **POWER**

POWER is an interfaith organization that calls attention to the communities of color and working-class families suffering from declining opportunities and dysfunctional systems including climate activism, economic dignity, education justice, and justice reform. POWER works to advance policy changes, as well as collaborate with public and private sector leaders to bring necessary resources to the city. [Learn how to get involved here.](#)





# **The Muslim Society of Delaware Valley**

The Muslim Society of Delaware Valley (MSDV) is a nonprofit Muslim community organization serving the Greater Philadelphia Area. MSDV's vision is to develop a community of American Muslims inspired by the principles, practice, and legacy of the Islamic tradition to lead lives of integrity, serve their families and communities with excellence, and work toward the betterment of society. [Learn more about getting involved with MSDV here.](#)

## **New Freedom Theater**

**1346 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121**

Founded in 1966 by John E. Allen, Jr., New Freedom Theatre is Pennsylvania's oldest African American theater and is dedicated to achieving artistic excellence in professional theatre and performing arts training for the enrichment of the community. [Learn more about upcoming shows here.](#)





# Transportation

## SEPTA

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) is Philadelphia's public transportation system that utilizes subways, trains, buses, and trolleys to take you wherever you want to go in the city and the surrounding suburbs. The fare is \$2.50 in cash (\$2.00 in contactless payment) around the city, or you can purchase a reloadable transit card (called a SEPTA Key) and use it throughout your time at Drexel. SEPTA Key cards can be purchased from kiosks at all SEPTA stations and can be used on subways, trolleys, buses, and regional rail lines. If you use a SEPTA Key card, the fare drops to \$2.00 per ride. If you do not want to purchase a key card, SEPTA also offers QuickTrip tickets starting at \$2.50 for one-way travel. Fares to the suburbs are higher and vary by zone and may require a separate ticket. *Fares are subject to change.*

## Subways & Trolleys

**Market-Frankford Line (Subway)** – Partially following Market Street east-west, this line, also known as "The El" or "Blue Line" goes from Frankford Transportation Center (east) to 69th Street (west) with stops near Drexel's campus (34th and Market Streets and 30th Street Station). The El has blue signs. Students who wish to travel to Center City and Old City will utilize the Eastbound train. For example, students who wish to travel to the suburb such as Delaware and Montgomery Counties (homes to many African restaurants and ethnic supermarkets) would take the Westbound train. From 69th Street, the high-speed line runs to Norristown and points in between.

**Broad Street Line (Subway)** – Following Broad Street north-south, it goes from Fern Rock Station (north) to AT&T Station (south). The Subway signs are orange.

**Trolleys** – There are five numbered trolley routes that begin and end at 13th and Market Streets which pass Drexel (33rd and Market Streets and 30th Street Station). Signs are green.

**Click here to visit SEPTA's Website for more information on Subway and Trolley schedules and fares.**



## **Buses**

Buses – The bus routes go through every neighborhood in the city. Routes 21, 30, 31, 42, and the LUCY loops are convenient to Drexel's campus. More routes are available from 30th Street Station. Route signs are posted on poles near street corners.

**[Click here to visit SEPTA'S website for bus schedules and routes.](#)**



## **Regional Rail & Airport Line**

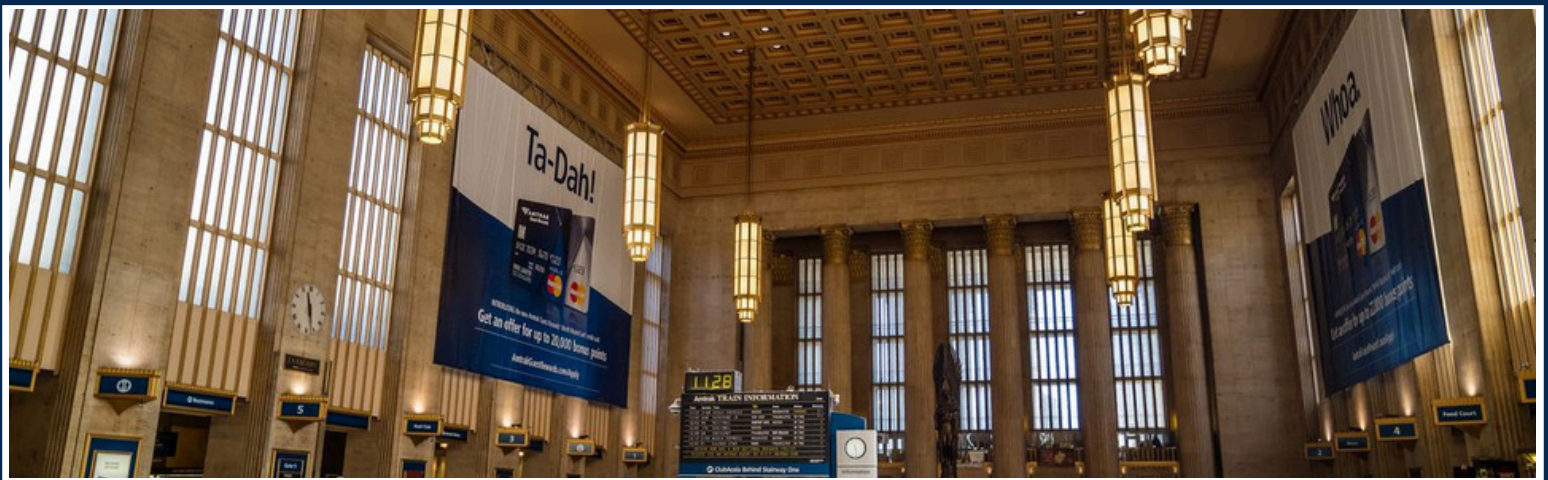
Regional Rail – The Regional Rail provides train service to the surrounding suburbs from 30th Street Station, University City, Suburban Station, and Jefferson Station. The Airport Line goes to and from Center City every half hour.

Airport Line – Connects Philadelphia's International Airport Terminals to the major railroad transit hubs. The schedule is highly dependable and punctual and facilitates planning your trip to and from the airport at ease, especially with its fixed fare, in contrast to other taxi services whose fare and availability can vary based on demand.

**[Click here to visit SEPTA'S website for Regional Rail routes and schedules.](#)**

**[SEPTA offers an app for passengers to track buses, trains, and the subway in real time. Follow this link here to download the mobile app.](#)**





# **Trains**

## **Amtrak**

Amtrak trains run out of Philadelphia's 30th Street Station (just a few blocks away from Drexel's Main Campus.) Here, you can take a train to nearby cities such as New York City, Washington D.C., and Boston.

**[Visit Amtrak's website here for train schedules and fares.](#)**

## **NJ Transit**

NJ Transit provides trains to nearby New Jersey cities and shore points.

