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Research and creative interests

- Filmmaking
- Film criticism and analysis
- Documentary history and production

How did you get interested in your area of teaching?

“As an undergraduate in a sparsely populated state, I discovered a whole world of film — documentary, drama, foreign, experimental — beyond the Hollywood cinema that I grew up with.”

What I like most about the Honors College

“I enjoy interacting with Drexel’s top students. I learn as much from some of them as they learn from me.”

“The Honors College is a place to try out new educational ideas. We’re small enough administratively that we can move quickly to innovate or to improve on what we are doing. In a way, we are a laboratory for the whole University, because some of our innovations can be extended to other units or made available to the entire student body.”

Honors College Features

Honors Center

Within the Honors Center is a lounge exclusively for Honors College members. Students can take advantage of comfortable couches and chairs for studying as well as computers and a printer. The lounge is a great place to meet other Honors students, socialize, or join in on the latest political debate.

Honors Events and Activities

The Pennoni Honors College sponsors outings to local theatres, dance performances, sporting events, and concerts each term. Formal dinners are held several times a year to allow students the opportunity to meet other members of the Honors community while listening to a featured guest speaker. More informal dinners throughout the year feature discussion, debate, film presentations, and workshops. Past trips include the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Museum of American History in Washington, DC, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Learning Communities

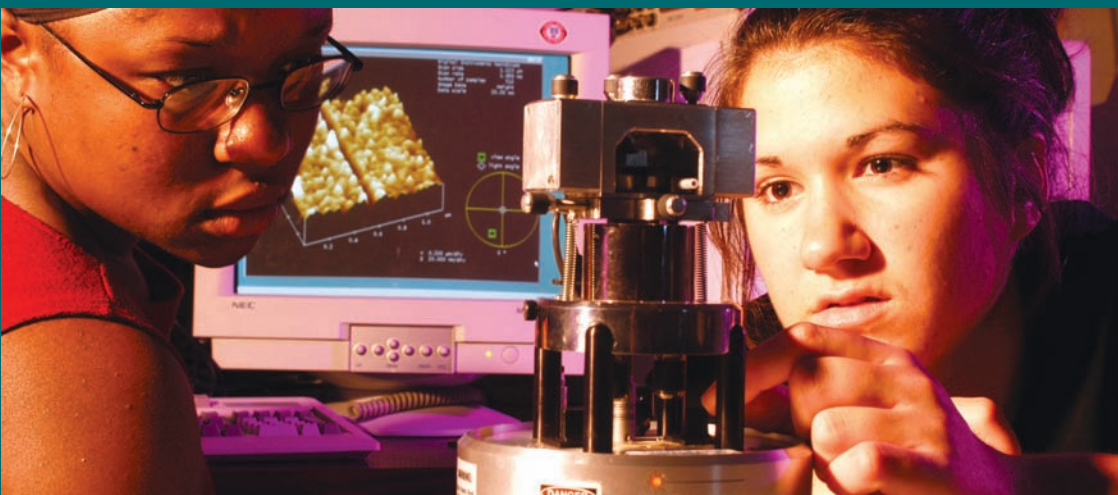
Freshman Honors students have the option of living in the Honors-designated residence hall. The Honors Learning Community offers a convivial atmosphere and the opportunity for Honors students to get to know each other. Through Hall Council activities and special events, students themselves create a true learning community.

Drexel Great Works Symposia

Each term the Honors College identifies a Great Work — a human construct with wide-ranging impact. Faculty from across the University form a team to design and teach these innovative pan-disciplinary, multimedia, lecture- and discussion-driven courses. Past topics have included The Atomic Bomb, The Internet, Modern Medicine, The Underground Railroad, Civil Rights, The European Union, and Global Warming.

Center for Civic Engagement

All Drexel students are required to take part in the Center for Civic Engagement during their freshman year. This initiative is designed to help ease students’ transition to Drexel through community-based service projects — a long-standing tradition of the Honors College. Opportunities in a wide range of disciplines may include teaching and literacy projects, community rehabilitation, outreach programs, and service to the city and local government.





