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Goodwin College of Professional Studies

In today's competitive job market, education is a smart investment in your future. Goodwin responds to the demands of today's learner by offering programs that tailor a student's learning experience to their career aspirations. The Interdisciplinary Professional Studies degree-completion program is ideal for transfer students who already possess an associate's degree or have existing college credits. It is also ideal for students who wish to chart their own path toward a college degree.

Major

- Interdisciplinary Professional Studies (BS) (<https://catalog.drexel.edu/undergraduate/collegeofprofessionalstudies/interdisciplinarystudies/>)

Additional Academic Programs

- First Year Exploratory Studies (p. 3)

Minor

- Client Development and Customer Service (p. 6)

First Year Exploratory Studies

About the Program

Drexel University's First-Year Exploratory Studies Program offers students an undecided major for their first year, providing them the opportunity to explore academic and career options and interests before selecting a major.

The Exploratory Program is comprised of two tracks: the Business, Humanities, and Social Science Track (non-STEM) and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) track. While the program seeks to help students focus their goals, students are not limited to exploring only majors within a particular track; in fact, it is common for students to explore majors from both tracks. In addition to the non-STEM and STEM tracks, students also have the opportunity to choose the Custom-Designed track (CSDN), a track designed in collaboration with The Custom-Designed major in the Pennoni Honors College. Students who are interested in blending multiple interests to create their own major with the goal of solving complex interdisciplinary problems may choose the CSDN track.

At the end of year one, students will transfer to a full-time major at Drexel provided they meet the internal transition criteria. The First-Year Exploratory Studies Program empowers students to make well-informed decisions around choosing a degree program, getting involved on campus, and following their ambitions.

Students will develop an individualized plan of study with an advisor to help them achieve their academic goals.

Additional Information

More information about the First-Year Exploratory Studies program can be found on the Goodwin College of Professional Studies website (<http://www.drexel.edu/goodwin/academics/first-year-exploratory-studies-program/>).

Degree Requirements

University Requirements

CIVC 101	Introduction to Civic Engagement	1.0
COOP 101	Career Management and Professional Development *	1.0
UNIV G101	The Drexel Experience	1.0

General Education Requirements

ENGL 101 or ENGL 111	Composition and Rhetoric I: Inquiry and Exploratory Research English Composition I	3.0
ENGL 102 or ENGL 112	Composition and Rhetoric II: Advanced Research and Evidence-Based Writing English Composition II	3.0
ENGL 103 or ENGL 113	Composition and Rhetoric III: Themes and Genres English Composition III	3.0
MATH 101	Introduction to Analysis I	4.0
MATH 102	Introduction to Analysis II	4.0
Social Science electives		18.0
Science courses		8.0

Program Requirements

FYE 102	Academic Exploration and Planning	2.0
FYE 103	Career Exploration and Planning	2.0
Exploratory Track courses		125.0
Free electives		5.0
Total Credits		180.0

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COOP 101 registration is determined by the co-op cycle assigned and may be scheduled in a different term. Select students may be eligible to take COOP 001 in place of COOP 101.

Students not participating in co-op will not take COOP 101; 1 credit of Free Elective will be added in place of COOP 101.

Sample Plan of Study

4 years, no co-op

First Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 101 or 111	3.0 ENGL 102 or 112	3.0 CIVC 101	1.0 VACATION	
MATH 101	4.0 FYE 102	2.0 ENGL 103 or 113	3.0	
UNIV G101	1.0 MATH 102	4.0 FYE 103	2.0	
Exploratory Track course	3.0 Exploratory Track courses	6.0 Exploratory Track course	3.0	

Social Science elective	3.0	Social Science elective	3.0	
	14	15	12	0
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Exploratory Track course	3.0 Exploratory Track courses	6.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0 VACATION	
Exploratory Track course	4.0 Free elective	3.0		
Free elective *	3.0 Science course	4.0		
Science course	4.0 Social Science elective	3.0		
Social Science elective	3.0			
	17	16	15	0
Third Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Exploratory Track courses	12.0 Exploratory Track courses	12.0 Exploratory Track courses	12.0 VACATION	
Social Science elective	3.0 Social Science elective	3.0 Exploratory Track course	4.0	
	15	15	16	0
Fourth Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0	
	15	15	15	
Total Credits 180				

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Students not participating in co-op will not take COOP 101; 1 credit of Free Elective will be added in place of COOP 101.