**[Visit NJ Transit's website here for train schedules and fares.](#)**

## **PATCO**

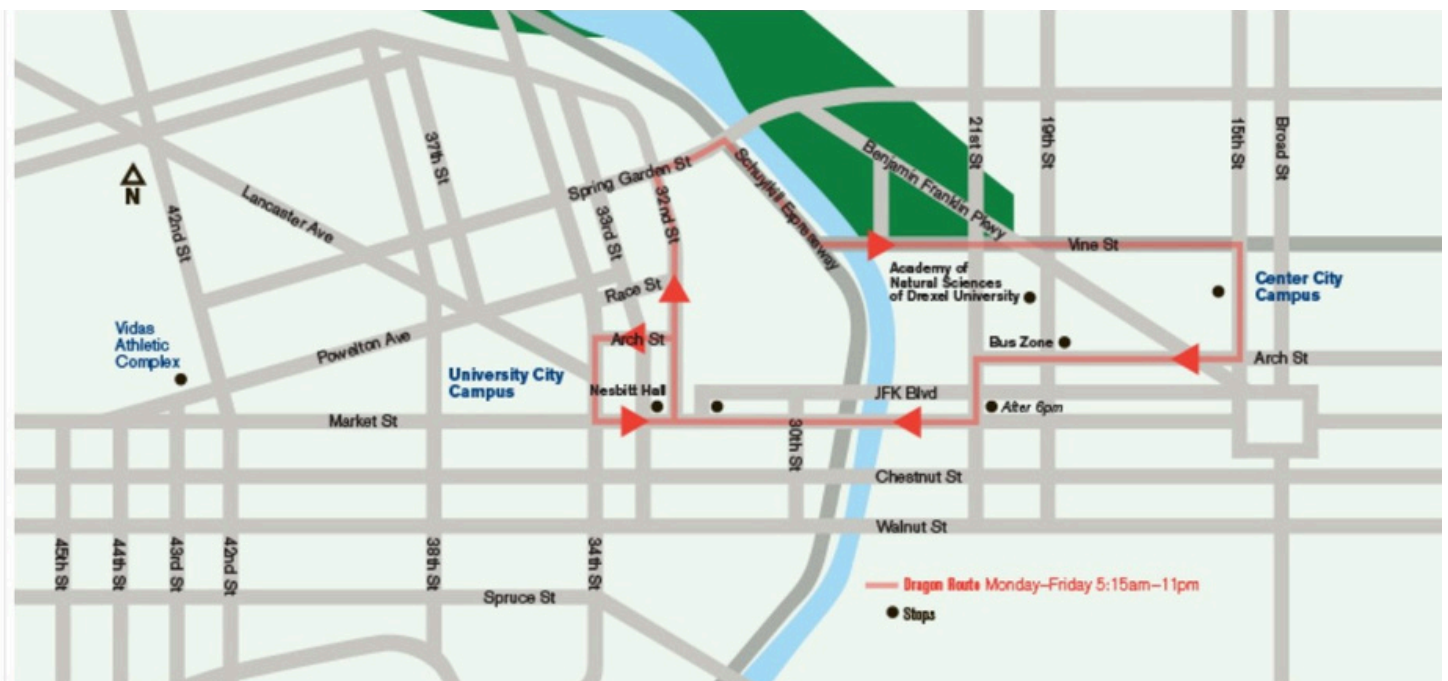
The PATCO (Port Authority Transit Corporation) Speedline serves southern New Jersey with nine rail stops between Lindenwold and City Hall in Camden, NJ. Riders can visit the Camden Aquarium, Camden's baseball park, and Freedom Mortgage Pavillion to see a concert. Riders can receive discounts from select places by showing their Drexel ID and PATCO ticket. You can also take PATCO to four Philadelphia Rail Stops allowing you to transfer to the SEPTA Market-Frankford Line at 8th and Market.

**[Visit PATCO'S website here for train schedules and fares.](#)**



# Drexel Shuttle

Drexel operates shuttle buses in loops through University City, Center City, and the Queen Lane campuses for Drexel students and students with their Drexel ID (DragonCard). Drexel students are also invited to use UPenn buses free of charge (with a valid DragonCard).





# **Biking**

## **Drexel's Bike Share**

Drexel Bike Share is open to all students and employees with a valid Drexel University ID who are in good standing with the University. There is no rental fee to use a Drexel Bike Share bike. The general share time is two days or one weekend. All Bike Share equipment is picked up from the Bike Share Hub at the Drexel Parking Services Garage Office (33rd and Market Streets). [Click here for more information about Drexel's Bike Share.](#)



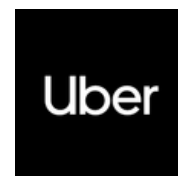
## **Indego - Philly's Bike Share**

Philadelphia continues to be one of the most bike-friendly cities in the country with the launch of its own bike sharing program called Indego in the spring of 2015. Indego allows visitors or members to rent bicycles from 70+ stations located across Philadelphia in Center City and parts of North, South, and West Philadelphia. Cyclists can walk up to any Indego station and check out bikes for quick trips around the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the system allows users to return their bike rental to the nearest station after their ride is complete. You can pay for Indego passes by the month or by the trip. [Visit Indego's website for more information.](#)

# **Ride Share and Other Services**

## **Uber & Lyft**

[Uber](#) and [Lyft](#) provide car ride services through their mobile phone apps. These are highly convenient since the fare is fixed by the app. These apps allow riders to put their pick-up location and destination in the app for a quick pick-up. These services are usually more economical than the traditional taxi rides.



## **Philadelphia Taxicab Services**

Taxi services can be booked in advance to accommodate your travel. Often, they offer a flat rate fee from the Philadelphia Airport to Central Philadelphia Area and vice versa. They accept both cash and credit cards as a form of payment. For more information, please visit [philataxicab.com](http://philataxicab.com).

# Dining On & Near Campus



## DragonDollars

DragonDollars are funds that can be loaded onto your DragonCard and used like a debit card at Drexel Campus Dining locations, local dining and retail locations, and many vending machines on campus. DragonDollars do not expire. [Learn more about DragonDollars and how to load them onto your DragonCard here.](#)

## Restaurants that Accept DragonDollars

DragonDollars can be used to purchase meals at the [Handschumacher Dining Center](#), a buffet-style dining hall on campus, and other dining locations on campus ([Urban Eatery](#)) or various grocery stores and restaurants near campus. *Prices are subject to change but are available at [drexel.campusdish.com](http://drexel.campusdish.com).*

Some popular on-campus restaurants that students enjoyed in the past include Sabrina's, Starbucks, Saxbys, Fuel, and Lascala's Fire. Many of these restaurants, such as Pita Chip, include dining options for halal or vegetarian diets.

The closest grocery stores that accept DragonDollars are the GIANT Heirloom Market, located at 34th and Chestnut Street, and ACME, located at 40th and Walnut Streets.

**[Click here for the full list of restaurants and grocery stores that accept DragonDollars.](#)**





## **Mario's Market Food Pantry**

Did you know that Drexel has a food pantry that is accessible to all students, staff, and faculty with a valid DragonCard?

Mario's Market is located within the Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) on the second floor of the Rush Building (30 N 33rd St).

The market operates on a rotating schedule. Please visit Mario's Market in the Rush Building to see the current hours of operation and weekly schedule postings and follow Drexel's SCDI (@drexelscdi) on Instagram for schedule updates!

Feeling generous? Mario's Market also accepts donations!

**Click here to visit SCDI's website to learn more about Mario's Market!**

**Follow Drexel's SCDI on Instagram to stay up-to-date on Mario's Market hours!**

## Food Trucks

Around campus, you will find a selection of food trucks that are open on weekdays (Monday through Friday). They are behind the Main Building area, Hagerty Library, Recreational Center, 34th Market Street and other areas. Many of these trucks offer international cuisines like halal, Chinese, and Mexican. As well as traditional American cuisines like burgers, fries, and pizza. On-campus food trucks do not accept DragonCards. Most accept cash, and some will accept payment via credit card and VENMO – a mobile app that you can pay businesses and people through with a debit card.



## Diverse Dining

Here is a short list of restaurants that offer different cultural cuisines that are near Drexel's Main Campus!

