



**Drexel**  
English Language Center

A great place

to study English

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# Welcome to Drexel ELC

- ▶ On the campus of Drexel University
- ▶ In the vibrant, exciting city of Philadelphia
- ▶ In a safe, residential urban neighborhood
- ▶ 5 - 10 minutes by bus or subway from Center City Philadelphia

## ELC Overview

An accredited program at an affordable price: that's what makes Drexel ELC a great place to study English!

## We offer...

- ▶ 11-week and 6-week academic and professional English courses year round
- ▶ The Drexel International Gateway undergraduate conditional admission program
- ▶ Bridge programs to other Philadelphia-area institutions for undergraduate and graduate study without TOEFL

## You'll get ...

- ▶ Better English language skills for academic, professional, and personal success
- ▶ Personal experience with American life and culture
- ▶ Cross-cultural exchanges with students and professionals from around the world
- ▶ International leadership skills for the 21st century

## Welcome to Philly!

### Beautiful, exciting Philadelphia is...

- ▶ **Dynamic:** the 5th largest city in the United States
- ▶ **Affordable:** less expensive to live in than other large U.S. cities
- ▶ **Accessible:** about 2 hours by car, train, or bus from New York City and Washington, DC
- ▶ **Stylish:** featuring hundreds of tax-free designer clothing outlets
- ▶ **Vibrant:** full of music, theater, museums, restaurants and clubs, sports teams and recreational facilities
- ▶ **Stimulating:** home to over 50 colleges and universities and a major center for the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries
- ▶ **Historic:** the first capital of the U.S.; home of the Liberty Bell and Declaration of Independence

## Drexel University

### A tradition of excellence

- ▶ A private, urban university founded in 1891
- ▶ Consistently ranked in the top 100





- ▶ Over 12,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate students
- ▶ Nearly 1,500 international students from over 95 countries
- ▶ More than 70 undergraduate majors offered by nine schools and colleges

### The Drexel Co-op

- ▶ Students alternate periods of classroom study with full-time work experience.
- ▶ Opportunities to earn money and gain valuable work experience before graduation.
- ▶ One 6-month co-op available in all majors; many offer a 3 co-op option.
- ▶ In 2010 the average 6-month co-op salary was nearly \$16,000.
- ▶ International students can fully participate in the Drexel Co-op.

### Campus features

ELC students get Drexel ID cards and free access to all university facilities:

- ▶ Wireless campus with internet access
- ▶ Newly renovated state-of-the-art gym, pool and fitness center
- ▶ Interactive, high-tech library
- ▶ Computer lab
- ▶ Soccer (football) and other sports fields
- ▶ Tennis, basketball and volleyball courts
- ▶ Student center lounges with TVs and computers
- ▶ Snack bars, cafes, and cafeteria
- ▶ Shuttle service
- ▶ University bookstore

# Intensive English program

- ▶ 11- and 6-week terms year round
- ▶ Six levels from Beginning to Advanced
- ▶ Successful students complete one level each term
- ▶ At least 18 hours of classes per week

## Program Highlights

**Placement tests** to assess Speaking and Writing levels at the start of each term

**Orientation program** before classes start to help new students learn about

- ▶ ELC classes and activities
- ▶ Their teachers, their classmates, and the ELC staff
- ▶ Drexel University and Philadelphia
- ▶ Living in the U.S. and staying safe and healthy

**Certificates** for successful completion of each full or half term

**Tutoring sessions** available free of charge

**Small classes** for individualized attention

- ▶ Average class size is 10-12 students
- ▶ Largest classes have 15-16

## Teachers with

- ▶ Master's degrees in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) or related fields.

- ▶ Lots of experience teaching in the U.S. and abroad.

## Curriculum

Our flexible curriculum lets instructors tailor classes to their students' needs.

## Core Courses

- ▶ 15 hours per week in the morning or afternoon
- ▶ **Listening/Speaking** classes focus on listening competence, pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar, and help students develop their communication skills and abilities.
- ▶ **Reading/Writing** classes help students improve reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammatical structure and mechanics, mastery of paragraph and essay format, idea development, and writing process.

## Special Topic Courses

- ▶ 3 hours per week, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday
- ▶ Scheduled between morning and afternoon classes
- ▶ Students choose from a list of topics according to level and interest.
- ▶ Classes concentrate on specific skills or test preparation.

- ▶ Examples include Vocabulary Development, Oral Presentations, English for Everyday Life, Advanced Grammatical Analysis, TOEFL Preparation or IELTS Preparation.

## Global Business English

### Global Business English/Pre-MBA (GLOBE) program

**Designed to meet the needs of prospective and pre-MBA students as well as business professionals.**

For participants with a university degree who place into ELC level 4 Listening/ Speaking AND Reading/Writing (or higher).

