

APRIL 2025

EXPLORATORY STUDIES

COMPASS NEWSLETTER

MAJOR OF THE MONTH:
WEB PROGRAMMING & DESIGN

Purdue's Web Programming and Design major offers students an opportunity to take hands-on and project-driven courses on programming and website design taught by professors and industry partners with real-world experience. Students in this major will gain expertise in human computer interface theory and design, computer graphics programming, geometric modeling, and all aspects of the web development process. Graduates of this major are hired as user interface (UX) designers, web developers, and database administrators at companies such as IBM, Google, Deloitte, and Stormfront Productions. Students interested in further education can also opt to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in computer graphics technology in five years. This is a great major for creative students with a love for technology!



PREPARING FOR FINALS

How do you prepare for Final Exams? Purdue's Academic Success Center (ASC) has created a handout to help you get organized, prepared, and ready to take your exams. Best of luck Boilermakers. We are so proud of you!

Click [HERE](#) to access the ASC Finals Game Plan handout.



OPEN REGISTRATION REMINDERS

Open Registration is currently available and will close at 11:59 PM on Friday, May 30th. The system will reopen again starting on Monday, July 28th on a rolling basis. Check your time ticket in myPurdue to see the exact date and time open registration opens for you and reach out to your advisor if you have questions or concerns.

As a reminder, summer registration is currently open. You will need your Spring/Summer PIN number, which you can find attached to your spring 2025 advisor recommendation form. This form is attached to your spring registration meeting notes in BoilerConnect. It was also emailed to you on the date of your spring 2025 registration appointment.

APRIL WELLNESS TIP

Burnout can be chaotic, but journaling helps make sense of it—not in a surface-level “list a few things you’re grateful for” kind of way (though that has its place), but in a raw, unfiltered “get this out before it consumes me” kind of way. Use the link to help guide you to successful journaling habits and conquer burnout.

[51 Real AF Journal Prompts for Navigating Burnout](#)



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Allison Hafer
Hometown: Saline, MI

My favorite place to go to on campus is definitely Mackey Arena. I am not only a big fan of Boilermaker basketball, but I also enjoyed seeing our volleyball team play there earlier this season!

I decided to start in Exploratory Studies because this program is designed for people like me who have many diverse interests and skills. I enjoy working with computers, learning about how our brains work, and I have good analytical thinking skills. When considering what major to apply for at various universities, I was not sure what to pick. After selecting “Exploratory Studies” as my first choice at Purdue and then attending Purdue’s For Me, I realized that this program would be the best fit.

Since I was a part of the Explorers learning community during my first semester at Purdue, I was able to have many unique experiences. When the weather was still nice, we rode the Boilermaker Special throughout campus and around some of the athletics buildings, for example!

A piece of advice I have for students currently in Exploratory Studies, and all Purdue students for that matter, is to be completely honest with your academic advisor about your interests and, after your first semester, what classes you actually were interested in. The more information your advisor has about your interests and experiences, the more they can help you by tailoring their advice!



2025 EXPLORATORY STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all our Explorers honored at our annual Exploratory Studies and Recipient Appreciation Dinner, which took place on Tuesday, April 15th.

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KEN AND JAN COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP DANIEL GALLES JUNE SPALDING KAITLYN THOMPSON	PURDUE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CITIZENSHIP AWARD WHITNEY DELLINGER JEFFREY LAVETTE	
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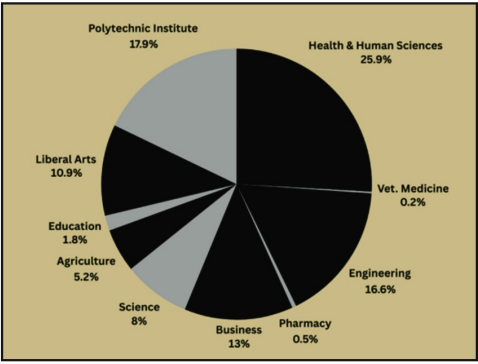
DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Boilermakers!

For many of you, you are completing your first year of college; “WOW,” right? I imagine that this past year has been full of excitement, fun, new friendships, learning, and maybe even some challenges. It is during challenging times that we all must learn from our situation and persevere. We must also take advantage of the people and resources available to support you: friends, family, academic advisors, professors, and the Purdue community that wants to help you succeed.

I thank you for trusting us in Exploratory Studies to be your first academic home. We strive to continuously improve our work in supporting you and the 2024-25 academic year has been no exception. Here are just a few of this year’s highlights:

- Exploratory Studies is in its 29th year.
- ~735 highly qualified new Explorers joined us in August 2024.
- 100% of our EDPS 10500 course sections will now have EDPS Fellows assisting in the class (former EXPL students).
- We have over 40 student ambassadors that are recruiting hard this spring to yield an equally high achieving group of new first-year students to EXPL.
- Ever wonder where EXPL students go?



As you finish up the final weeks of the spring semester, take time to reflect on all that you have accomplished. Your college years will fly by, and there’s so much to be grateful for. Whether you have already declared your major or plan to continue with us next semester, your first academic home is always here for you. We care about you and want to celebrate your success with you.

Ever grateful for Purdue Explorers!

Boiler up,

Linda A. Maag

