



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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DREXEL UNIVERSITY
**Graduate
College**

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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 an international student, you bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with your fellow students and the greater Drexel community. We are sure you are excited about arriving 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 great 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.

We are eagerly awaiting your arrival at Drexel University and look forward to meeting you in person!

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

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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, which is a process through which 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. Pages 20-22 of this guidebook feature international cuisines that can be found on campus and around Philadelphia!

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.](#)

[For a map of Drexel's campus, 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. Similar to 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.

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](#).



Drexel Bookstores

[Drexel University Barnes & Noble Bookstores](#) are located on the University City and Queen Lane campuses and provide 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 & Nobel 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. 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, 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.](#)

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 offers a variety of events throughout the year including Winterfest which includes ice skating during the winter. [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 S 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.](#)



Philadelphia Museum of Art

**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). [Visit the museum's website for times, ticket prices, and to purchase tickets online.](#)

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. The Academy of Music hosts concerts, musicals, and plays for visitors all over 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.](#)

Getting Around Philadelphia

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 around the city, or you can purchase a reloadable transit card (called a SEPTA Key) and use it throughout your time at Drexel. These can be purchased from kiosks at every SEPTA station and can be used on both subways, as well as all trolleys and buses. If you use a SEPTA Key card, the fare drops to \$2 per ride. Fares to the suburbs are higher and vary by zone and may require a separate ticket.

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. Students who wish to travel to African restaurants and markets will use 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.](#)



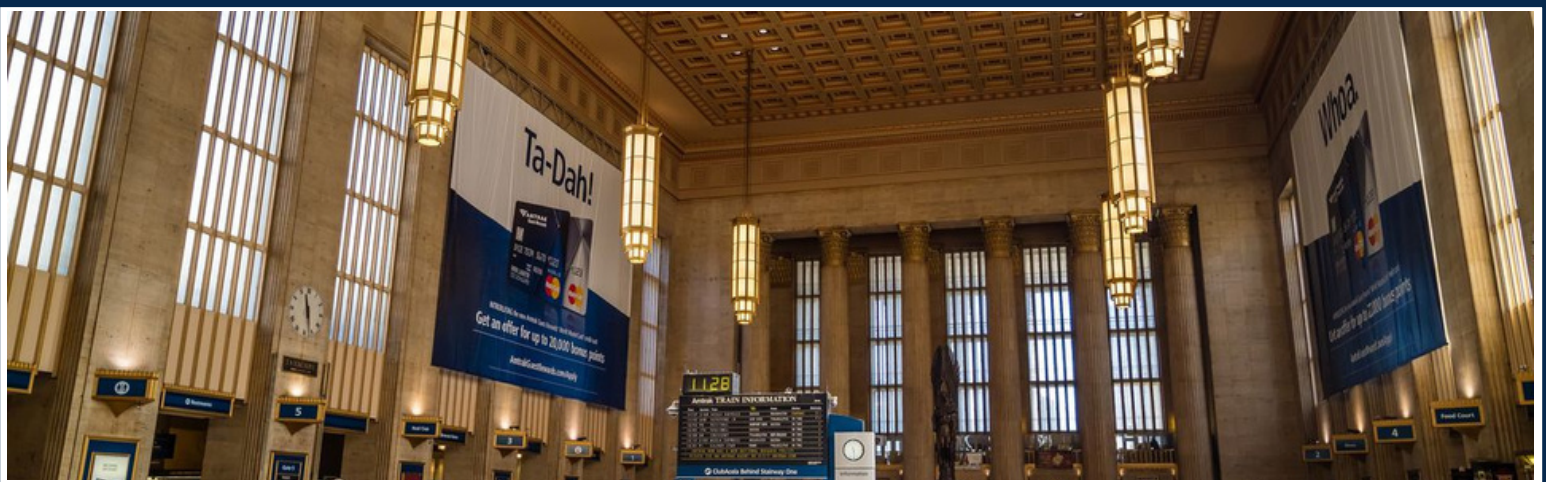
Regional Rail & Airport Line

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.](#)

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.](#)



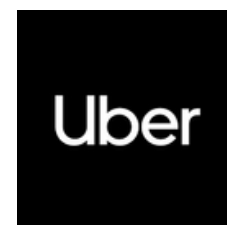
Indego - Philly's Bike Share

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 Services

Uber & Lyft

Uber and Lyft provide a taxi service 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.



This is a preferred service instead of a taxi.

