



Undergraduate Studies Program Newsletter – February 21, 2011

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Fall and Summer 2011 Registration

1. Fall and Summer Registration Begins Soon!

With Fall and Summer registration right around the corner, now is an excellent time to research majors, CODO requirements, and plans of study. USP Registration appointments begin after Spring Break. To make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor, go to the following website (<https://appointments.pnhs.purdue.edu/>) and schedule the appointment online, or call (765) 494-0843.

To prepare for your registration appointment, we recommend that you complete the following items. Full instructions are available here: (http://www.purdue.edu/usp/current/cur_registration.shtml).

- Check myPurdue for holds and clear them before registration. A hold is a “lock” on your record stemming from unpaid tuition, parking tickets, library fines, or missing immunizations.
- On myPurdue, verify (or add) your permanent, local, and emergency contact information.
- Print a Plan of Study for each major you are considering and mark the courses you’ve already completed and are currently taking.
- Create a schedule grid of possible courses before attending your registration meeting. Make sure the classes you are requesting do not conflict with one another, by utilizing Look Up Classes in myPurdue (under the “Academic” tab), which will be updated with Fall 2011 courses in early March. Summer 2011 course options are already available.
- If you are CODO’ing, check the CODO requirements and complete them as early as possible. *Remember that many schools have early deadlines to CODO.*

2. Is it time to CODO out? You may be at your USP limit!

Students who:

- started USP as freshmen 4 semesters ago (Fall 2009) **OR**
- have reached their limit of credit hours (60 in USP/95 total; applies to CODO & transfer students)

... should CODO out of USP as soon as possible. You will **not** be able to register as a USP student for Summer or Fall 2011. It is to your advantage to CODO now so you can register with your new major in time to get good classes. *Remember that many schools have early deadlines to CODO.*

3. Students on Academic Probation Must Complete Laying Tracks to Register

If you were placed on academic probation last semester or were re-admitted this semester, you must complete USP’s Laying Tracks Program. The program consists of completing five Academic Success Exercises and an hour-long appointment with your advisor. **Students who do not complete their Laying Tracks commitment will not be allowed to register for Summer or Fall 2011 courses.**

Once you have completed your five Academic Success Exercises, call (765) 494-0843 to schedule an hour-long meeting with your advisor. Bring your completed exercises to the meeting.

4. Registration Time Tickets Forthcoming

According to the University Registrar, the specific days and times you are allowed to register on myPurdue (your “Time Ticket”) should be visible on myPurdue soon. Your time ticket depends solely on how many credit hours you have already earned credit for or transferred in. To get a rough idea of when you’ll register, please refer to these Time Ticket date ranges:

Priority (Honors students and athletes): March 22 – 26, noon (T-Sat)

Seniors: March 28 – April 2, noon (M-Sat)

Juniors: April 4 – 9, noon (M-Sat)

Sophomores: April 11 – 16, noon (M-Sat)

Freshmen: April 18 – 23, noon (M-Sat)

Open Registration: April 25 – June 18 (for Fall only; ending date for Summer depends on Module chosen)

STAR: June 20 – July 25. Incoming freshman and new transfer students **ONLY**. ***All continuing students cannot register or make changes to their schedule during this period.***

Registration re-opens for all students: July 25 – August 28

If you are unsure of your current classification (freshman, sophomore, etc.), please check the [Academic Tab on myPurdue](#).

5. When is Summer Session at Purdue?

Summer at Purdue University is broken into three **Modules**:

- Module 1 or “Maymester” (May 16 – June 10)
- Module 2 (June 13 – July 8)
- Module 3 (July 11 – August 5).

The **Regular Summer Session** consists of Module 2 and 3 combined (June 13 – August 5). Very few classes meet for only the Module 2 or only the Module 3 dates. [Add, drop, and modify dates](#) vary depending on the Module.

Summer session length at other universities may be different. For example, the Indiana University system offers two 6-week summer sessions (Summer I and Summer II). Keep this in mind, as it determines when transcripts are available to transfer courses back to Purdue.

6. Purdue Regional Campus Summer School Registration

Representatives from Purdue’s regional campuses will be available on the following days and times in the **ground level lobby of the Elliott Hall of Music (ELLT)** to assist you with Summer 2011 registration. Summer course schedules are available at the links provided below.

IUPUI: March 21, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 March 22, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 March 23, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<http://registrar.iupui.edu/schedule.htm>

North Central: April 11, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 April 12, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
https://ssbprod.pnc.edu:9025/prod/bzskclst.p_inputquery

Calumet: April 12, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 April 13, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
https://banwebf.calumet.purdue.edu/pls/proddad/WEBCLIST.P_InputQuery.

