



Degree Programmes

This study placement is available to all students who have achieved a minimum of 2.1 in their first year

Number of Places: 4

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.

The University

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[Webpage for International students](#)



For nearly a decade, Drexel has been ranked in the category of Best National Universities in “America's Best Colleges” by U.S News & World Report. The University placed 97th overall in the 2014 rankings, the sixth straight time Drexel has been in the top 100. Drexel's 60-acre University City Main Campus is located in the University City district of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about a 10-minute walk from Center City, Philadelphia's downtown neighborhood.

What it is like to study at Drexel University

Check out the student life [video](#) at Drexel University.

Location

Time difference: (example) GMT - 4 hours

Philadelphia, the birthplace of the United States, is the heart of a metropolitan area with a population of more than five million people. In its older sections, visitors will find monuments and streets from the era of colonial America. Many of its neighborhoods, including its downtown, are just minutes from Drexel University by bus, subway or bicycle. There are more than 100 significant museums and historical sites in Philadelphia. Students have access to a variety of cultural



activities including theater, opera, ballet and musical performances of all types. The city hosts teams for major professional sports, and it is famous for its restaurants, which range from some of the top-ranked in the nation to an endless variety of ethnic and neighborhood establishments. Situated half-way between Washington, DC, the capitol and New York City, it is an ideal city in which to study and learn about the United States. For more information about Philadelphia, please visit: <http://www.gophila.com>

Semester/key dates

Drexel operates on a [Quarter system](#) (not semesters)

Fall term: Mid September- Mid December	Winter term: Early January – Mid March
Spring term: Mid March- Mid June	Summer term: Mid June- Early September

Exchange students should plan to arrive a few days before the start of the term for welcome and mandatory orientation. Exact dates will be provided to accepted students.

Courses Available

- Undergraduate Programs: 13, 197 students in 73 full-time programs
- Graduate Programs: 6,142 students 78 master's programs and 32 doctoral programs

Students come from 48 U.S. states and 103 foreign countries. 10% of undergraduates and 11% of graduate students are international students.

Colleges and Schools

- Arts and Sciences Law
- Business Media Arts & Design
- Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems Medicine
- Education Nursing and Health Professions
- Engineering Public Health
- Information Science and Technology Professional Studies

Degrees Granted: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, Certificate, Post-Bachelor's Certificate, Post-Master's Certificate

[Course Catalogue](#)

[Course Schedule](#)

Course Restrictions: Majority of the courses you will register for will be from the Business School. You will be able to choose some electives; those will be confirmed by Drexel once you have been selected.

Workload:

Undergraduate exchange students may take 12-20 course credits per quarter. During the application process, students will submit a preliminary course selection form. Students may reference the complete course [catalog](#).

Upon acceptance, each student will be assigned to a Drexel academic advisor who will register them for classes. While they will make every effort to enroll students in their preferred courses, please note that course selection is subject to course availability and fulfilment of pre-requisites.

Living in Philadelphia

- **Accommodation (example):**
On-campus dormitories are available to incoming exchange students, although on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed for the 2013-14

academic year. Seven residence halls offer suite-style and double-occupancy rooms. Learning communities give students the option of living with others who share their academic or professional interests. Off-campus housing is also an option.

More information, including available apartments, can be found [here](#).

- **Living Costs:**

Housing	\$3000/quarter
Meals	\$1750/quarter
Books	\$500/quarter
Health Insurance	\$600/quarter
Immunizations	\$35 (one-time fee)
Personal Expenses	\$500/quarter*
SEVIS & Visa Fees	\$450 (one-time fee)
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Total	\$6835/ quarter (plus round-trip travel to Philadelphia)

*Many exchange students spend considerably more on personal expenses because of travel.

- **Employment:**

For details about working in the US as a student please click [here](#).

- **Health insurance**

Exchange students must meet the Drexel University and US immigration health insurance requirements. Exchange students must enroll in the Drexel University Health Insurance program at a cost of approximately \$600/quarter. All exchange students must pay a \$35 immunization fee and may need to complete additional required immunizations upon arrival in Philadelphia. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **International Student Services**

A mandatory orientation program for international students is held a few days before the start of the term. An additional orientation specifically for exchange students is provided by the Study Abroad Office. Specific dates

and times for orientation programs will be provided about six weeks prior to the arrival date in Philadelphia.

Each exchange student will be paired with a Dragon Buddy, a Drexel student who recently studied abroad or is interested in studying abroad and has volunteered to help new exchange students as they adjust to life in Philadelphia. Exchange students will receive contact information for their Dragon Buddy prior to their arrival.

Next steps if you are successful

1. After the deadline, our Study Abroad Team will assess your application.
2. If you are successful, we will send you a study abroad offer (via e-mail) and will give you some time to think about it. If we cannot offer you any of the three universities you applied for, we will be in touch with alternative options.
3. If you choose to accept the Study Abroad placement, you will be nominated by us to the partner university, after attending a compulsory face to face appointment with the study abroad coordinators.
4. Following the nomination (usually in the Spring), you will have to complete a registration process with the partner university to finalise your acceptance.
5. After you have completed the registration, the host university will send you an official acceptance letter (electronically or via post).
6. You will be informed by the host university about any other deadlines (course selection, accommodation etc.) so do keep an eye on your Aston e-mail.

Visa

All non-US citizen exchange students must secure a J-1 student visa to participate on the program. Visa application materials and instructions are included in the initial application process. Students must present a financial guarantee, in English, of at least \$7000 for every term that they will be in the United States. Additional information on immigration matters can be accessed at: <https://drexel.edu/studyabroad/exchange-visiting-students/nomination-application/prospective-exchange-students/>

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