### **\*Black Owned**

## Indian Cuisine

Bombay Dhabba Philly  
3601 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Indian Sizzler LLC  
3651 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Masala Kitchen: Kati Rolls & Platters  
2004 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

New Delhi (Buffet)  
4004 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Ekta Indian Cuisine  
106 S 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Veda – Modern Indian Bistro  
1920 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103





## African Cuisine

### Nii-Adu African Bukateria

4070 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Prime Fusion Afro Grill & Lounge

2425 Grays Ferry Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19146

### SUYA SUYA West African Grill

400 Fairmount Ave #2808  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

### Kilimandjaro/Youma

4519 Baltimore Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

### Aku's Kitchen

5938 Chestnut St,  
Philadelphia, PA 19139

### Le Mandingue African Restaurant

3300 Fairmount Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104



## Middle Eastern Cuisine

### Pita Chip

3601 Market St Unit #3,  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Hummus Grill

3931 Walnut St,  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Kabobeesh

4201 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Renata's Kitchen

3940 Baltimore Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Manakeesh Cafe Bakery & Grill

4420 Walnut St,  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Naf Naf Grill

1919 Market St #101,  
Philadelphia, PA 19103



## Asian Cuisine

Sang Kee Noodle House  
3549 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

PaperMill - Fresh Asian Kitchen  
3401 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 191044

Spring Chinese Restaurant  
3739 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Chengdu Famous Food  
3635 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Ochatto  
3608 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

KPod Korean Food  
3636 Sansom St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104



**Check out Chinatown located at 10th & Arch Streets in Old City  
for a variety of Asian restaurants and cafes!**

## Vegetarian/Vegan Cuisine

Tattooed Mom  
530 South St  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Sweet Green  
3925 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Monster Vegan  
1229 Spruce St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Goldie  
3401 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Vedge  
1221 Locust St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Bar Bombon  
133 S 18th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103





## Soul Food & Caribbean Cuisine

### Sheba's Soul Plate Restaurant

90 S 44th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Star Fusion Express

5178 Parkside Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19131

### Deborah's Kitchen

2608 W Girard Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

### Irie Entree

4001 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Stuff'D by Jannah Jewelz

643 N 36th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Flambo Caribbean/Indian Restaurant

205 S 13th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

### Quality Taste Jamaican Restaurant & Jerk Hut

4002 Lancaster Ave #4000  
Philadelphia, PA 19104



## Hispanic Food

### El Taco

3233 Powelton Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Mixto Restaurante

1141 Pine St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

### Parada Maimon

345 N 12th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

### El Merkury

2104 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

### Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar

10 S 2nd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

### Jezabel's

206-208 S 45th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Bodega Bar & Kitchen

1223 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

### Tierras Catrachas Restaurant

1438 Federal St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146

### Boricua Restaurant

1149 N 3rd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

## Cafes and Desserts

Saxbys (2 Locations)  
65 N 34th St | 3245 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Boba King  
3200 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Greek from Greece  
107 N 33rd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Madis Coffee Roasters  
3527 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Board & Brew  
3200 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Van Leeuwen Ice Cream  
115 S 18th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Insomnia Cookies  
3400 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Affinity Confections  
310 S 48th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Coco's Cookies and Creamery  
3632 Powelton Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Siddiq's Real Fruit Water Ice  
264 S 60th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Stomping Grounds – Social Justice Cafe  
3859 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dotties Donuts  
4529 Springfield Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19143





# Philly “Ph”avorites

Wawa  
3300 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Geno’s Philly Steaks  
1219 S 9th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

New Deck Tavern  
3408 Sansom St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Pat’s King of Steaks  
1237 E Passyunk Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Sonny’s Famous Steaks  
228 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

SOUTH Jazz Kitchen & Jazz Club  
600 N Broad St  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Barcade  
1114 Frankford Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Johnny Brenda’s  
1201 Frankford Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Chickie’s & Pete’s  
1526 Packer Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19145

Ishkabibble’s  
337 South St  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

White Dog Cafe  
3420 Sansom St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Bookers Restaurant & Jazz Bar  
5021 Baltimore Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Landmark Americana  
3333 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Hard Rock Cafe  
1113 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Sabrina’s Cafe  
227 N 34th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

The Post  
129 S 30th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Smokey Joe’s  
210 S 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

AMINA  
104 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106



# Grocery Stores

Giant Heirloom Market  
3401 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
\*Accepts DragonDollars

ACME  
4001 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
\*Accepts DragonDollars

1920 Gourmet Grocer  
3800 Locust Walk  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Trader Joes  
2121 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Taveras Grocery Inc  
401 N 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Heng Fa Food Market  
130 N 10th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

S Mart  
222-224 N 10th St,  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

ShopRite of Oregon Ave  
24th St & Oregon Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19145

Mezquita Grocery #1  
300 S 52nd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Supremo Food Market  
4301 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Alexander Supermarket  
4035 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Quetta Halal Market  
500 S 23rd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146

Prime Halal Meat Market  
500 S 23rd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146

Klein's Supermarket  
2401 Pennsylvania Ave 24th & Fairmount Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

H-Mart Elkins Park  
7320 Old York Rd Suite #110  
Elkins Park, PA 19027

ShopRite of Parkside  
1575 North 52nd & Jefferson Streets  
Parkside, PA 19131





# Health & Wellness

## Drexel Health Center

**3401 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19104**

**Phone: 215-220-4700**



Students can use [Drexel's Student Health Center, 3401 Market Street, 215-220-4700](#), for *non-emergency* visits with primary care providers. Most insurance plans are accepted including [Drexel's Student Health Insurance](#). Students can also receive immunizations at the Student Health Center by appointment.

In the United States, for non-emergencies, there are urgent care centers available for students to visit when the Drexel Health Center is closed. Doctors and nurses are available for quick services like prescribing prescriptions, COVID testing, treating colds, the flu, and minor illnesses. Urgent care is preferred rather than visiting the hospital or emergency room for non-urgent situations. Walk-ins and appointments are accepted.

## **For emergencies, call 911!**

### Nearby Urgent Care Centers

#### Vybe Urgent Care - University City

3550 Market Street, Ste 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215.405.0701

#### Jefferson Urgent Care

2021 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
267.443.2020

#### MyDoc Urgent Care

3717 Chestnut Street, Ste 202  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215.921.8294

#### Vybe Urgent Care - Center City

1420 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
215. 999.1420

## **Pharmacies**

For over-the-counter (OTC) pain and fever relievers, gastrointestinal medications, and other first-aid treatments there are two nearby pharmacies around Drexel's Main Campus.



CVS  
3401 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104



Rite Aid  
2301 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103



## **Counseling and Mental Health Services**

[Drexel's Counseling Center](#) provides students with on-campus confidential in-person or virtual counseling. The Counseling Center also offers a variety of mental health workshops and specialized programs for Black, Indigenous, and students of color.

Students who schedule an appointment will meet with a clinician for a confidential, solution-focused approach, which means they prioritize meeting immediate needs that day. By the end of the appointment, you and your clinician will have discussed next steps, which could include encouraging you to follow up as needed, connecting you with a campus partner, discussing the Center's various services or connecting you with our Case Manager. Students must email the Counseling Center in order to make an appointment at [counsel@drexel.edu](mailto:counsel@drexel.edu). Same-day appointments may be available.

In addition to the services provided by Counseling and Health, you may need help in finding additional information about other resources. There are self-help resources for you. <https://drexel.edu/counselingandhealth/counseling-center/students/>

[Visit the Counseling Center's website for more information.](#)



## To make an appointment email [counsel@drexel.edu](mailto:counsel@drexel.edu)

Drexel Counseling Center  
Room 201  
Creese Student Center  
3210 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia PA 19104  
215.895.1415

Click here to access the [Counseling Center's Website](#) for a complete list of mental health workshops and programs.

Want to learn more about campus wellness resources? Check out [Drexel's Health & Well-being Page](#) and [The Graduate College's Wellness Page](#) for more helpful tools including SupportLinc, a free resource to Drexel Graduate Students which offers the best-in-class resources to help navigate stress, anxiety, and depression.

If you are in a crisis, please contact Drexel's on-call counselor at 215.416.3337. If this is a psychological emergency and you need immediate attention, please dial 911, call Drexel Public Safety at 215.895.2222, or visit your nearest emergency room.

## **Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Color (BIPOC) Mental Health Resources & Services**

Center for Black Culture at Drexel <https://drexel.edu/studentlife/student-success/inclusive-communities/center-for-black-culture/staff-therapist>

In coordination with Drexel's Counseling Center, we have an embedded therapist who offers support for students in the Drexel community who identify as BIPOC.

