Exchange Scheme with Drexel University

Where is Drexel University? - Drexel University is a private research institution ranked among the top 100 universities in the United States. Located in the University City section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Drexel’s campus is part of a thriving student and scholar community.

Who can go?

- Two places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/

Courses

- Students will be expected to take 48 credits over a three quarter term exchange period (16 per quarter) in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits. The course catalogue serves as a general guide to the courses available. However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. You should check the Drexel directory of courses for full details. http://catalog.drexel.edu/coursedescriptions/
- Most courses and all departments are open to exchange students although some may require prerequisite confirmation.
- For more information on courses (majors and minors) see http://drexel.edu/studyabroad/exchange-visiting-students/academics/

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) Tuition Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to Drexel and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

2) Visas: There are two fees associated with the visa application. The application fee itself is approximately $160. There will also be a $180 (J-1 and F-1 students) SEVIS fee payable in advance of the visa application. SEVIS is the US immigration system that tracks foreign and exchange students. (Further information below.)

3) Medical insurance and waiver: All exchange students must -
- Purchase Drexel’s health insurance in order to meet US immigration health insurance requirement $600-$900 per quarter
- Pay a $35 immunization fee (a one-time fee)
4) **Additional costs to consider:** Housing $2,000 - $4,000 per quarter, Meals $1,000 - $1,895 per quarter, Books $500 per quarter, plus personal expenses.

**Visa**

- Drexel will ask you to complete an application form for the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) which, together with your passport and other supporting documentation including the letter from Drexel offering you a place and a photocopy of your completed financial resources form, will enable you to obtain a visa from the United States Embassy in London (or the United States Consulate General in Belfast).
- You will be required to go to the US embassy in London (or your home country) in order to process your visa application, which you are responsible for organising.
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for a US visa in their home country and not in the UK.
- In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account, or are able to supply details of a third person who will support you.

**Where will I live?**

**On-Campus Housing:**

On-campus housing is guaranteed for full-year (fall/winter/spring) students.
- Suite style and double-occupancy rooms are available.
- More information about university housing can be found here: [http://drexel.edu/campusservices/universityHousing/overview/](http://drexel.edu/campusservices/universityHousing/overview/)

**Off-Campus Housing:**

Off-campus housing is also available. Students must arrange off-campus accommodation independently [https://offcampushousing.drexel.edu/](https://offcampushousing.drexel.edu/)

**Contact details at Drexel:**

Your principal source of general advice at Drexel will be: Mary Hagenbach (Inbound student advisor) 215-571-3858 mth62@drexel.edu

Address: Paul Peck Problem Solving & Research Center, 101 N. 33rd Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Useful web links:**

Main Drexel site: [http://drexel.edu/](http://drexel.edu/)

Incoming Exchange Students: [http://drexel.edu/studyabroad/exchange-visiting-students/overview/](http://drexel.edu/studyabroad/exchange-visiting-students/overview/)


Support for Disabled Students: [http://www.drexel.edu/oed/disabilityResources/overview/](http://www.drexel.edu/oed/disabilityResources/overview/)

Insurance Information: [http://drexel.edu/counselingandhealth/insurance-immunizations/health-insurance/hi-visiting-students/](http://drexel.edu/counselingandhealth/insurance-immunizations/health-insurance/hi-visiting-students/)

Visa application: [http://1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/](http://1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/)

Global Graduates (the new name for Third Year Abroad): [https://globalgraduates.com/](https://globalgraduates.com/)

Foreign Commonwealth Office: [https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa)
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