

Drexel Univeristy Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2027-2028

Drexel University: Experience What a U.S. Education Can Be

- **Top-Ranked:** Consistently ranked among the top 100 U.S. universities; many programs in the top 50 nationally.
- **Urban Campus:** Located in University City, a vibrant academic neighborhood shared with other institutions.
- **Research & Resources:** A private research university with cutting-edge labs, studios, and entrepreneurial spaces.
- **Inclusive Community:** Welcomes students from around the world with a strong support system for visiting and exchange students.

Philadelphia: The City of Brotherly Love

- Historic Significance: Birthplace of the United States, home to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.
- Cultural Hub: World Heritage City with renowned museums theaters, and music venues.
- Student-Friendly: Easy to navigate by foot, bike, subway, or bus. Affordable compared to other major U.S. cities.
- Location Advantage: Centrally located between New York City and Washington, D.C. - ideal for weekend travel and exploration.
- Diverse & Dynamic: A melting pot of cultures, cuisines, and communities.





Our Programs

Drexel Global offers two options for international visiting students:

Exchange program: available for students studying within allocated exchange spots for one or two semesters at Drexel. May be competitive due to limited capacity.

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

Applicant Requirements

- GPA: Minimum 3.0/4.0
- English Proficiency:
  - TOEFL iBT: 4.5 | IELTS: 6.5 | TOEFL CBT: 214 | TOEFL PBT: 550 | Cambridge: 180
  - TOEFL ITP not accepted
  - *Students from institutions in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Hong Kong, and Singapore are exempt.*



Application Process

- **Student Nominations & Application**
  - Partners receive a nomination link via email ~1 month before deadline.
  - Drexel will send instructions to complete online application to nominated students.

- **Required Application Materials**
  - Official Transcript (English), Passport, Course Selections, English Test Score (if applicable), Application
  - Portfolio (if applicable), Computing & Informatics syllabi (if applicable)

- **Deadlines**
  - **Fall Start:** Nomination: mid March | Application: early April
  - **Spring Start:** Nomination: early August | Application: early September



Colleges & Programs

Incoming students can take courses in the following colleges (subject to availability and prerequisites):

- **College of Arts & Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Global Studies, Political Sciences, Communications, etc.
- **LeBow College of Business:** Finance, Marketing, International Business, Entrepreneurship, etc.
- **Howley College of Engineering and Computing:** Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Systems, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Biomedical Engineering etc.
- **Westphal College of Media Arts & Design:** Animation, Fashion, Film, UX Design, Graphic Design, etc.

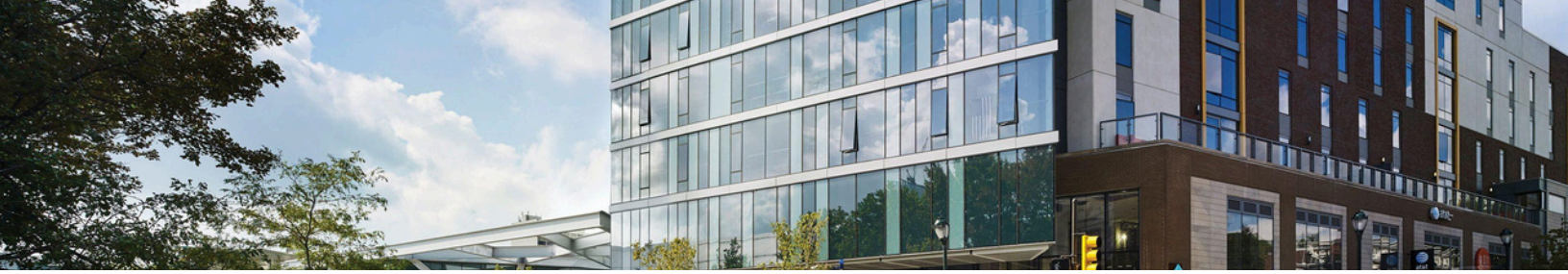
Link to course catalog: https://catalog.drexel.edu/coursedescriptions/

