



# DREXEL UNIVERSITY

FACT SHEET 2025-2026

## WHY PHILADELPHIA AND DREXEL?

Philadelphia is the birthplace of the United States and its sixth most populous city. Situated halfway between New York City and Washington, D.C., Philadelphia is centrally located while possessing a distinctive character of its own. Rich in both history and innovation, Philadelphia is the only world heritage city in the United States, and Pennsylvania's economic center. Navigable by bus, subway, bicycle, or foot, Philadelphia offers endless opportunities to explore inspiring museums, exciting sports, live arts, and world class culture. Drexel University is a private research institution ranked among the top 90 universities in the United States, with many of its programs being ranked in the top 50. Located in the University City section of Philadelphia, Drexel's campus is part of a thriving student and scholar community. Visiting students have access to wide variety of course options in a number of well-regarded academic programs, while co-curricular activities seek to provide further educational, social, and cultural opportunities.

## OUR PROGRAMS

Drexel Global offers two options for international visiting students:

**Exchange program:** available for students studying within allocated exchange spots for one to three terms at Drexel. May be competitive due to limited capacity.

**Discounted fee-paying program:** available for students studying outside of allocated exchange spots for one to three terms at Drexel. Tuition is discounted at a significant rate for this population (see Cost + Budget for pricing information).

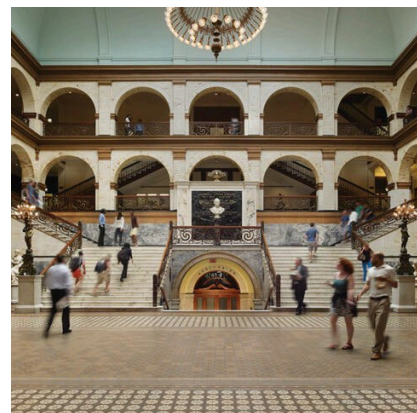
## WHO QUALIFIES?

Applicant requirements:

- Minimum GPA 3.0
- English Language Proficiency tests\*:
  - TOEFL iBT 80
  - IELTS 6.5
  - TOEFL CBT 214
  - TOEFL PBT 550
  - Cambridge 180
- Application materials submitted by deadline

\*Drexel does not accept TOEFL ITP. This requirement is not applicable for students from Universities in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, & Singapore.

See Student Nominations + Applications for more information about the application process and requirements.





# COLLEGES & PROGRAMS

\*Programs may not be available to visiting students

\*\*Students may have to submit a portfolio to be considered

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Criminology and Justice Studies
- English
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies & Sustainability
- Global Studies
- History
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Statistics
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Philosophy, Politics & Economics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology\*
- Sociology

## COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS\*

- Hospitality Management
- Culinary Arts and Sciences
- Health Services Administration
- Exercise Science
- Health Sciences
- Human Development and Counseling
- Nutrition and Foods
- Nursing

## COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

- Computer Science
- Computing & Security Technology
- Data Science
- Economics and Data Science
- Information Systems
- Software Engineering

## CLOSE SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Sustainability and Innovation

## SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, ENGINEERING SCIENCE, AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Biomedical Engineering

## KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW\*

## LEBOW COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Behavioral Economics, Business & Organizations
- Business Law
- Economics
- Esport Business
- Finance
- General Business
- International Business
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations & Supply Chain Management
- Real Estate Management & Development
- Sport Business

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Architectural Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Construction Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

## WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN \*\*

- Animation & Visual Effects
- Art History
- Dance
- Design & Merchandising
- Digital Media & Virtual Production
- Entertainment & Arts Management
- Fashion Design
- Film & Television
- Game Design & Production
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Music Industry
- Photography
- Product Design
- Screenwriting & Playwriting
- User Experience & Interaction Design

## DREXEL'S NUMBERS:

**Undergraduate:** 13,977

**Graduate:** 8,367



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## COURSES

### Requirements

- **Undergraduate students** must take 12-20 Drexel credits per quarter. 50% of those credits each term must be within assigned Drexel college or school. At least 9 credits of undergraduate visiting student's registration must be taught in a face-to-face or hybrid format.
- **Graduate students** must take 9-12 credits per quarter. 100% of those credits each term must be within assigned Drexel program. 6 of those credits must be taught in a face-to-face or in a hybrid format.

### Restrictions

- Many graduate programs are closed and/or have limited capacity to accommodate exchange students.
- Visiting students must take at least 9 credits (for undergraduate students) or 6 credits (for graduate students) that meet face-to-face or in a hybrid format each term.