4 years, 1 co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
ENGL 101 or 111	3.0 ENGL 102 or 112	3.0 CIVC 101	1.0	
MATH 101	4.0 FYE 102	2.0 COOP 101 *	1.0	
UNIV G101	1.0 MATH 102	4.0 ENGL 103 or 113	3.0	
Exploratory Track course	3.0 Exploratory Track courses	6.0 FYE 103	2.0	
Social Science elective	3.0	Exploratory Track course	3.0	
		Social Science elective	3.0	
	14	15	13	
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Exploratory Track course	3.0 Exploratory Track courses	6.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	12.0
Exploratory Track course	4.0 Free elective	3.0	Social Science elective	3.0
Free elective	2.0 Science course	4.0		
Science course	4.0 Social Science elective	3.0		
Social Science elective	3.0			
	16	16	15	15
Third Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	Exploratory Track courses	12.0 Exploratory Track courses	12.0
		Social Science elective	3.0 Exploratory Track course	4.0
	0	0	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0
	15	15	15

Total Credits 180

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5 years, 3 co-op

First Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 101 or 111	3.0 ENGL 102 or 112	3.0 CIVC 101	1.0 VACATION	
MATH 101	4.0 FYE 102	2.0 COOP 101 *	1.0	
UNIV G101	1.0 MATH 102	4.0 ENGL 103 or 113	3.0	
Exploratory Track course	3.0 Exploratory Track courses	6.0 FYE 103	2.0	
Social Science elective	3.0	Exploratory Track course	3.0	
		Social Science elective	3.0	
	14	15	13	0

Second Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Exploratory Track course	3.0 Exploratory Track courses	6.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
Exploratory Track course	4.0 Free elective	3.0		
Free elective	2.0 Science course	4.0		
Science course	4.0 Social Science elective	3.0		
Social Science elective	3.0			
	16	16	0	0

Third Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	12.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
	Social Science elective	3.0		
	15	15	0	0

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
Exploratory Track courses	12.0 Exploratory Track courses	12.0 COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	
Social Science elective	3.0 Exploratory Track course	4.0		
	15	16	0	0

Fifth Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0 Exploratory Track courses	15.0
	15	15	15

Total Credits 180

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Program Level Outcomes

Students will:

- Recognize existing strengths, skills, and personality traits and how, holistically, these should be utilized while exploring courses and opportunities in various academic units across the institution. (Academic Exploration)

- Learn the underlying factors that will enable them to become more familiar with the process of researching, applying, interviewing, and accepting job opportunities in their respective industries, including but not limited to: emotional intelligence; professional networking; and informational interviews. (Career Preparation)
- Declare and transfer to a full-time major at their respective college/school after working with academic advisors, peer mentors, and faculty members, as well as exploring various courses and opportunities. (Plan of Study)
- Learn the importance of self-advocacy regarding resources on campus, academic plans of study, financial aid, and communication. (Self-Advocacy)
- Develop and refine their leadership skills through various pathways, including the Peer Mentor program. (Leadership)

Minor in Client Development and Customer Service

About the Minor

The minor in Client Development and Customer Service is a 24.0 to 26.0 credit curriculum designed to familiarize students with customer service theory while providing practical training to develop skills for building and maintaining successful client relationships. The minor can provide a strong complement for majors that emphasize entrepreneurship, interpersonal skills, nonprofit enterprise and marketing. Students minoring in Client Development and Customer Service might also consider a double minor in Business Administration.

Admission Requirements

- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Academic advisor approval
- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program

Program Requirements

GSTD 201 [WI]	Professional Applications of Emotional Intelligence	3.0
GSTD 302	Customer Service Theory & Practice	3.0
GSTD 303	Client Relations Management	3.0
PRST 303	Interpersonal Skills for Virtual Teams	3.0
PRST 330	Career & Professional Development	3.0
PHIL 301	Business Ethics	3.0
Take a minimum of two courses from the list below		6.0
GSTD 360	Applied Organizational Research	
MKTG 321	Selling and Sales Management	
MKTG 344	Professional Personal Selling	
MKTG 357	Global Marketing	
MKTG 362	Brand and Reputation Management	
PRST 440	Policy Analysis	
Total Credits		24.0

A grade of "C" (2.0) or better must be earned in each course to be counted toward this minor.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirements

In order to graduate, all students must pass three writing-intensive courses after their freshman year. Two writing-intensive courses must be in a student's major. The third can be in any discipline. Students are advised to take one writing-intensive class each year, beginning with the sophomore year, and to avoid "clustering" these courses near the end of their matriculation. Transfer students need to meet with an academic advisor to review the number of writing-intensive courses required to graduate.

A "WI" next to a course in this catalog may indicate that this course can fulfill a writing-intensive requirement. For the most up-to-date list of writing-intensive courses being offered, students should check the Writing Intensive Course List (<https://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/english-philosophy/university-writing-program/faculty-programs/#writing-intensive-list>) at the University Writing Program (<http://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/english-philosophy/university-writing-program/>). (<http://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/english-philosophy/university-writing-program/drexel-writing-center/>) Students scheduling their courses can also conduct a search for courses with the attribute "WI" to bring up a list of all writing-intensive courses available that term.

Additional Information

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