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 (\$8.75 for breakfast, \$11.50 for lunch, \$14 for dinner), and other dining locations on campus ([Urban Eatery](#)) or at various grocery stores and restaurants near campus.

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 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.](#)

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.



Restaurants Around Philadelphia

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

Indian Cuisine

Bombay Dhabba Philly
3601 Market St, Philadelphia,
PA 19104

Indian Sizzler
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

Nafi Food Express
3400 Market 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

Nafisa's Kitchen

5629 Chester Ave,
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Aku's Kitchen

5938 Chestnut St,
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Kilimandjaro/youma

4519 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia,
PA 19143

Angie's Kitchen

618 S 52nd St, Philadelphia,
PA 19143



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

Ramen Bar
3400 Lancaster Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Chengdu Famous Food
3635 Lancaster Ave
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!

Cafes

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

Boba King
3200 Chestnut St
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Board and Brew
3200 Chestnut St
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Kung Fu Tea
3175 John F Kennedy Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Madis Coffee Roasters
3527 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA
19104

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



Grocery Stores

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

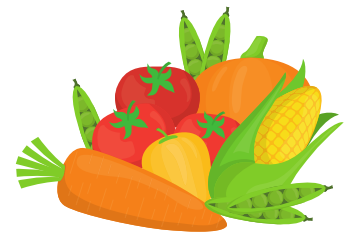
ACME
 4001 Walnut St
 Philadelphia, PA 19104
 *Accepts DragonDollars



1920 Gourmet Grocer
 3800 Locust Walk, Philadelphia,
 PA 19104

Giant
 60 N 23rd St
 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Trader Joes
 2121 Market St, Philadelphia,
 PA 19103



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 Cares

Vybe Urgent Care
3550 Market Street
Ste 102
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Jefferson Urgent Care
2021 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

MyDoc Urgent Care
3717 Chestnut Street
Ste 202
Philadelphia, PA 19104

The Clinic at the Parkway: Urgent Care
2401 Pennsylvania Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Pharmacies

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



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. Same-day appointments may be available.

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

To make an appointment email counsel@drexel.edu

Drexel Counseling Center

Room 201

Creese Student Center

3210 Chestnut St.

Philadelphia PA 19104

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.

Drexel's Recreation Center

3301 Market St
Philadelphia, PA 19104

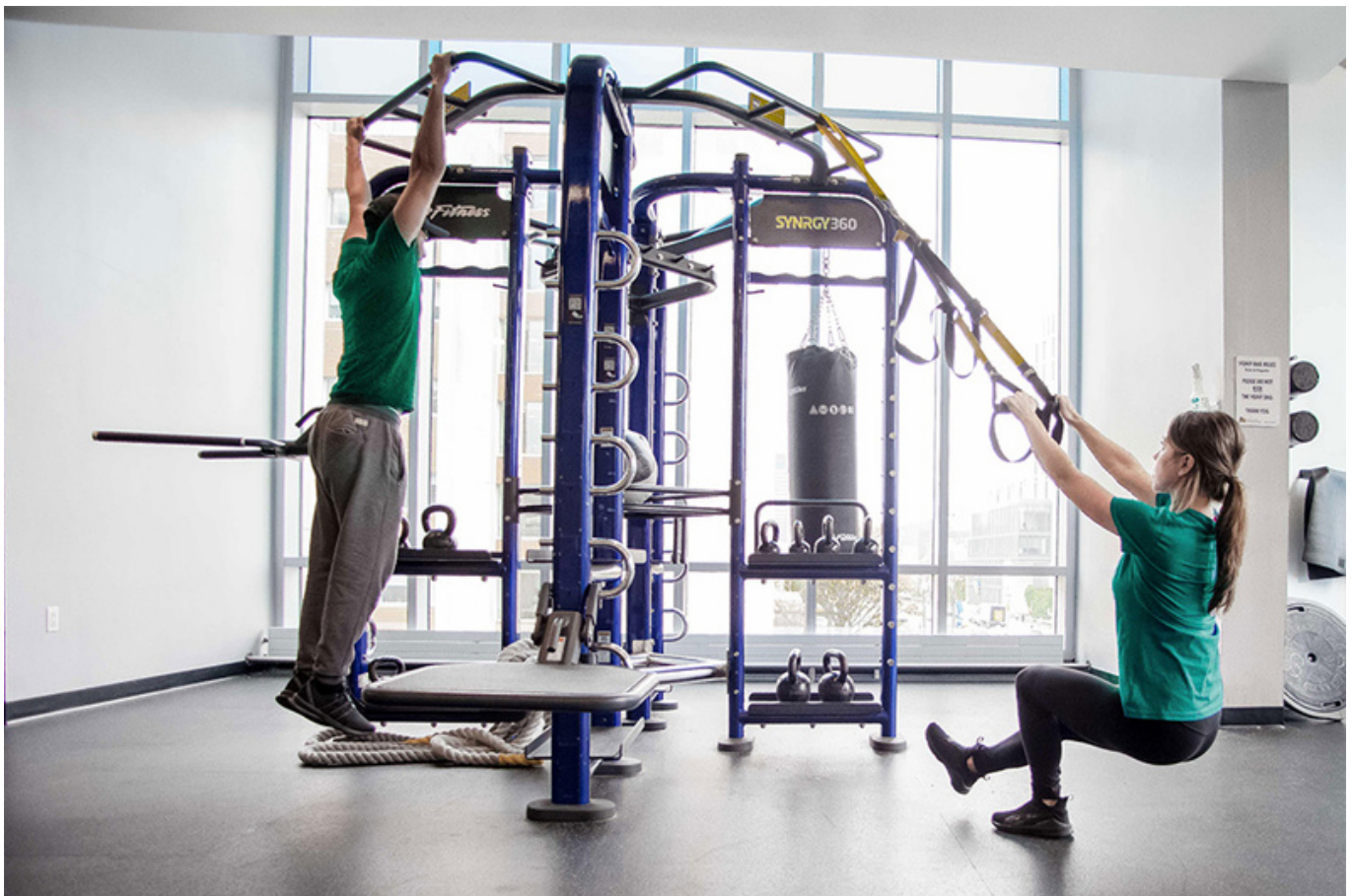
[Drexel's Recreation Center](#) offers a discounted membership to Drexel Graduate Students, staff, and community members. Drexel Recreation Center accepts cash, checks (made payable to Drexel University), and all major credit cards.

