

Students

40 Things to Do Before the First Day of Classes

1. Contact your roommate, discuss what each of you will bring, and begin to set ground rules.
2. Exchange e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers with friends so you can stay in touch.
3. Check your Purdue e-mail often over the summer for updates from your advisor, the Registrar, the Bursar, etc.
4. Learn how to use myPurdue inside and out: <http://mypurdue.purdue.edu>.
5. Make any course time changes, drops, or adds before the first day of classes!
6. Really get to know your major and department's website: http://admissions.purdue.edu/Majors_Programs/majors_programs.html.
7. Sign up for and attend Boiler Gold Rush.
8. Learn to do laundry to avoid the "pink sock" catastrophe.
9. Buy extra underwear and socks so you don't have to do laundry all the time.
10. Read Purdue's Common Reading Book (*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini - you'll receive a copy at STAR), plus a couple of fun books.
11. Frame a family picture.
12. Plan out a weekly budget (food, fun, clothes, books, items for class, software, etc.).
13. Buy your books – used, if possible. Explore online resources for good deals.
14. Open a checking account and review with your parents how to maintain it.
15. Put permanent identification on valuable items (TV, computer, bikes, etc.). Register these items online with the Purdue Police: <http://www.purdue.edu/police/> (see bottom left column).
16. Set up appointments with your doctor, dentist, allergist, etc. Gather all medical documentation and necessary medicines to bring to Purdue.
17. Have your eyes checked and get glasses/contacts if necessary.
18. Buy a sturdy backpack, comfortable walking shoes, and a hat.
19. Locate your classes – study a map, go to the buildings, and find the rooms.
20. Buy a Mortar Board planning calendar from one of the campus bookstores.
21. Start a regular exercise routine.
22. Stock up on laundry supplies, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, soap, and other toiletries.
23. Pack a dictionary or bookmark a good online dictionary and thesaurus.
24. Get an umbrella, snow and rain boots, and a warm coat.
25. Buy a Purdue sweatshirt.
26. Find some posters and stuff from home to brighten your room.
27. Choose a Purdue activity or organization to explore: <http://www.getinvolved.purdue.edu/>.
28. Learn "Hail Purdue," the Purdue fight song, and the Purdue Hymn.
29. Pack the things everyone forgets: hangers, a fan, hair bands, etc.
30. Don't believe everything you hear about college – college is what YOU make it.
31. Do believe the part about studying a lot and having to manage your time well.
32. Get video gaming, TV watching, YouTubing, and Facebooking out of your system.
33. Set up your computer or laptop for "school mode," complete with folders for classes, bookmarks with the Blackboard and USP sites, updated address book, calendars, etc.
34. Spend quality time with your family, friends, and relatives.
35. Start training yourself to get up at the same time every day – the earlier, the better.
36. Have a "Going to College" party.
37. Memorize your PUID (Purdue University Identification) number.
38. Buy a loud alarm clock - two if you are a really deep sleeper.
39. Set personal, academic, and social goals for your first year of college.

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40. Have fun!

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