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Exploratory Studies Newsletter



Exploratory Studies Office Procedures

Welcome Explorers! Some helpful reminders for both new and returning students starting the year:

Advising Appointments: Appointments with your advisor should be made on BoilerConnect.

Instructions can be found on the BoilerConnect website. If you have trouble, give our office a call at 765-494-0843 to get scheduled for an appointment, as we do not accept walk-ins.

Office Location: Exploratory Studies is located on the 6th floor of Young (YONG) Hall. Please check-in at the front desk directly off the elevators when you arrive.

Email: Email is typically the best and fastest way to get a hold of your advisor for questions or concerns that may not require an appointment. Our general office email can also be reached at exploratory@purdue.edu. It is important to check your Purdue email every day, as this is your main source of communication on campus.

Add/Drop Deadlines

Adding a Class

August 21 - August 25

Students may add courses via Scheduling Assistant

August 26 - October 24

Advisor and Instructor permission required. Submit using Scheduling Assistant

Dropping a Class

August 21 - September 1

No authorizations required. Student may drop course via Scheduling Assistant (course not recorded)

September 2 - November 27

Advisor permission required. Grade of "W" recorded. Submit using Scheduling Assistant

Printing Instructions

Need to print something on campus? Did you know every undergrad student has an automatic \$40 printing credit per academic year? [Login to your PaperCut account](#) using your Purdue Login to get started with printing on campus.

- Where to print?
 - Printers are located in libraries, residence halls, and numerous Purdue IT computer labs across campus.
- Where to print color pages?
 - Color printers can be found in the following libraries: HIKS, HSSE, KRAN, LYNN, and WALC.
 - There are also ones available in CARY and SHRV Residence Centers.
- Is there poster printing?
 - Yes! Poster printing (wide format, 11" x 17") is available in the color printers in WALC and HIKS.
- Can I print from my laptop, tablet, or phone?
 - Yes! You can print from mobile devices by downloading PaperCut Mobility Print. Download link and detailed set up instructions are available on the [Purdue IT website](#).

September Check-Ins

September check-ins are almost here. These check-in meetings give us the opportunity to see how you are settling into Purdue and give you the chance to ask questions and learn about Purdue resources. Be on the lookout for a BoilerConnect invitation from your advisor to sign up for a September check-in appointment soon.

EXPL Family Weekend Tailgate

Family weekend for Fall of 2023 takes place university wide September 15th-17th.

Come by our Exploratory Studies tailgate on Friday, September 15th from 4:00pm-6:00pm on the Haas Hall South Lawn!

[Visit our Family Weekend web-page](#) for more details!

Please note that the EXPL tailgate is a **free event**

Getting Involved

Getting involved on a university campus is an active and rewarding way to make the most of your college experience. Whether joining clubs, student organizations, sports teams, or volunteering initiatives, campus involvement offers opportunities to connect with like-minded peers, develop new skills, and broaden your horizons. Engaging in campus activities not only enhances your personal growth but also fosters friendships, builds leadership abilities, and creates unforgettable memories that will shape your journey through academia and beyond.

- Use [Boiler Link](#) to filter organizations by interest and attend a callout!
- Get involved with [intramural sports at the Co-Rec](#)! Participating in Intramural Sports is one of the top preferences for engaging within the campus community alongside fellow Boilermakers. This program offers the chance for individuals, pairs, and teams to join in over 35 diverse sports leagues, tournaments, and events. Those who emerge victorious in the Intramural Championships receive a specially crafted championship t-shirt as an exclusive reward!
- Attending a career fair offers a multitude of advantages for individuals looking to enhance their professional prospects. [Visit the CCO's website calendar](#) to see upcoming career fairs.
- Are you interested in undergraduate research? [Visit Purdue's Office of Undergraduate Research](#), which aims to expand experiential learning from undergraduate students through research experiences with skilled research mentors.

Forming Good Habits Early

With many of you starting your first semester of college, it's more important than ever to form good habits early. You may find your day is far less structured than it was in high school, leading to a greater sense of freedom and independence. The following tips will keep you on track and help you have a successful semester.

Establish a routine. Although you have an official class schedule, you'll want to develop your own overall schedule. This includes waking up and going to bed at a consistent time and building in scheduled study time. Remember, you should be devoting 2 hours of work outside of class for every hour you spend in class. That's 30 hours of studying if you have a 15-credit course load.

Identify when and where you are most productive. Do you study best at night or during the day? Do you prefer quiet areas or background noise? Once you get a feel for when/how you're most productive, build study times and locations into your schedule. Consider using a productivity app like Forest to help you stay focused.

Stay organized. In the first week of class, look at your syllabi and record all your major assignments and exams on a paper or digital calendar. SHOVEL is a real time college planner app free for all students. With SHOVEL you can enter your course requirements, co-curricular commitments, employment hours - and be able to balance your time so that you can also schedule breaks and downtime. Often times, your assignments across classes will have similar due dates. This means you'll have weeks with no major projects or exams, followed by another week where everything is due all at once.

Stay connected to your classes. Log into Brightspace daily and read all communication from your instructors. Check your Purdue email frequently. Although each instructor provides a syllabus, due dates and assignments may change. Remember to contact Purdue IT if you have issues with your Brightspace, email account, or Purdue Login.

Stay connected to campus life. Check [BoilerLink](#) often for campus events and student organizations.



Major of the Month: Business Analytics & Information Management:

Are you interested in both data science and business? Do you enjoy working with computer technology? If so, consider majoring in Business Analytics and Information Management, located in the Daniels School of Business. Students in this major learn how to analyze data within a business environment to help businesses make data-driven decisions. Foundational courses in this major consist of economics, management, finance, and programming, while upper-division courses cover topics in predictive analytics, financial data analysis and modeling, data visualization, and cloud computing applications. Students in this major look forward to a promising job outlook, with recent graduates getting hired as consultants and analysts at companies like Accenture, Meta, IBM, Deloitte, Microsoft, and General Motors.