### [Black Brain Campaign](#)

Founded in 2016 by two Philly marriage and family therapists, Black Brain Campaign is a digital nonprofit focused on making mental health education, resources, and advocacy more accessible for Philly's Black community. Their mission also centers on making sure treatment is culturally-humble and stigma-reducing. They host virtual discussions and community events on a range of topics, including domestic violence and emotional wellness. Their curated list of Philly Black therapists and counselors can be found on their [website](#).

### [Inclusive Therapists](#)

This database helps you find therapists whose practices center on marginalized populations, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, the LGBTQ+ community, neurodivergent people, and people with disabilities.

### [Radical Therapy Center](#)

3828 Lancaster Ave, First Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Located in West Philly and near campus, Radical Therapy Center serves as a safe, empowering space for clients who are marginalized. All their social workers are people of color and prioritize understanding their own and clients' experiences from a lens of structural oppression and liberation. The team can help you navigate an array of issues, like micro-aggressions, trauma resolution, grief, panic, and diet culture.

### [Philly Psychology](#)

255 South 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Philly Psychology, LLC is a multi-disciplinary group of specially trained clinicians helping clients reach their personal and relationship goals. Our team of clinicians specialize in child and adolescent therapy, individual relationship therapy, family and couples therapy, executive functioning coaching, school consultation, parent and mindfulness training. We are committed to transitioning our clients from pain, struggle, and isolation to relief, success, and connection through research-based approaches and personal connection.

### [Black Womxn Wellness](#)

Local fitness instructor and motivational coach [Lauren Leavell](#) hosts Black Womxn Wellness events, a virtual space for Black womxn and femmes to openly chat, laugh, and connect.



### The Ladipo Group

255 South 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

4100 Main Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19127

Founder Tonya Ladipo began The Ladipo Group in 2004 after being consistently unsettled by the white-centric one-size-fits-all approach to counseling, which fundamentally ignores the needs of Black clients. That's why she and her team of licensed therapists offer a wide range of Black-focused therapy services — individual, marriage and family, and child/adolescent — with compassion, cultural awareness, and empathy.

### Black Women's Health Alliance of Philadelphia

1324 West Clearfield Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19132

Formed in 1983 by a coalition of 100 Philadelphia women, the Black Women's Health Alliance seeks to improve healthcare and reduce health disparities for Black women and their families. Their programs include "Prime Time Sister Circle," which is a support group focused on stress management, fitness, and nutrition, as well as family leadership and teen dating violence prevention.

### National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network

This healing justice organization seeks to provide mental health services and resources for queer and trans people of color across North America.



### Black Mental Health Alliance

The Black Mental Health Alliance supports and empowers America's Black community with mental health programs, educational forums, and referral services.

### Studio 34

4522 Baltimore Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

This self-care hub in West Philly has four main focuses: community, healing, inclusivity, and creativity. The space offers a variety of wellness services, including counseling, therapy, and meditation, which are all led by Black women. Studio 34 also runs yoga classes all week, including a POC practice on Sunday evenings.

### Oshun Family Center

505 Old York Rd  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Oshun Family Center helped found Philadelphia's Maternal Wellness Village, a group of birth workers (including doula, lactation, and infertility services) that support and "empower communities throughout the African Diaspora." Additionally, the center is currently raising services and resources for queer and trans people of color across North America.

### My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Cares

MBKCares, a support network for area residents, began in 2007 when founder Ihsan Hines lost his younger brother, Atif, to suicide. In pre-COVID times, the nonprofit hosted free monthly community nights in Cobbs Creek to discuss mental health and suicide prevention/awareness. Currently, MBKCares has been running weekly virtual conversations, ranging from parenting and finances to veterans and art therapy.

## Melanin & Mental Health

Melanin & Mental Health is an online organization connecting Black and Latinx communities with culturally-competent clinicians. Their podcast, "Between Sessions," centers on mental health issues in communities of color.

## Hike & Heal

Led by local wellness pro Brandi Nicole, Hike & Heal hosts private and group healing circles (and hikes, when it's safe to do so) focused on self-care and empowerment. This week's group event, "Hopeful and Healing Hours," is curated specifically for Black women to navigate current emotions and experiences via breath work, meditation, journaling, and mindful movement.

## Sista Afya

Though Chicago-based, Sista Afya is offering teletherapy and online support groups for "Black women across the African Diaspora." Their resources page is a great

## Therapy for Black Girls

Therapy for Black Girls is a nationally-recognized online space dedicated to supporting Black women's and girls' mental health. Here, you can find a therapist (in your area and virtual), listen to their podcast, connect with other Black women.





## **Child Care Resources**

[Click here](#) to search for early childhood programs and schools local to Drexel and Philadelphia through [Pennsylvania's Compass Website](#) based on location and age. [Pennsylvania's Compass](#) and [Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services](#) websites also offer additional resources including an application to apply for financial assistance for childcare benefits, healthcare coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps), early intervention education programs for children with disabilities and developmental delays, and more.

The School District of Philadelphia also offers a [School Finder](#) where you can search by zip code (Drexel is located in 19104) for local elementary, middle, and high schools.

On Drexel campus, Chesterbrook Academy offers private preschools through 5th grade. Graduate students can use a 5 percent tuition discount at this location and other Chesterbrook Academy locations throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. To learn more about Chesterbrook Academy at Drexel, please visit [chesterbrookacademydrexel.com](http://chesterbrookacademydrexel.com) or call 877.959.3738

## **Additional Resources**

For additional resources, visit [Philadelphia's Office of Children and Families](#) to learn more about their Early Learning Resource Center which provides resources for parents, educators, and providers, an Out of School Time (OST) after school program locator, food access and support services, adult education, and more.

[Local recreation centers](#) and [YMCAs](#) also offer childcare services such as daycare, preschool, and afterschool programs at a low rate and in a safe setting. Visit their websites for more information.

For students who do not live in Pennsylvania, click to access resources for [New Jersey](#) and [Delaware](#).



# **Drexel's Recreation Center**

**3301 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104**

[Drexel's Recreation Center](#) offers a discounted membership to Drexel Graduate Students, staff, and community members. Drexel Recreation Center accepts cash, checks (made payable to Drexel University), and all major credit cards.

To learn more visit the [Recreation Center's Website](#) or visit the Recreation Center's Member Services Center.