### Special Features

- ▶ Lecture opportunities at Drexel's LeBow College of Business and Baiada Center for Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Prospective MBA workshop on topics like choosing an MBA program, writing an application essay, or preparing for an interview
- ▶ Monthly networking receptions sponsored by the International Visitors Council of Philadelphia
- ▶ MBA class observations arranged each term

### 21 hours of classes per week

- ▶ The Language of Business Information is a modular integrated skills course that focuses on concepts and key vocabulary related to specific topics such as marketing, finance, international business, and human resources. Topics vary each term; all modules are covered over a 2-term sequence. The course uses case studies and current business news from authentic sources and includes research and visits to local businesses.

- ▶ Academic Reading/Writing classes emphasize essay writing, advanced academic reading, research skills, and strategies for graduate level coursework.
- ▶ Special Topic courses: GLOBE students can choose TOEFL/GMAT Preparation or two other advanced level topics such as Oral Presentations and Vocabulary Development.

### Special Features

**Weekly activities program** that includes ...

- ▶ On-campus events and recreational activities
- ▶ Visits to Philadelphia-area historic sites and cultural events, shopping centers and professional sports venues
- ▶ Trips to New York City or Washington, DC

**Allison Rose Fellowships** – scholarships for continuing students who...

- ▶ Earn a \$1200 tuition discount
- ▶ Improve their English by helping ELC teachers and staff
- ▶ Lead other students at orientation and on activities

### Conversation Network

- ▶ Provides language and conversation exchange with American students
- ▶ Helps students make friends and learn more about the U.S.A.

**Innovative classroom technology** and an interactive, multi-media language lab

### Leadership training opportunities

### Visa counseling

**Academic advising** for university study in the U.S.

# International Gateway

A structured 9 - 12 month undergraduate conditional admission program that offers...

- ▶ Quality English language and test preparation courses
- ▶ Credit-bearing academic coursework
- ▶ A solid foundation for full-time study at Drexel University

## What's Inside?

### Real faculty

- ▶ Up to 17 hours of university credit for core academic courses in mathematics, sciences, and communication, taught by outstanding faculty in the Drexel College of Arts and Sciences
- ▶ English language courses plus IELTS or TOEFL preparation courses taught by qualified ELC instructors

### Real support

- ▶ Individualized advising for academic success
- ▶ American Cultural Connections® give students opportunities to gain insight into American culture, adjust to American life, and meet American students and families

### Real success

- ▶ Preparation for full-time undergraduate degree programs in majors including bioscience, communications, computer

science, engineering, business, and more

- ▶ The future opportunity to participate in the Drexel Co-op program

## Who Can Enter?

International Gateway begins in the Fall term and prepares students to begin full-time undergraduate study at Drexel the following Fall.

### Applicants must:

Be academically qualified for admission to Drexel University.

- ▶ We do not pre-screen or offer evaluations of academic qualifications without a complete application.
- ▶ International Gateway is not designed for transfer students.

### Have standardized English proficiency test scores in the following range:

- ▶ TOEFL score from 53 to 70
- ▶ IELTS score from 5.0 to 5.5
- ▶ Students with higher scores should apply to directly to Drexel University for undergraduate admission.
- ▶ Students with lower scores are welcome to apply for the Intensive English program at Drexel ELC.





## Gateway Curriculum

Term Requirements	Term 1 - Fall	Term 2 - Winter	Term 3 - Spring	Term 4 - Summer
English Language/ Communication Skills	15 hours ELC: • Oral Communication • Written Communication	15 hours ELC: • Oral Communication • Written Communication	7.5 hours ELC: • Oral Communication OR • Written Communication	10.5 hours ELC: • English for University Success • Oral Communication
ELC Support	• Advising	• Advising	• Advising	• Advising
College of Arts & Sciences Credit Courses		• MATH (3 credits)	• MATH (4 credits) • SCIENCE (3 credits)	• MATH (4 credits) • COMM: Special Topics in Communication (3 credits)
Test Preparation	• 6 hours IELTS/ TOEFL preparation	• 6 hours IELTS/ TOEFL preparation	• 3 hours IELTS/ TOEFL preparation	• Testing as needed
Testing	• IELTS/TOEFL • Math placement test	• IELTS/TOEFL	• IELTS/TOEFL	• Testing as needed
Drexel Support		• Math Resource Center	• Math Resource Center	• Math Resource Center

# Gateway Majors

Choose from over 70 majors offered by nine of Drexel's schools and colleges

## College of Arts & Sciences

Anthropology

Biological Sciences

Chemistry

Communication:

- ▶ Corporate and Public Relations
- ▶ Global Journalism
- ▶ Technical and Science Communication

Criminal Justice

English

Environmental Science

Environmental Studies

History

International Area Studies:

- ▶ Justice and Human Rights
- ▶ International Business and Economics
- ▶ Global Science, Technology, and Society
- ▶ Literature, Culture, and Arts

Mathematics

Nutrition and Foods

Physics:

- ▶ Astrophysics

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

## Goodwin College of Professional Studies

Construction Management

Culinary Arts

Culinary Science

Engineering Technology

Hospitality Management

Sports Management

## School of Education

Elementary Education

Secondary Education

## School of Engineering

Architectural Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

- ▶ Game Programming and Development

Electrical Engineering

Environmental Engineering

Materials Science and Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Software Engineering