### Registration Process

- Each student is assigned a Drexel academic advisor who registers students for classes each term.
- Class selection is subject to course availability and fulfillment of pre-requisites.

Link to course catalog: <https://catalog.drexel.edu/coursedescriptions/>

## HOUSING

- All visiting students have successfully secured housing for the duration of their program.
- On-campus & campus-affiliated housing is available, and although not guaranteed is highly recommended. Availability varies per term.
- If Drexel affiliated options do not meet student needs, off-campus housing may also be available. Students must arrange off-campus accommodations independently.

## MEALS

- Visiting students may participate in university dining plans, but are not required to do so.
- Students living in on-campus residence halls will have shared access to kitchen facilities.
- A variety of restaurants and grocery stores are located near the university.

## HEALTH INSURANCE & IMMUNIZATIONS

- All visiting students must:
  - Purchase Drexel's health insurance in order to meet US immigration health insurance requirements
  - pay a \$25 immunization fee
  - complete required immunizations

## VISA

- All incoming students are required to obtain a J-1 student visa.
- Drexel will issue a DS-2019 visa document to students upon acceptance.

## COST & BUDGET\*

### Estimated Cost of Living in Philadelphia

- Housing: \$3,000-\$5,000/quarter
- Meals: \$1,000-\$2,000/quarter
- Books: \$300-\$500/quarter
- Health Insurance: \$650-\$2,350/quarter
- Immunizations: \$35 (one-time fee)
- Personal Expenses: varies
- SEVIS & Visa Fees: \$450 (one-time fee)

### Cost of Tuition for Fee-Paying Visiting Students

Drexel offers fee-paying international visiting students a substantial 30% discount on its published fees per term, which can be consulted here: <https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost/undergrad>. For example, the 2024 discounted rate was \$14,009.80 per term.

\*The above amounts are estimates & are subject to change. Total does not include airfare or personal travel expenses.



# STUDENT NOMINATIONS & APPLICATIONS

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Every term, selected visiting students are awarded the Visiting Student Project Scholarships. More information for how to apply is shared after students are accepted to study at Drexel.

## STUDENT NOMINATIONS

- Partners will be sent a nomination link via email no later than 1 month prior to nomination deadline.
- When nominating students, please be sure to remember that Drexel operates on a quarter calendar, noting the difference between our Winter and Spring quarters.
- When nominating students, please indicate which Drexel major would be the most appropriate for the student based on their intended course of study.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

Once a student has been nominated, they will receive instructions via email about completing the online application. The following application materials must be submitted:

- Official transcript (in English)
- Passport copy
- Preliminary course selections
- English Language Proficiency Test (if applicable)
- Inbound Exchange Application Form
- Portfolio (if applicable)
- College of Computing & Informatics applicants only: syllabi for all computing-related coursework

If a student is accepted to Drexel, they will then be required to submit the following materials to apply for a J-1 visa:

- J-1 Student form
- Financial support documentation
  - Must prove access to AT LEAST \$6,483 per term (i.e. a student studying for the Fall/Winter terms must show at least \$12,966)
  - Must be in English

## DEADLINES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline
<b>Fall Start (September)</b> *Kline School of Law students start in August	April 15	April 30
<b>Winter Start (January)</b>	September 10	September 30
<b>Spring Start (March)*</b>	September 10	September 30

\*Extensions will be granted for Spring quarter nominations & applications if necessary



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR & CONTACT INFORMATION

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES

### Fall Term

- Mandatory Orientation & Welcome Week: September 15, 2025-September 19, 2025
- Classes start: September 22, 2025
- Classes end: December 7, 2025
- Final Examinations: December 8, 2025-December 13, 2025

### Winter Term

- Mandatory Orientation (Winter-start students): January 2, 2026
- Classes start: January 5, 2026
- Classes end: March 14, 2026
- Final Examinations: March 16, 2026-March 21, 2026

### Spring Term

- Mandatory Orientation (Spring-start students): March 27, 2026
- Classes start: March 30, 2026
- Classes end: June 6, 2026
- Final Examinations: June 8, 2026-June 13, 2026

Link to Academic Calendar: <https://drexel.edu/provost/policies-calendars/academic-calendars/>

Note: Winter or Spring-start students may add the Summer term to their exchange program. Students cannot study abroad at Drexel for the Summer term only.

## CONTACT US

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