## **Recreation Center Facilities:**

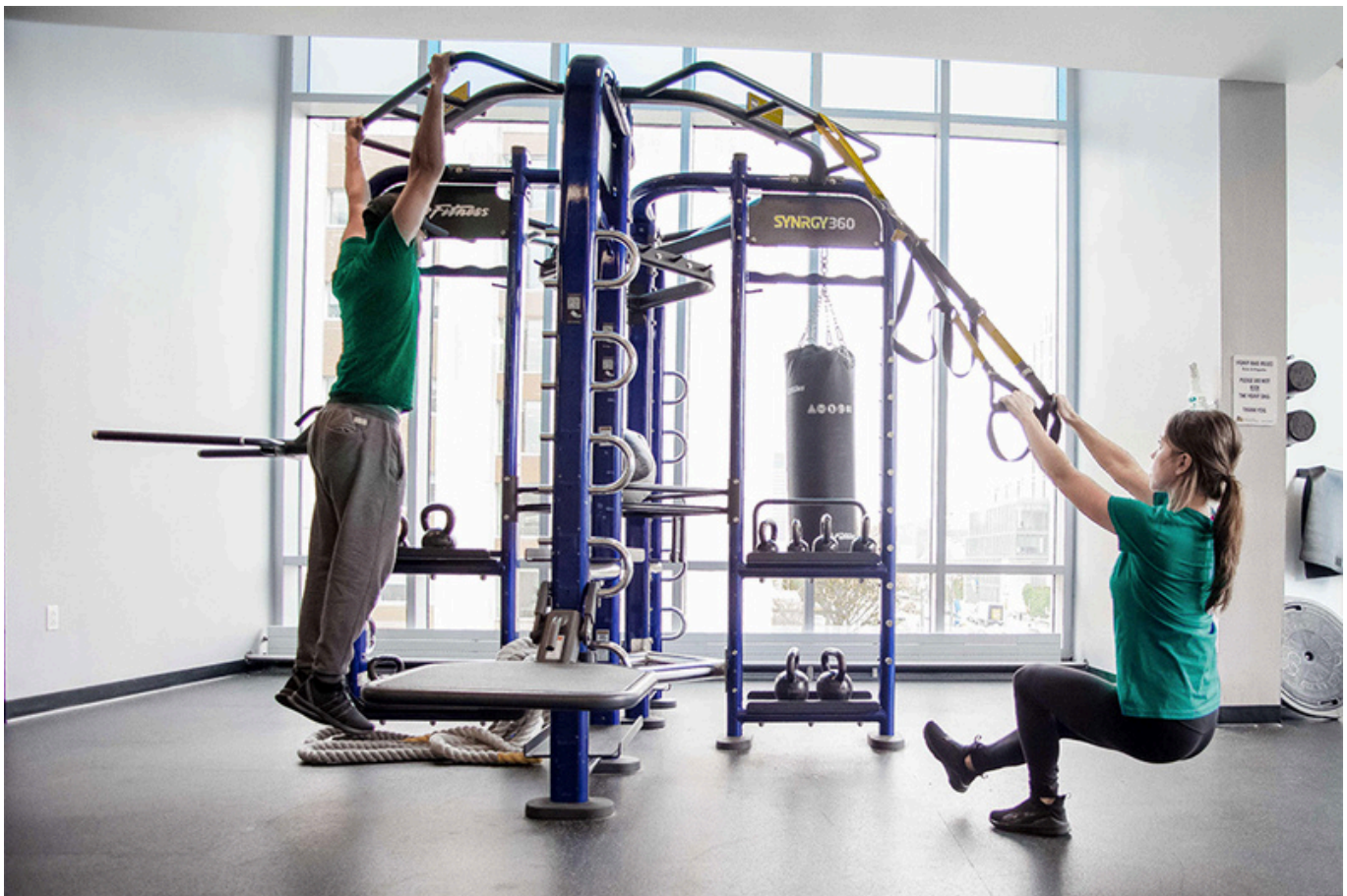
- 18,000 square feet of exercise equipment space, featuring 120 pieces of cardiovascular equipment, over 300 total pieces of strength equipment including benches, racks, rowers, barbells, and dumbbells
- 13,000-sq. ft. Maplewood multipurpose gymnasium
- Three-lane, elevated indoor Mondo Track
- Two aerobic studios with a variety of group exercise classes that are included with membership
- Climbing wall featuring top rope, bouldering, and lead climbing
- Six-lane, 25-yard swimming pool
- Two international squash courts with viewing area and spectator seating

Visit the [Recreation Center's Website](#) for a guide to all their facilities and programs for students and members!

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- Two international squash courts with viewing area and spectator seating

Visit the [Recreation Center's Website](#) for a guide to all their facilities and programs for students and members!







# Sports Clubs, Intramural Leagues and Tournament Sports at Drexel

Drexel is known for its academic rigorous curriculum, and we also have star athletes on campus. Our Drexel students are fierce competitors. Each year, over 440 students play against the nation’s best. Drexel Basketball is now a member of the storied Philadelphia Big 5.

You can also take part on a more relaxed level of competition by joining a sports club or intramural sports team at our award-winning Recreation Center at Drexel.

## 18 Divisions I Team

## 33 club, 19 intramural league, and 30 tournament sports

Men’s Sports	Women’s Sports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Golf</li> <li>• Lacrosse</li> <li>• Rowing</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Squash</li> <li>• Swimming and Diving</li> <li>• Tennis</li> <li>• Wrestling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Field Hockey</li> <li>• Lacrosse</li> <li>• Rowing</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Softball</li> <li>• Squash</li> <li>• Swimming and Diving</li> <li>• Tennis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Beach Volleyball</li> <li>• Dodgeball</li> <li>• Flag Football</li> <li>• Ice Hockey</li> <li>• Lacrosse</li> <li>• Martial Arts</li> <li>• Paintball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby</li> <li>• Sailing</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Softball</li> <li>• Tennis</li> <li>• Ultimate Frisbee</li> <li>• Water Polo</li> <li>• And more</li> </ul>

Even if you do not want to be in the game, we love spectators too. You can always cheer for your fellow classmates and friends with your school colors, blue and gold, at the next game. You can view the schedule of events here - <https://drexeldragons.com/>

# Hair Salons & Barbershops

SuperCuts  
3200 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

LA Vista Salon  
3616 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Amira African Hair Braiding  
4087 Lancaster Ave,  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Julissa Dominican Hair Salon  
4801 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19139

First Decisions Barbershop  
113 S 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Shades Palace Beauty Salon  
537 N 35th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Marthesia's Natural Hair Salon  
4405 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Hair Situations  
503 N 33rd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Opera Barber Shop  
138 S 20th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Augustinas Dominican Hair Salon  
4612 Baltimore Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Philly Cuts Barbershop  
4409 Chestnut St #2913,  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Panache Hair Salon  
2001 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Philadelphia Hair Design  
1624 Pine St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Acclaim Luxury Salon  
4013 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104



## **Personal Grooming/Styling Resources**

Brown Skin Studio  
532 S 4th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Body + Beauty Lab  
834 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Kesthetics Beauty & Wellness  
100 S Broad St # 715  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Beauty & Co Nail Salon  
3912 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

LA Nail Salon  
4012 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

JcFancy Nails & Spa  
119 S 22nd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Happily Naturally Me  
<https://www.happilynaturallyme.com/>

Don't Touch My Crown Hair Products  
<https://www.dontouchmycrown.com/>

## **Places of Worship**

### **On-Campus Resources**

#### **Ministries**

- Baptist Campus Ministries: JEMIC\* Rm. 12 B
- Open Door Christian Community: JEMIC\* Rm. 12 B
- Newman Catholic Community: Academic Building Rm. 211
- Drexel Hillel: The Perelman Center for Jewish Life at 118 North 34th Street
- Muslim Community: JEMIC\* Rm 12 C
- Chabad Serving Drexel: 3507 Bring Street

### **Dedicated Worship, Meeting, and Fellowship Spaces**

- Interfaith Chapel: JEMIC\* Rm. 17
- Interfaith Meeting Space: JEMIC\* Rm. 12 A
- Interfaith Multipurpose Space: JEMIC\* Suite 13
- Interfaith Chapel: JEMIC\* Rm. 17
- Interfaith Meeting Space: JEMIC\* Rm. 12 A

\*James E. Marks Intercultural Center (JEMIC)  
3225 Arch Street  
Basement Level, Entrance on Arch Street





- Interfaith Multipurpose Space: JEMIC\* Suite 13
- Muslim Prayer Spaces: JEMIC\* Rm. 18
- St. Katharine Drexel Chapel: Academic Building Rm. 212
- Drexel Hillel: The Perelman Center for Jewish Life at 118 North 34th Street
- Nondenominational Prayer Room: Rush Building, Rm. 233a
- Meditation Room: Rush Building, 2nd Floor
- CCI Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Space, 3675 Market Street, 11th Floor
- Interfaith Prayer Room, LeBow College of Business, 2nd Floor (Near the Collaboration Room)
- Faith Room, Health Sciences Building, 4th Floor

## Religious Observances

Embodying a culturally and spiritually diverse community, Drexel University recognizes that on the occasion of important or solemn religious days, certain of its members will observe practices that preclude them from attending to their regular duties whether as faculty members, staff or students. The University is committed to making every reasonable effort to accommodate religious observances, which include fasting and work restrictions in many religions. [The Office for Institutional Equity and Inclusive Culture](#) is available to provide information, resources and options about reasonable accommodations at any stage in the process. For more information, please view the University's [Religious Observances policy](#).