To learn more visit the [Recreation Center's Website](#) or visit the Recreation Center's Member Services Center open Monday-Friday from 10 am - 2 pm.

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!



Hair Salons

Here is a short list of hair salons nearby main campus!

SuperCuts

3200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Amira African Hair Braiding

4087 Lancaster Ave,
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Panache Hair Salon

2001 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Penn Campus Hair, Skin and Nail Salon

3730 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Hair Situations

503 N 33rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Opera Barber Shop

138 S 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

*James E. Marks Intercultural Center (JEMIC)

3225 Arch Street

Basement Level, Entrance on Arch 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
- 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

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

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/home>

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

Christianity - Orthodox

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

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

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

Hinduism

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

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

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

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

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

Judaism

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

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

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

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

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

Sikhism

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



Miscellaneous

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 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 DrexelOne 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:
 - Common Welcome and Campus+Community tabs
 - Role-based tabs for employees, students, and faculty
 - Access to Drexel personal information, including financial aid, course schedules, transcripts, billing, pay stubs, performance management, employee development workshops, discounted software, advisors, and more
 - 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.

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 apartments, 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 to receiving packages and preventing 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



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Money & Banking

Drexel's International Students & Scholars Services (ISSS) offers help to International Students when it comes to all things money, Drexel, and life in America. Students & Scholars Services (ISSS) offers help to International Students when it comes to all things money, Drexel, and life in America. [Click here to access International Students and Scholars Services \(ISSS\) website for points of contact and office hours.](#)

International Students will need a bank account as soon as they arrive in America to pay utility bills (cell phone, gas, internet, electricity, and water) and/or receive funds from their 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 passport along with the I-20.

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

Still, need guidance? Visit [International House Philadelphia's webpage](#) for more information regarding banking, international money transfers, taxes, and more.

Banks Nearby Campus

Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

[3200 Chestnut St](#)
[Philadelphia, PA 19104](#)

Citizens Bank

[134 S 34th St](#)
[Philadelphia, PA 19104](#)

Wells Fargo Bank

[3550 Market St](#)
[Philadelphia, PA 19104](#)

PNC Bank

[3535 Market St](#)
[Philadelphia, PA 19104](#)





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. Haggerty Library](#) – The Haggerty 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.

[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.

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

International students can face unique language challenges as they navigate university life 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!

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Dedicated 1892
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