## LeBow College of Business

Accounting

Business and Engineering

Economics

Entrepreneurship

Finance

General Business

International Business

Legal Studies

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Operations Management

## School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, & Health Systems

Biomedical Engineering

## College of Nursing & Health Professions

Behavioral Health Counseling

Health Services

Administration

Pathway to Health Professions

## College of Information Science & Technology

Information Systems

Information Technology

Software Engineering

## Westphal College of Media Arts & Design

Animation and Visual Effects

Dance

Design and Merchandising

Entertainment and Arts Management

Fashion Design

Film and Video

Game Art and Production

Graphic Design

Interior Design

Photography

Product Design

Screenwriting and Playwriting

Television

Web Development

Contact the ELC for availability and/or additional requirements for Westphal College majors





### American Cultural Connections®

A unique program that encourages and facilitates contact between International Gateway and American university students through a wide range of activities:

- ▶ **Service learning** opportunities such as volunteering at a food bank, senior center, or other community organization.
- ▶ **Peer-guided course visitations** that match Gateway and Drexel students for classroom visits to learn the culture of the U.S. classroom.
- ▶ **Family guest activities** that pair Gateway students with Drexel and other community families who wish to host international students for special occasions.
- ▶ **International guest receptions** where Gateway students are recognized as welcome guests at Drexel and on other university campuses.
- ▶ **Academic course linkages** through Gateway courses with American students seeking intercultural communication experiences.

# Apply now

Choose the program and the living accommodations that are right for you

## Apply for Intensive English

The following items must be mailed to Drexel ELC:

- ▶ A completed, signed **ELC application form**
- ▶ A current, original bank statement in the name of the person who will pay for your studies.
- ▶ A copy of the bio page of your passport

▶ Required, non-refundable payments:

- ▶ Application fee (\$100)
- ▶ Tuition deposit (\$100)
- ▶ Express mail fee (\$60)

Transfer students: Your International Student Advisor must complete Part A of the **I-20 Transfer Form**.

## 2012 Term Dates

	Full term (11 weeks)	1st half term (6 weeks)	2nd half term (6 weeks)
Winter 2012	Jan. 11 - March 23	Jan. 11 - Feb. 17	Not available
Spring 2012	April 4 - June 15	April 4 - May 11	Not available
Summer 2012	June 25 - August 31	June 25 - July 27	July 25 - August 31
Fall 2012	Sept. 19 - Dec. 5	Sept. 19 - Oct. 26	Not available

## Program Costs

(All costs subject to change. Tuition valid only through August 2012.)

	Full term (11 weeks)	Half term (6 weeks)
Application fee	\$100	\$100
Tuition	\$3,600*	\$2,160*
Estimated living expenses**	\$3,600	\$1,800
Health insurance#	\$300	\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,600</b>	<b>\$ 4,260</b>

\* For Global Business English add \$600 for full term or \$300 for half term.

\*\*Includes average costs for housing, food, books, and personal expenses.

#Approximate cost. Waived if student provides proof of sufficient insurance

## Apply for International Gateway

Applicants who meet the admission criteria (see Who Can Enter? on the previous page) should follow the **International Gateway Application Instructions** on the ELC website to:

- ▶ Complete the **online International Gateway Application**.

- ▶ Use World Education Services to authenticate and evaluate your secondary school transcripts.
- ▶ Submit an official TOEFL, IELTS or other standardized English test score.
- ▶ Submit a Financial Certification and I-20 Application along with the required documents.
- ▶ Pay the \$100 application fee.

## Estimated Gateway Program Costs 2012 - 13

Most students complete the program in 9 months (3 terms), but some may require 12 months (4 terms).

	3 Terms	4 Terms
Application fee*	\$ 100	\$ 100
Tuition**	\$ 19,895	\$ 28,750
Estimated living expenses‡	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,000
Fees**	\$ 1,255	\$ 1,715
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,250</b>	<b>\$ 46,565</b>

*Estimated costs in U.S. dollars; students are billed term-by-term for actual ELC and university credit courses.*

*\* One-time application fee*

*\*\* Tuition costs are estimates only; real charges may vary.*

*‡ Estimated living expenses include approximate costs for housing, food, books, and personal expenses.*

*\*\* Fees include health insurance, immunizations, and university fees.*

## Make your Housing Choice

Because different students prefer different lifestyles, several types of housing are available. Reservations must be made directly with the housing providers. Links are available on the **Housing page** of the ELC website. Depending on the term, options include:

- ▶ **Drexel Residence Halls:** On-campus accommodations in double rooms or suites are available on a limited basis. University meal plan and immunizations required.

- ▶ **Right at Home Homestay:** Students live in an American home where they can practice English and learn about American culture.
- ▶ **The Axis:** A luxury student residence with a reasonable price, just minutes from campus. Meal plans available.
- ▶ **International House:** A large dormitory-style residence providing private bedrooms with shared bath and kitchen facilities, near the Drexel campus.





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