## Off-Campus Resources

### Buddhism

Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center  
954 N Marshall St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
<https://www.tibetanbuddhist.org/>

### Christianity - Catholic

St. Agatha & St. James Church  
3728 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
<https://www.saintsaj.org/>

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul  
1723 Race St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<https://cathedralphila.org/>

## Christianity - Orthodox

Saint Nicholas (Greek/Eastern Orthodox)  
817 N 7th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
<https://www.stnicholaseoc.org/>

Saint John Chrysostom (Albanian Orthodox)  
237 N 17th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<https://stjohnsphila.org/>

The Church of Our Lady (Russian Orthodox)  
560 N 20th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
<https://www.churchofourlady.net/>

## Quaker

Arch Street Meeting House  
320 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
<https://www.archstreetfriends.org/>

## Christianity - Protestant

Antioch of Calvary Chapel  
4721 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
<https://antiochphilly.org/>

Arch Street Presbyterian Church  
1724 Arch St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<https://archstreetpres.org/>

Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral  
19 S 38th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
<http://www.philadelphiacathedral.org/>

Arch Street United Methodist Church  
55 N Broad St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
<https://archstreetumc.org/>

Chinese Christian Church  
(English & Cantonese Services)  
1101 Vine St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
<https://cccnc.org/>

Chinese Christian Church UC Campus  
(Mandarin Services)  
4501 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
<http://ucccccphilly.org/>

Chinese Christian Church  
(Mandarin Services)  
225 N 10th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
<https://msm.cccnc.org/>

Emmanuel Church  
(Korean Services)  
4723 Spruce St  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
<https://iemmanuel.org/ec>

## Unitarian Universalism

First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia  
2125 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<https://philauu.org/>

## Islam

Masjid Al Jamia  
4228 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Philadelphia Masjid  
4700 Wyalusing Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19131  
<https://thephiladelphiamasjid.org/>

## Judaism

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel  
(Conservative)  
300 S 18th St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<https://bzbi.org/>

Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
(Reform)  
615 N Broad St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
<https://rodephshalom.org/>

Society Hill Synagogue  
(Independent)  
418 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
<https://www.societyhillsynagogue.org/>

## Hinduism

Sree Sree Sanatan Shangho  
236 Long Ln  
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Quba Institute & Masjid  
4639 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19131  
<https://www.qubainc.org/>

City Center Masjid  
1215 Clover St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
<https://centercitymosque.org/>

Chabad House Serving Drexel  
3507 Baring St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
<https://www.jewishdragon.com/>

Vilna Congregation  
(Orthodox)  
509 Pine St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

## Sikhism

Philadelphia Sikh Society  
6706-10 Garden Court Rd  
Milbourne, PA 19082





# Additional Resources

## Technology

### Email

Drexel matriculated students and all paid Drexel faculty and professional staff are provided with email service through Microsoft Office 365. Office 365 offers better Web and mobile device support, calendar and contact integration, 50 GB for storage, and improved email security. [Click here to visit Drexel's Information and Technology guide for setting up your email on a computer and phone.](#)

Your Drexel email is the official means of communication between Drexel and students. Students are expected to check and respond to emails daily.

### Best Practices for Keeping Your Drexel Accounts Secure

- Practice strong password management.
- **Never share your password.**
- Update your password at least annually.
- Log out of public workstations before departing.
- Beware of "Phishing" scams. Drexel will never request your account information via email.
- Change your password immediately and contact [accounts@drexel.edu](mailto:accounts@drexel.edu) if you suspect your account has been compromised.

**[Click here to access Drexel's Information Security website for more tips on keeping your account secure.](#)**

## **WIFI & Cisco AnyConnect VPN**

DragonFly3 is the University's preferred wireless network. It is supported on computers, tablets, and phones. DragonFly3 is available to all students, faculty, and staff with a current University user ID. [Click here to learn more about setting up Drexel's wifi network.](#)

The Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client, used for off-campus access, establishes a secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) between your computer/mobile device and the campus network when connected to WIFI. This connection grants access to restricted computing resources at Drexel, such as file servers, databases, Web sites, and privileged applications such as EForms. [To download Cisco AnyConnect and to learn more, click here.](#)

## **Computers**

There are multiple locations on campus where students can access computers and laptops. If you have a personal laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc., you are encouraged to bring them with you as these locations generally do not allow laptops to be used outside of their locations.

[W.W. Hagerty Library](#) offers laptops, printing and scanning services, and computer labs as well as a 24/7 space available any time of day. Laptops are available in the 24/7 space via a self-service kiosk. [You can find more information about hours and library services here.](#)

Drexel offers multiple computer labs on campus for student use and printing including the [Student Organization Resource Center \(SORC\)](#), and the [Tech Lounge on Square](#). [Ross Commons \(above Sabrina's Cafe\)](#) also has computers available for use and is located at 34th and Powelton.

For students interested in purchasing laptops while on campus, [Drexel IT's website](#) provides guides and discounts for laptops.



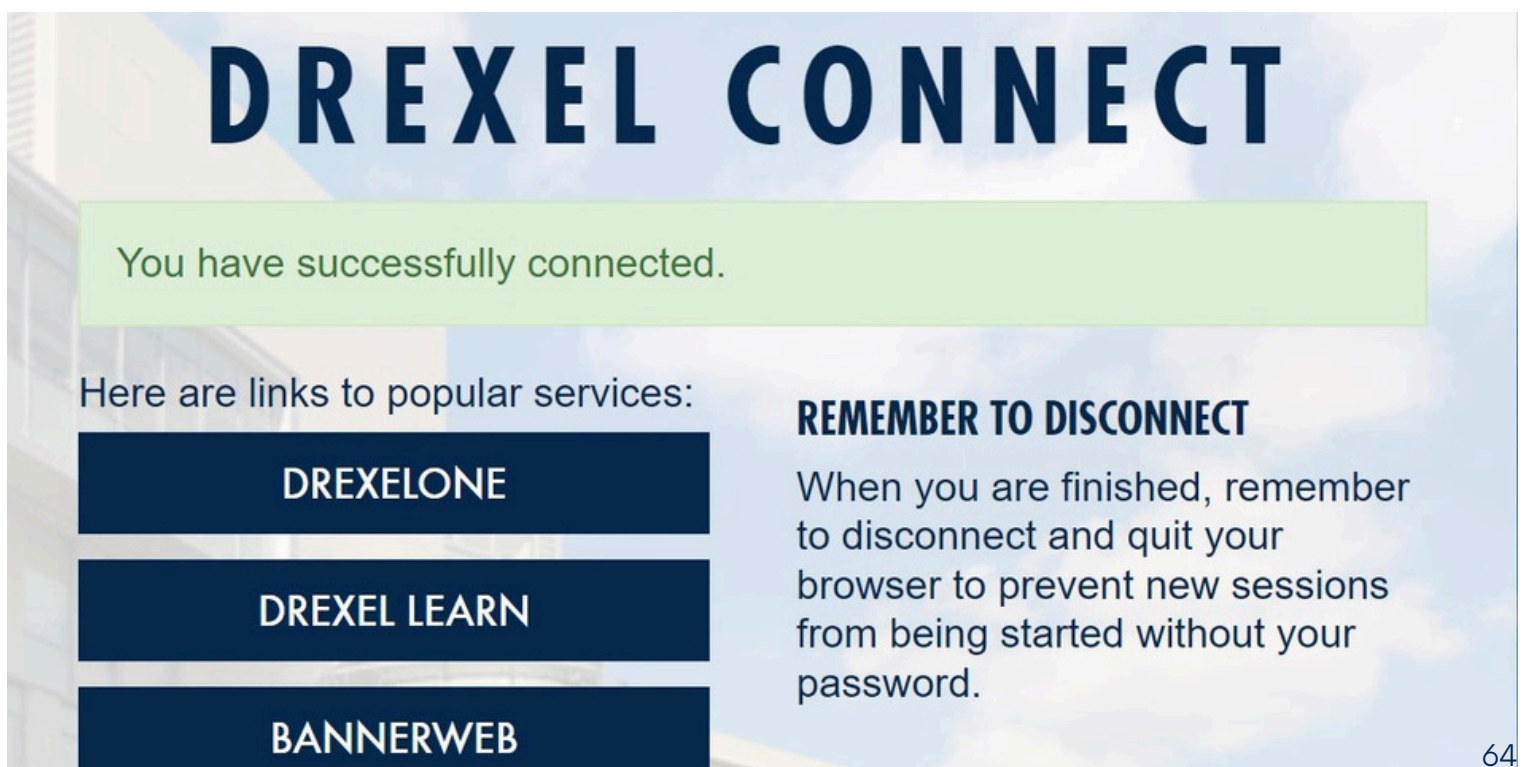
## Drexel Connect Portal

[The Drexel Connect Portal](#) is a one-stop shop for accessing personal, academic, financial, and career information. Access to other services requiring sign-in, such as the University Libraries, commuter links, DragonCard funds, and vendor-discounted software also are provided within DrexelOne.