Additional registration directions from Calumet:

- Students who attended Calumet in Summer or Fall 2010 and received grades simply need to choose courses and meet with the Calumet registration staff during the dates above.
- Students who did NOT attend Calumet last Summer or Fall semester will need to complete the ***Undergraduate Application for Regional Campus Transfer or Re-entry*** available in HOVDE, room 45. Return the completed form to HOVDE 45 or bring it with you to one of the meeting dates above, along with your chosen summer courses.

IP-Fort Wayne is not attending this year. Contact their [Admissions Department](#) for more information about registration for Summer classes.

7. Taking Summer Courses at a College Outside of the Purdue System

If you are planning to take courses at another educational institution this summer, including Ivy Tech, and want to know whether or not Purdue will accept the credit, *you'll need to do a little research first*. This will allow you to check how a course taken elsewhere will transfer back to Purdue, preventing wasted money and time. For specific instructions, including those for international students, please read this page: http://www.purdue.edu/usp/current/cur_xfer.shtml.

1. Check course transferability using:
 - a. [Purdue's Transfer Credit Database](#) (all colleges, including international)
 - b. [Indiana Core Transfer Library](#) (for researching Indiana colleges only)
2. Take the course at a regionally accredited institution and earn a grade of a "C-" or better.
3. Have an official, sealed transcript sent from the institution to the Credit Evaluation office at this address:

Purdue University
Credit Evaluation
Schleman Hall of Student Services
475 Stadium Mall Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2050
USA

Be especially careful if you are planning to pursue any major within the Krannert School of Management, the School of Nursing, or the College of Agriculture, as [there may be restrictions](#) to courses you can take at other institutions.

March Deadlines

8. March 1 Priority Deadline to File FAFSA Financial Aid Application

Don't forget to file your [2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) by Tuesday, **March 1** for priority consideration. State funding may require the FAFSA to be completed earlier, so check the FAFSA site for these dates.

We encourage ALL students to file a FAFSA, even those who don't think they will qualify to receive aid, as the FAFSA is required for certain low-interest loans. The FAFSA Form is online, but remember to give yourself at least several days to gather required paper-based tax and other financial information from your parents.

The Division of Financial Aid offers [a great deal of filing help](#) for interested students. Contact the Division of Financial Aid at (765) 494-0998 for [assistance with this process](#).

9. Funding Available for Non-Traditional Students

[Span Plan funding opportunities](#) are available to undergraduate, non-traditional students, specifically:

- *Non-traditional Student Scholarship* – **deadline March 1**. Applicants may be degree or non-degree seeking undergraduate non-traditional students with a GPA of 2.0 or above. Applications and information are available at the website above.

10. Don't Miss Out on the Chance to Explore the World!

With knowledge of global markets and cultures becoming important in the work world, more and more students are realizing the value of a Study Abroad experience. Even traveling for a week can be beneficial to your educational experience and your resume.

If you want to Study Abroad during the next year, however, it is important that you act quickly, because you need to **apply** by **Tuesday, March 1** for most summer programs, all fall & academic year programs, and for special financial aid opportunities.

To learn more, visit the [Study Abroad website](#). It contains details about internship and program locations, requirements (if any), scholarships and travel grants, and updated passport information. If you'd rather speak to a person, drop by YONG 105 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or call (765) 494-2383!

11. Scholarship Available for Current USP Freshman

The Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union (PEFCU) Citizenship Award in Honor of Ronda E. Feathers is a [\\$1,000 scholarship for a current USP freshman](#). The Award recognizes the outstanding school/community involvement and strong academic achievement of a **first-year, continuing USP student** with preference going to a member of the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band who also has a cumulative Purdue GPA of **3.0 or greater**. Your application and all supporting materials must be **postmarked** or hand-delivered to our office by **March 1, 2011**.

Current Spring Semester Happenings

12. Disney College Program Opportunities Available

The Disney College Program gives you the opportunity to take college-level courses for credit, network with Disney leaders, audition for entertainment roles and enhance your marketability in today's job market.

A Disney College Program presenter will be on campus **February 21** and **February 22**, both at 7:00 p.m. in Forney Hall (FRNY), G-140. Presentation attendance is required and is open to all majors and college levels.

After attending the presentation, students can then [apply online](#). Click on Walt Disney World® Resort or Disneyland® Resort.

13. Are you LinkedIn?

Students interested in learning about the LinkedIn professional networking site should attend the [LinkedIn - Career Networking](#) workshop **February 24** from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in UNIV 117.

