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## Pennoni Honor's College

Drexel University's Pennoni Honors College deepens and enriches the University experience for students from all majors who have demonstrated academic achievement and varied intellectual interests. Students are selected for admission based on multiple indicators of intellectual strength, accomplishment, and motivation, including a written statement, high school and perhaps college GPA, activities, and SAT scores. Honors students must maintain a GPA of 3.2 or higher once accepted, make satisfactory progress toward their degree, participate in Honors courses, and demonstrate conduct befitting an Honors student. Students may apply through the end of their pre-junior year.

The Pennoni Honors College is named after Annette and Drexel graduate C. R. "Chuck" Pennoni, CEO of Pennoni Associates and one-time interim president of the University. Honors students endeavor to emulate his qualities of strong leadership, integrity, and commitment to Drexel.

Members of Pennoni Honors College take part in a variety of courses that pair small groups of students with Drexel professors, creating the feeling of a small college without sacrificing the diverse academic opportunities offered by a major research university.

Diversity is also found inside the classroom. Honors students are drawn from all majors and represent many countries. Honors students share their interests and abilities, introducing their peers to new ideas and activities.

The Honors College prepares students for admission to graduate and professional schools and for fellowships to further their education at home and abroad.

### Academic Options

The Honors College offers a number of academic options for its students. These opportunities are designed to be intensive, and are taught by faculty members who understand and accommodate Honors students' abilities. These options include:

- **Honors-Section Courses:** These courses are designed to take the place of traditional course requirements. While the subject remains the same, the classes are taught to smaller groups, consisting entirely of Honors students, and on an advanced level that encourages discussion and practical application. Honors-section courses include calculus, general psychology, chemistry, biology, and philosophy.
- **Honors Colloquia:** The interdisciplinary courses included in the colloquia introduce students to topics not typically covered in undergraduate curricula. Individual courses in the colloquia may include lectures and presentations from a number of Drexel faculty members, each an expert in the specific facet he or she is discussing. Past Honors Colloquia courses have included Arts and the Internet, Chaos Theory, Game Theory, and

Representations of the Holocaust.

- **Independent Study:** Honors students frequently come across topics in their general coursework that they would like to investigate in greater detail. To accommodate this, the Honors College allows students to study and research a topic of their choosing with guidance from a faculty member.
- **Honors Options:** Non-Honors courses may be enhanced for particular students. The student and faculty member conducting the class agree on the specific terms before the course begins and jointly submit a proposal to the program director for approval. In this manner students earn Honors credit for the course.

For additional information, visit the [Pennoni Honor's College](#) web site.