- [DrexelOne:](#)
  - Academic advisor information, transcripts, DegreeWorks, Term Master Schedule, Course Registration, and Current Courses
  - Steinbright Career Services and Co-op Support
  - Common Welcome and Campus+Community tabs
  - Access to Drexel personal information, including financial aid, billing, pay stubs, performance management, employee development workshops, discounted software, and more
  - Role-based tabs for employees, students, and faculty
  - Update your information with Drexel Alert and Drexel Guardian, Parking, student organizations, housing, and more
- [Drexel Learn:](#)
  - Access Courses, coursework, and grades

## Getting Started

**Sign in with your Drexel userID and password through the DrexelConnect service at [one.drexel.edu](https://one.drexel.edu).**



**DREXEL CONNECT**

You have successfully connected.

Here are links to popular services:

- DREXELONE**
- DREXEL LEARN**
- BANNERWEB**

**REMEMBER TO DISCONNECT**

When you are finished, remember to disconnect and quit your browser to prevent new sessions from being started without your password.



## Mail

Students that are living in university residence halls should talk to their residence halls directly about their mailing addresses and services. For students that are not living in residence halls or on-campus housing, Drexel encourages students to rent a P.O. Box at a local post office. By renting a P.O. Box, mail and packages will be secured until they are picked up by their owner. Local stores also have Amazon Hub lockers for Amazon packages to be safely stored. P.O. Boxes and Amazon Hub Lockers are safer alternatives for receiving packages in order to prevent them from being stolen.

### P.O. Box Services Near Campus

Philadelphia Post Office  
3000 Chestnut St  
Suite 42262  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

United States Postal Service  
228 S 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

### Amazon Drop Boxes

Amazon Hub Locker – Bell  
7-Eleven  
3401 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Amazon Hub Locker – Philly  
7-Eleven  
3440 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104



amazon



## Money & Banking

There are many financial institutions around University City. Below is a list of nearby banks.

As a graduate student, you may need a bank account during your time at Drexel to pay utility bills (cell phone, gas, internet, electricity, and water) and/or receive funds from your employer. To sign up for a checking account, your bank will require you to appear in person, with the following documents to complete the procedure: Drexel photo identification card and authorized forms of ID such as a photo ID (or passport along with the I-20 for international students).

Direct deposit is the preferred method for receiving your student refund and pay stub. When you sign up for direct deposit, Drexel will deposit your student refund and/or paystub into the checking or savings account of your choice. The checking and savings account must be a (U.S.) bank account. If you do not have a (U.S.) bank account, you will need to establish one before you can enroll in direct deposit. To set-up Direct Deposit for paystub, please click here –

<https://drexel.edu/hr/resources/payroll/instructions/direct-deposit/>. To set-up direct deposit for tuition refund, please click here –

<https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/billing/refunds/direct-deposit/>

Please note that for international students, ISSS staff can advise international students, scholars, and faculty on immigration, cultural, financial, academic, and personal concerns, and make appropriate referrals when necessary. Also, [International House Philadelphia's webpage](#) offers information regarding banking, international money transfers, taxes, and more.

### Banks Nearby Campus

Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

3200 Chestnut St

Philadelphia, PA 19104

<https://www.fmfcu.org>

PNC Bank

3535 Market St

Philadelphia, PA 19104

<https://www.pnc.com>

Wells Fargo Bank

3550 Market St

Philadelphia, PA 19104

<https://www.wellsfargo.com>

Citizens Bank

134 S 34th St

Philadelphia, PA 19104

<https://www.citizensbank.com>



## **Study Spaces**

Looking for a place to study and relax? There are multiple study spaces on campus open to Drexel graduate students!

**Graduate Student Lounge** – The lounge is accessible by DragonCard ID to all current Drexel graduate students via their DragonCard and is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week. It is located on the lower level of the **Main Building (Room 010A) at 3141 Chestnut Street**. Currently, registered graduate students, including semester and online programs, are granted access at the beginning of each academic quarter after the course add/drop deadline.

**W.W. Hagerty Library** – The Hagerty Library offers three floors of quiet and group study spaces for all Drexel students. **Group study spaces** are available but must be reserved. **Printers** are also available for student use. Fees may apply.

**Lebow College of Business** – Grab a coffee at Drexel's Lebow College of Business and relax in the lounge located on the first floor. Lebow's lounge is perfect for students looking for a place to work but still surrounded by the hustle and bustle of the university!

**Creese Student Center** – Located at 3210 Chestnut Street is the perfect place for students to eat, study, and hang out with friends. The Creese Student Center offers both indoor and outdoor areas for students to study.

**Center for Black Culture/Rush Building** – The Center for Black Culture (CBC) at Drexel University serves as a hub of information, activity, and community for Black students, faculty, professional staff, and alumni. CBC also offers an area for students to relax, study, and hang out with friends!

**Student Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (SCDI)** – Drexel students come from all walks of life — and in the Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion wants to make sure every Dragon feels welcome, supported, and celebrated. Drexel's SCDI (located on the second floor of the Rush Building) includes a library, a Nondenominational Prayer Room, a meditation room, class and conference rooms, and study spaces!

For more information about study spaces on campus, visit **Drexel's website here**.





## **Academic Resources**

At Drexel, we are dedicated to connecting you with academic resources that will position you for continued growth and success. [The ARC \(Academic Resource Center\), located in the Korman Center](#), serves as an integrated hub of on-campus academic support services focusing on providing tutoring, academic coaching, workshops, specialized courses, and more — effectively streamlining your experience and making it easier to access the tools that best fit your individual needs.

### **Center for Learning and Academic Success Services (CLASS)**

As a leading partner within the Academic Resource Center (ARC), the [Center for Learning and Academic Success Services \(CLASS\)](#) empowers students to develop skills and strategies that foster academic success and personal growth through purposeful interactions with peer and professional staff.

CLASS supports Drexel University students' efforts to achieve their academic goals through a variety of services, including [Academic Coaching](#), [Tutoring](#), [Resources](#) (quarter/semester calendars, time management resources, and tips for online learning), and [Workshops and Events](#).

### **The English Language Center's Tutoring & Language (ELC) Support**

Multilingual students may face unique language challenges as they navigate university life and academics at Drexel. [The English Language Center's Tutoring and Language Support \(ELC\)](#) office currently offers free, one-on-one tutoring to any Drexel student for whom English is a second language. Topics include: listening, speaking, reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary development, academic study skills, and resources for self-study. [Learn more here.](#)

## Tutoring & Additional Help

- [School of Education Tutoring Center](#)
- [Lebow College of Business Tutoring Center](#)
- [Drexel Writing Center](#)
- [Cyber Learning Center](#)
- [Thomas R. Kline School of Law Academic Skills Program](#)
- [College of Medicine Academic Support](#)
- [Nursing, Public Health, and Biomedical Sciences Tutoring through Drexel CLASS](#)

Contact [Drexel's Center for Learning and Academic Success Services \(CLASS\)](#) for more information regarding tutoring.

