

THE COMPASS

Exploratory Studies Newsletter



Fall Registration

Registration for Fall 2024 is just around the corner! Be on the lookout for an email from your advisor to schedule your registration appointment. It is important that you come to your appointment prepared to talk about what majors you're considering and an idea of which classes you want to take. After you've scheduled your appointment, mark your calendar and set a reminder on your phone so you do not miss your meeting, as you might not be able to reschedule before schedules are released.

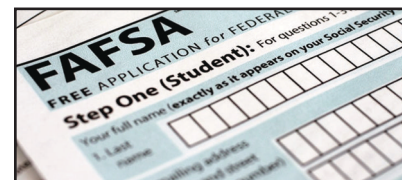
Summer Open Registration

If you missed your time ticket in February to register for summer courses, you still have time! Open registration for summer classes is now open to all students. Some things to consider:

- You will use your Spring PIN to register. (You can find this in BoilerConnect under "Reports", click on your spring registration meeting notes, and download the attached copy of your spring Course Request Form (CRF). Your PIN is found on the top right-hand corner of your CRF.)
- It is **CRITICAL** you pay close attention to dates that summer courses are offered. There are many options for start dates and course length. We recommend not taking two 4-week courses at the same time because these are 16-week courses smashed into 4-weeks. It can be intense.
- If there is currently a major restriction on a class, many (not all) departments will remove that restriction during open registration.
- Retaking a class over the summer at Purdue will replace the previous attempt in your GPA. Do not retake a class at another institution because transfer credits do not impact your GPA. Contact your advisor to learn more.
- **View the list of all online summer courses offered by Purdue in 2024.**
- **Explore the Transfer Credit Course Equivalency Guide** if you want to take classes elsewhere over the summer.

FAFSA

Students who submit a FAFSA prior to Purdue's priority filing date of April 15th will receive maximum consideration for all types of financial aid that they may be eligible for.



Student Spotlight: Grace Nelson



What are some rewarding, enlightening, or just plain cool experiences you've had during your time at Purdue?

One of the coolest experiences I have had during my time at Purdue would absolutely have to be the Disney College Program. I had known that this was something I wanted to do regardless of what my major ended up being. Lucky for me, they ended up going hand in hand. The Hospitality and Tourism Management major requires both a related work experience and internship as part of its plan of study. I participated in this program from June 2022-January 2023 and was able to use it as my required work experience. This program allowed me to live and work in Orlando, Florida for Disney World. They offer a multitude of roles, but I was selected to be a resort concierge at Disney's Old Key West resort because of my major and experience. This program gave me invaluable work experience, lifelong friends, and unforgettable memories. I am actually currently in the process of interviewing with the company to make a hopeful return after graduation as part of their Hospitality Leadership Program. Another unique experience put me in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina for the summer as a Front Office Intern for the Westin property there. Traveling was one of the aspects of this major that initially drew me in, and I have already had such cool experiences to show for it. I cannot wait to see where else my career takes me.

Hometown: Decatur, IN

Current Major: Hospitality and Tourism Management with a minor in Event and Meeting Management

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

CAPS enhances students' psychological health and effectiveness by addressing developmental, situational, and remedial concerns in the academic environment.

Visit the CAPS website to learn more about the numerous programs, services, and resources available to Boilermakers.

Major of the Month: Planetary Sciences:

Located within Purdue's College of Science, the Planetary Sciences major is a unique major that focuses on planetary geology, astrobiology, planetary physics, and atmospheric science. This major is ideal for students who are fascinated by outer space and are interested in conducting research. Due to the relatively small size of this major, students will have an excellent opportunity to do field work and to get to know (and work with) outstanding faculty - some of whom are working with NASA on current missions. As a planetary science major, you'll be taking courses on the solar system, planetary surface processes, spacecraft design, and remote sensing of planets in addition to core courses in chemistry, physics, and math. This major offers an excellent pathway to graduate studies and is a step towards careers at places like NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

ASC Study Workshop

Do you have issues with procrastination or focusing on your studies? Do you want to learn more about the Pomodoro Technique for time management? Could your study skills be improved? The Academic Success Center is hosting two workshops to support students in these areas:

- Practice Your Pomo: February 29th at 7:00pm
- Enhance Your Study Skills: March 20th at 6:00pm

Visit the ASC website to learn more about both workshops and to register to attend.