Course Requirements

- **Undergraduate:** 12-18 credits/semester; 50% of credits within assigned college; at least 9 credits meet face-to-face
- **Graduate:** 9-12 credits/semester; 100% of credits within assigned program; at least 6 credits meet face-to-face

Restrictions

- Courses **not available** to incoming students:
  - Architecture
  - Graduate Law (except students from universities with formal agreements with the Kline School of Law)
  - Medicine
- Programs that may be **closed or limited:**
  - College of Nursing and Health Professions
  - School of Public Health
  - School of Education
- Undergraduate visiting students:
  - Cannot apply as **Psychology** majors
  - Cannot apply to the **Business + Engineering** major
  - Typically cannot enroll in **graduate-level courses**
- Westphal College of Media Arts & Design:
  - Courses are extremely limited for non-majors.
  - Admission may require a portfolio submission.
- General notes:
  - Class selection depends on course availability and prerequisites.
  - Drexel reserves the right to determine incoming students' eligibility to enroll.



Post Acceptance: Visa, Registration, Housing & Cost

Visa

- J-1 student visa required for all incoming students; students must apply for DS-2019 form to receive J-1 visa.
- Drexel sends instructions for DS-2019 application after acceptance.
- Financial documentation (in English) must show access to at least $7,532 per term of study; graduate Kline students must show access to at least $15,629 per semester of study.

Course Registration

- Students are assigned a Drexel academic advisor after acceptance.
- Advisors register students for courses a few months prior to the start of the term.
- Course selection depends on:
  - Availability
  - Fulfillment of prerequisites

Housing

- **On-campus** and **Drexel-affiliated** short-term housing options are available to visiting students, and although not guaranteed is highly recommended. Available options include traditional residence halls and apartment-style units.
- **Off-Campus Housing:** If on-campus housing options don't meet student needs, off-campus housing is permitted. Students are responsible for arranging these accommodations independently.

Meals

- **Dining Plans:** optional for incoming students. Plans offer access to multiple dining halls and campus eateries.
- **Kitchen Access:** students living in residence halls typically have access to shared kitchen facilities.
- **Local Options:** there is a wide variety of restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within walking distance of campus.

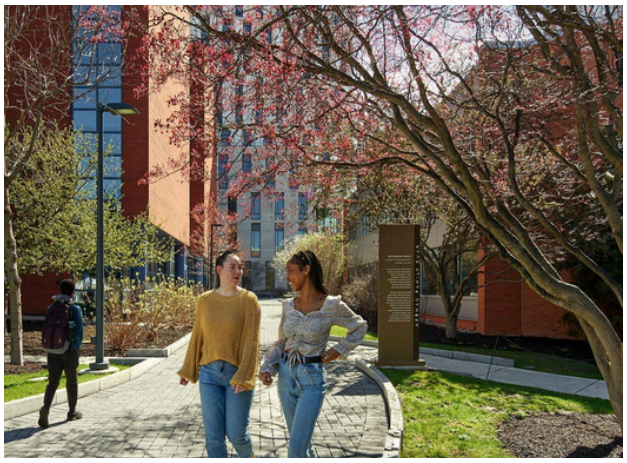
Cost & Budget (Estimates based on 2026-2027)

- **Living Costs/Semester:**
  - **Housing:** $3,000-$6,000
  - **Meals:** $1,000-3,000
  - **Books:** $300-$500
  - **Health Insurance:** $750
  - **Immunizations:** $50 (one-time)
  - **SEVIS & Visa Fees:** $400 (one-time)
- **Tuition (Fee-Paying): Discounted Tuition Rate** ~$14,000 /Semester (2026-2027 rate)
  - Tuition information: https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost/undergrad

Scholarships

- Visiting Student Project Scholarships available each term (info shared post-acceptance).

Key Dates



Fall Semester

- Welcome Week: mid August
- Classes: late August - early December
- Final Examinations: mid/late December

Spring Semester

- Exchange Orientation: early January
- Classes: mid January - late April
- Final Examinations: late April - early May

Academic Calendar: https://drexel.edu/provost/policies-calendars/academic-calendars/



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