## Professional Development

The Graduate College offers a variety of professional development programs throughout the year to help graduate students and postdocs hone their academic, teaching, research, personal, and professional skills such as [Scholars Share: Conversations on Graduate Research](#), [Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars Conference \(DEGS\)](#), [TA orientation and prep course](#), our very own [Professional Development Blog](#) and more! Visit our [Professional Development Page](#) to learn more.

### Steinbright Career Development Center (SCDC)

[The Steinbright Career Development Center](#) is Drexel's world-class resource for career and cooperative education services. Our dedicated career service team works to assist our students in developing meaningful professional skills for a successful future career. Services include [career counseling and resume review sessions](#), [professional development workshops](#), [career navigation](#), [post-grad career services](#), and more!

### Drexel Writing Center

The [Drexel Writing Center](#) supports all members of our Drexel University community to develop as writers. They offer access to free, confidential consultations on writing projects, from interpreting assignments to planning to drafting and editing. They also provide individualized support for any task – assignments, personal statements, scholarly articles for publication and personal projects– from brainstorming to final revision. In addition, the center helps to integrate writing and the teaching of writing into the curriculum.

# **Building Community**

Drexel offers various discipline-specific and cultural organizations through [DragonLink](#). Many national organizations also have graduate-level groups, including:

[National Society of Black Engineers \(NSBE\)](#)

[Black Doctoral Network](#)

[Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists \(ABRCMS\)](#)

[Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers \(SHPE\)](#)

[Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science \(SACNAS\)](#)

[American Indian Science and Engineering Society \(AISES\)](#)

[Society of Women Engineers \(SWE\)](#)

[National Research Mentoring Network \(NRMN\)](#)

[LatinXinBME](#)

[Academic and Research Leadership \(ARL\) Network](#)

[International Scholar Association](#)

## **Drexel Specific Organizations**

[Drexel African Students Association](#)

[Drexel Black Graduate Student Union \(BGSU\)](#)

[Drexel Chinese Graduate Christian Fellowship](#)

[Drexel Graduate Women in Science and Engineering \(DGWISE\)](#)

[International Graduate Student Association \(IGSA\)](#)

[Latinos for a United Campus](#)

[West Indian Student Establishment](#)

[Persian Student Association \(PSA\)](#)

[Drexel Muslim Students Association \(DMSA\)](#)

[West Indian Student Establishment \(WISE\)](#)

[Association of Latino Professionals for America \(ALPFA\)](#)

[Drexel African Student Association \(DASA\)](#)





[Drexel University Black Student Union \(DUBSU\)](#)

[National Society of Black Engineers \(NSBE\)](#)

[Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students \(MAPS\)](#)

[Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers- Drexel Chapter \(SHPE\)](#)

[Queer People Of Color \(QPOC\)](#)

[Queer Student Union \(QSU\)](#)

[Students of Color in Psychology \(SOCPSY\)](#)

[Drexel Indigenous Students of the Americas \(DISA\)](#)

[Drexel Latinx Medical Student Association Pre-Medical Latino](#)

[Undergraduate Society \(DLMSA+\)](#)

## **Additional Resources**

[PhD Groups & Meetups](#)

[GradThriving](#) - Resources for current and future underrepresented minority students to thrive in graduate school.

[Financing Your PhD](#) - Scholarships & Resources for Black Students



# Sustainability

Drexel Buy Nothing Depot is a **free supply exchange program** for the Drexel community aimed to both divert still-useful office products from landfill and help reduce University spending on office and school supplies. The program collects and gives away supplies\* such as pens, pencils, Post-It notes, tape, standard-sized binders, printer paper, markers and folders. Dragons can retrieve items from the Buy Nothing Depot for either work or personal use.

*Where and when can I visit Drexel Buy Nothing Depot?*

The Buy Nothing Depot's inventory is open for browsing to the Drexel community every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. in the PSA Building (3240 Powelton Avenue), Room 103; it is closed during finals and University break weeks. Call or text 267.441.9030 when you arrive to be let into the building, as PSA is locked to all but those who have offices there.

*How can I donate items?*

Email [sustainability@drexel.edu](mailto:sustainability@drexel.edu) with a list of supplies you have to donate. Someone will set up a time to come to your location to review what you have.

*What's available in the inventory?*

Drexel Climate & Sustainability updates the inventory weekly via [SharePoint](#). Feel free to check out this resource ahead of time to see if we have something you need!

## Other Climate and Sustainability Programs

### Academics and Research

The Climate & Sustainability Working Group created the [Climate Year 2021](#) initiative to accelerate the integration of climate and sustainability topics into coursework throughout the University and to catalog available learning opportunities. Find out more about sustainability-focused majors and minors here. We also share information about sustainability-focused research centers, through which Drexel faculty generate and share research on critical climate and sustainability issues.

### Ways to Get involved

Drexel students are passionate about and deeply engaged in issues of sustainability. There are several student organizations that offer a range of perspectives and activities. Getting involved in student organizations is a chance to meet like-minded peers, develop leadership skills, and make an impact while finding lifelong friends.

# **Additional Career and Professional Development Resources for BIPOC**

## **Career Resources for Black and Brown Students**

It is important to know your legal rights in the workplace. These cover topics like illegal interview questions, discrimination and bullying. These issues can be challenging to figure out on your own. Below are a few resources to help you understand your legal rights in your career.

- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Worker Rights – Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania State Human Rights Commission – File a Complaint

## **Acquiring Experience**

If you are seeking career and professional development opportunities, consider building experience in different ways. The following page has some ideas:

- Exploring Internships
- Exploring Co-op education
- Pursuing Entrepreneurship/Freelance Work
- Volunteering
- Applying to Fellowship
- Joining the military

## **Job and Internship Search Resources**

In addition to the resources from the Steinbright Career Development Center (SCDC), you can find opportunities through networking.

- HBCU Career Center – The Historically Black College and University Career Center
- Black Career Network
- Blackjobs.com
- Diversity Inc.
- IMDiversity
- DiversityJobs.com



## Other Scholarly Programs for BIPOC

These programs are funded opportunities that help you gain experience in your future career. They look great on your resume and show your commitment to your field. You can also access important professional networks that will help you with your job search when the fellowship or program is over.

Here are some, but not all, opportunities available for Black and Brown students:

- Thurgood Marshall College Fund
- The Jackie Robinson Foundation – Provides generous multi-year scholarships and support services to accepted scholars
- Lagrant Foundation – LA-based nonprofit focused on providing support in media, PR, and advertising to African American and other minority student groups
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Internships
- Ron Brown Scholar Program – scholarship program for public service-minded African American students
- Inroads – Internship program that provides preparation and placement for minority students in business sectors.
- Seizing Every Opportunity (SEO)

## Educational Articles and Resources

These resources will help you learn how to direct your college experience toward specific goals. They also provide general information about identity and the workplace.

- BIPOC in Higher Education: Cultivating Healthy Students from Application to Enrollment
- 10 Interview Questions to Ask – Company Inclusivity
- Black EOE Journal – Business and Career Magazine for African Americans
- Black Enterprise – Top list of Black-owned enterprises, career and business advice

## Organizations/Associations

Join or research a few professional organizations. You'll meet other people in your community and field who can share their knowledge and perspective. This will give you a better understanding of your identity in the workplace. This is not a comprehensive list. We encourage you to search for associations in relation to your field of interest.

- National Black Chamber of Commerce
- National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA)
- National Society of Black Engineers
- National Bar Association – nation's oldest network of predominantly African American lawyers and judges
- National Black MBA Association – largest business organization serving Black professionals in the U.S.
- Black Career Women's Network (BCWN) – national career development network dedicated to fostering professional development of African American women
- National Association of Black Social Workers

*\*The national resources were adopted from Eastern Washington University.*

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