Brian Sawford

BS in Electrical Engineering,
Electronics and
Telecommunications/Digital Signal
Processing track
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

Favorite Honors class

- Culture of Respect

Professional goal

- Design radio frequency communication systems

Clubs and organizations

- President of Lou Gehrig's Disease Awareness Association (DALSA)
- Honors Student Advisory Committee

Favorite pastimes

- Discovering new pop music
- Wandering Philadelphia to find new restaurants
- Watching movies

Favorite Drexel hangout

- In the quad people watching

Favorite place to get a milkshake:

- On campus: Northside Market
- Off campus: Philly Flavors (13th and Pine Streets)

Best things about Drexel

"My favorite thing about Drexel is the accessibility of Philadelphia and all of its culture. I love going out on the weekends and exploring new areas within the city. Growing up in the suburbs, I wasn't entirely sure about moving to a city, but I now know that coming to Drexel was the best decision I have ever made in my entire life."

Students Tackling Advanced Research (STAR) Scholars

The STAR Scholars program enables talented students to participate in a paid summer research or creative project after their freshman year. While working on a project, STAR Scholars receive on-campus housing and a generous stipend. STAR Scholars are matched with faculty mentors in their academic fields of interest.

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Office encourages students to experience world cultures with programs such as history and culinary arts in London, fashion in Paris, engineering in Turkey, and more. Many other opportunities are available to students who want to live and learn abroad, including the Study/Co-op Abroad program. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Office at studyabroad@drexel.edu or visit www.drexel.edu/studyabroad.

National and International Fellowships

Drexel maintains files of information and applications for national and international fellowships to support undergraduate and graduate study. Recent awards won by Drexel students include the Goldwater Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, and the Gates-Cambridge Fellowship. Accomplished students seeking to further their education should consider the prestige and financial support offered by these fellowships. Advisors and college deans work together to identify candidates for a range of fellowship opportunities and help qualified students develop competitive applications. For additional information, email fellowships@drexel.edu or visit www.drexel.edu/fellowships.

The Smart Set from Drexel University

Drexel offers unparalleled opportunities for students interested in writing, editing, photography, and website design. *The Smart Set* is Drexel's online cultural magazine, devoted to intellectually stimulating prose, poetry, and essays as well as articles covering a wide range of topics related to science, technology, and arts. *The Smart Set* has won several journalism awards, is frequently linked by major online journals such as Atlantic.com, NewYorkTimes.com, and Arts&Letters Daily. The site received over a million hits in 2008.

Admission to the Honors College

Students are selected for admission based on multiple indicators of intellectual strength, accomplishment, and motivation, including a written statement; high school and, if applicable, college GPA; activities; and SAT scores. To learn more about Honors College admission, visit

www.drexel.edu/honors/about/apply.

Honors Membership and Graduation Requirements

As a member of the Honors College, a student is required to:

- Complete HON 200, a one-credit, freshman-level discussion course
- Complete at least one 3-credit Honors course beyond HON 200 by the end of sophomore year
- Complete 12 additional Honors credits prior to degree completion
- Maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA
- Attend at least two Honors-sponsored events each term
- Demonstrate conduct befitting an Honors student

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Graduation with Distinction

Students who graduate with distinction — the highest honor bestowed by the University — have it noted on their official transcripts, receive a Drexel University Honors Certificate, and have their names listed on a special page in the graduation program. Eligible students must:

- Successfully complete a minimum of 32 Honors credits (21 credits for students admitted after freshman year)
- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Complete a Senior Project/Design/Thesis in your major judged worthy of honors. Up to 8 of the course credits associated with the Senior Project can be counted toward the 32 required Honors credits.

Students who wish to pursue Graduation with Distinction should meet with one of the Assistant Deans during junior year to ensure that they understand and are making progress to meet the requirements.

Honors Credits

The Pennoni Honors College provides a rich array of course experiences to its students. Honors courses, taught by the University's best faculty, are rigorous, enriching, and discussion intensive. There are several ways to earn Honors credits, which are required to maintain membership in the Pennoni Honors College.

- HNRS 200: Honors Freshman Seminar
- Honors Colloquia courses
- Honors sections of University courses
- Honors options
- Honors Independent Study
- UNIV 241: Great Works Symposium

National Collegiate Honors Council

Drexel is a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Northeast Region of the NCHC. Honors students are automatically invited to conferences and programs sponsored by these organizations. Attendees have the opportunity to meet students from across the country who have similar interests and new insights. NCHC also sponsors programs of study both within the United States and abroad.



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