14. See a Purdue Convocations Performance for only \$10!

Discount vouchers for some of the Spring 2011 Purdue Convocations performances are available to interested USP students. Simply stop by YONG 831 and pick up a voucher for the show you wish to attend. One voucher per student per show, please. When purchasing the ticket for the show, give the voucher to the teller and your ticket price will be reduced to \$10!

Discount vouchers are available for the following shows:

[We the People](#) – Saturday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.

[Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) – Sunday, February 27, 3:00 p.m.

[Blue Man Group](#) – Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1 and 2, 7:30 p.m.

[Monty Python's Spamalot](#) – Sunday, March 27, 3:00 p.m.

[Haochen Zhang](#), piano – Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

[Cyro Baptista](#) – Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

[My Heart in a Suitcase](#) – Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

For more information about these and other Purdue Convocation performance, check out their website at <https://www.purdue.edu/convocations/>.

15. Free Tutoring Opportunities

If you having trouble in a course consider [obtaining some free tutoring](#) to help you raise your grade. To take best advantage of tutoring resources, it is best to be prepared for each session and to meet on a regular basis, before lack of understanding and problems overwhelm you.

16. Important Dates for Adding & Dropping Classes

Note: Grades of “W” (withdraw passing) and “WF” (withdraw failing) do not count in a student’s overall GPA. However, they may still affect one’s ability to CODO. Many majors, such as MGMT, count “W’s” earned in MAI courses against their MAI retake limit. In USP, “W’s” and “WF’s” count against the total number of USP hours allowed to CODO and Transfer students.

March 21 is the last day to drop a class AND the last day to withdraw from the University (drop all of your classes) without documentation.

A one-page version of the drop and add deadlines, including those for 8-week courses, is available at: http://www.purdue.edu/registrar/pdf/2011_Spring_SchedRev.pdf.

To Add or Modify the CRN (section) of a Course (for 16-week courses):

Feb. 8 – Mar. 21 (Weeks 5 - 9)

Extenuating Circumstances Only - Advisor, Instructor & Department Head signatures needed on Form 23. Contact your advisor before picking up a Form 23. Take the completed Form to HOVDE 45.

To Drop a Course (for 16-week courses):

Feb. 8 – Mar. 21 (Weeks 5 - 9)

(Please check myPurdue’s Academic Tab for your classification status.)

Freshmen: Advisor signature required. Contact advisor for a Form 23 and take the Form to HOVDE 45. A grade of a “W” (withdraw passing) will be given.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors: Advisor and Instructor signatures required. Instructor determines whether students is given a “W” (withdraw passing) or a “WF” (withdraw failing). Take completed Form to HOVDE 45.

17. Second 8-week Courses Are Still Available

Second 8-week real-time, in-classroom courses may still be available. You will need to make an appointment with your advisor to pick up a Form 23. Have the Form 23 signed by the instructor, and then take it to the Registrar’s office in HOVDE 45. To find second 8-week courses on myPurdue:

- Click on the “Academic” Tab, and then click on “Look Up Classes.”
- Select ALL of the Subject areas by clicking on the first subject (Aero & Astro Engr’g), then scrolling down to the last item and Shift+clicking on it.
- Scroll down the page to “Part of Term.” Select “Second 8 weeks.” Then click on the Class Search button.
- Make sure the course still has seats available.

18. Curious about Different Purdue Majors?

Are you curious about a major or program and didn’t get a chance to take GS 119, [Intro to Academic Programs at Purdue](#) this semester? That’s OK, because *guests are welcome to attend most sessions!* GS 11900 is held on **Mondays & Wednesdays** at 3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. in GRIS 280. For more information or questions, contact Chandra Holloway at (765) 494-0843.

19. English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Group

The Writing Lab (OWL) will be sponsoring an [ESL Conversation Group](#) on a daily basis for those who would like practice in listening and speaking in English. Students may stop by **HEAV 226** at any of the times listed below. There is no need for an appointment. For questions, please contact [Matthew Allen](#).

- Mondays:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays:** 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Thursdays:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Fridays:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

20. Visit the International Center: Many Cultures, One Great Community

Interested in learning another language? Learning English slang? Cooking international cuisine? Travelling? Volunteering? You can do all of these things at the International Center, located at 523 Russell Street, right in the heart of Purdue University. Check out all of the [wonderful activities](#) and [volunteer opportunities](#) available to ALL Purdue students and members of the Greater Lafayette community at their [website](#).

Study hard and stay warm! It’s been a difficult winter, but Spring Break is only a month away! If you ever want to come in and “just talk” or get some questions answered, now is a great time of year to do just that. Call (765) 494-0843 to make an appointment with your advisor. We are here to help every step of the way!

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