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Exploratory Studies Monthly Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19th- Thanksgiving Dinner in dining halls
November 19th *or* **November 20th**- Last day of IN PERSON EDPS 105
November 20th - The last day to submit course requests
November 24th- Last day for in-person classes
December 2nd- Spring 2021 schedules are released; check myPurdue
December 3rd- Open registration begins; check myPurdue for your time ticket
December 4th - Last day to withdraw from a class with a 'W' or 'WF' grade
December 4th- Last day to change a course grade mode to P/NP
December 7th-12th- Final Exams
December 16th- Grades are available at 8 a.m.

Checklist: Leaving Campus for Winter Break

- Throw away perishable items in your refridgerator
- Make sure you have all of the study supplies you need:
  - Textbooks
  - Notebooks
  - Print any study guides you might need
- If you have a bike, make sure it is locked and secure
- Take home your summer clothes and don't forget warm clothes for the holidays
- Make sure you have your student ID
- Lock your doors

Final Exam Prep

With final exams coming in early December, we want to provide some study tips and resources to help you prepare for your exams.

- Create study guides for your classes by using your notes and material from past exams. If possible, work with other students to create a comprehensive study guide by divvying up sections. The act of creating a study guide forces you to engage with the material and can help you make connections between important concepts. Organize your study guide by chapter or topic. Look for key words and try to anticipate what questions will be asked.
- Find other people in your class to study with in a class GroupMe or the Exploratory Discord: https://discord.gg/eEKvNhZ
- Speak with your instructor and/or TA during office hours for advice on the most effective way to study for their exam. Doing so can help you focus on key concepts and create study guides.
- Read the attached handouts from the Academic Success Center for further tips on how to succeed on exams. Topics include multiple choice exam strategies, preparing for essay exams, and other general test-taking tips.

How do I CODO into a major?

While the majority of students in Exploratory Studies take at least a couple semesters to decide on their major, many students decide during their first semester. If you feel you are ready to CODO into your desired major, see the following steps:

- Review the CODO requirements of your intended major to make sure you will have all the requirements completed at the end of the semester: https://www.purdue.edu/advisors/codo/index.php. If you're currently enrolled in a class that is required before you CODO, you can still request a CODO right now.
- Inform your academic advisor that you'd like them to submit your CODO request via email or during your registration appointment. Your advisor will submit your request electronically, and you will receive confirmation that your request has been submitted.
- Your advisor may ask you take additional steps depending on your intended major. This may include watching a CODO presentation, taking a survey, or answering short essay questions.
- CODO requests are typically processed after fall grades are released. If your CODO request is approved, you'll receive an email from "no-reply@purdue.edu" which will require you to accept the CODO. If you do not accept the CODO, it will not be processed. You'll subsequently receive confirmation that your CODO has been processed, which will include your new academic advisor's name.