

# NOVEMBER 2025

# COMPASS NEWSLETTER



## CODO Reminder

If you are interested in a space-restricted major, including some of the departments below, make sure you review the CODO requirements closely to not miss CODO requirements and submission deadlines (usually before 5:00 pm on Thursday of finals week).

- ❑ Aviation majors
- ❑ Biology majors
- ❑ Computer Information Technology majors
- ❑ First Year Engineering and College of Engineering majors
- ❑ Computer Science and Data Science majors
- ❑ Integrated Business and Engineering

It is always a great idea to review the CODO requirements for your catalog year no matter the major. Email your advisor if you have any CODO questions.

## Checklist: Leaving Campus for Winter Break

- ❑ Throw away perishable items in your refrigerator.
- ❑ Unplug any unnecessary electronics.
- ❑ If you have a bike, make sure it is locked and secure, where it is allowed to be.
- ❑ Take home your summer clothes and don't forget warm clothes for the holidays.
- ❑ Make sure you have your IDs (student ID, Driver's License, and Passport).
- ❑ Lock your doors and take your keys.

## EXPLORATORY STUDIES

### Final Exam Prep

With final exams starting on December 15th, here are some study tips and resources to help you prepare for your exams:

- ❑ Make sure you double-check your finals schedule for date, time, and room. You can check this in myPurdue by looking under the "Student Schedule" section and click "Evening and Final 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 Discord.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Check out the Academic Success Center for a [Finals Prep Packet](#).

### Register for Winter Session

[Winter Session courses](#) are filling up fast! Don't miss the chance to earn THREE credits in just THREE weeks from Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 to Friday, Jan. 9, 2026.

Want to lighten your spring load or fulfill academic requirements? Discuss with your academic advisor about enrolling in one of these winter courses. Register today to secure your spot!

# EXPLORERS

## Important Dates to Remember

December 4th: Spring Schedules Released

December 8th: First Day of Open Registration (check your Registration Status in myPurdue for your date and time)

December 15th-20th: Final Exams

December 24th: Grades Released

December 24st- January 2nd: Exploratory Studies Office Closed for Winter Recess

Beginning January 5th: CODOs will start to be reviewed

January 12th: Spring Classes Begin



## Major of the Month: Wildlife

Are you fascinated by outer space? Do you enjoy math and physics? If so, consider majoring in Astrophysics! Through observational and theoretical coursework in modern physics and computation modeling, students will learn about planets, galaxy formation, dark matter, black holes, and the evolution of the universe from the Big Bang to today. With a low student-to-faculty ratio, students in this major will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of research projects. Graduates of this major can find employment within national laboratories, research institutions, public policy, and government agencies such as NASA.

## Holiday Break Airport Transportation

If you plan on heading home for Thanksgiving and need transportation to the airport or to Indy, you may want to book a shuttle in advance. Spots will start filling up quickly, so don't wait until the last minute! Options include:

- ❑ [Lafayette Limo:](#)
  - ❑ \$50 to Indy Airport (round trip)
  - ❑ \$110 to O'Hare Airport (round trip)
- ❑ [Reindeer Shuttle:](#)
  - ❑ \$54 to Indy Airport (round trip)
  - ❑ \$110 to O'Hare Airport (round trip)
- ❑ [Indianapolis Commuter Shuttle](#)
  - ❑ Free! This is a good option if your home is near Indy and someone else can pick you up after you arrive.

## The Power of Gratitude

Gratitude isn't just a feel-good emotion, it's a powerful tool for enhancing our well-being. Studies show that regularly practicing gratitude can reduce stress, improve sleep, and boost overall happiness. Whether it's jotting down a few things you're thankful for or simply pausing to appreciate a moment, gratitude helps shift our focus from what's lacking to what's abundant. It's a small habit with a big impact, one that nurtures resilience, deepens relationships, and brightens our outlook on life.

Submit a personal note of appreciation using this link: [Write a Thank You](#)

**Name: Jonathan Jones**

**Hometown: Texarkana, TX**

**Where is your favorite place to go on campus and why?** My favorite place to go is the Black Culture Center, because it feels like a safe place for me to talk with people who are like me and care about my success.

**What was your biggest takeaway from your time in Exploratory Studies? OR Why did you decide to start in Exploratory Studies?**

My biggest takeaway from Exploratory Studies is that even if you think you know what you want to do, you always change. I started wanting to go into accounting but ended up going the Construction Management route and I have never been happier.

**What are some rewarding, enlightening, or just plain cool experiences you've had during your time at Purdue? (Consider internships, study abroad, organizations, research opportunities, volunteer opportunities, etc.)** One of the coolest experiences I've had during my time on campus must be when I got the chance to volunteer for Black Student Union. I had the chance to volunteer for a basketball game and it was one of the most fun experiences I have had on campus, and of course Purdue won!

**What piece of advice do you have for students currently in Exploratory Studies? OR What do you know now that you wish you would have known in your first semester?** One piece of advice for students in Exploratory Studies I would give is to never stop looking. I know everyone says it all the time, but as someone who was just in your shoes, I know how easy it is to get married to an idea and not let go. But you must remember that things can change, whether something, someone else or even yourself. I would recommend to keep an open mind and keep exploring!



JOIN THE ASC TO

# PREPARE FOR FINALS

GET 1-ON-1 HELP FROM A PEER SUCCESS COACH FROM THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER TO PREPARE FOR FINALS



Some ways we can help are:

- Finding study strategies
- Planning exam prep
- Goal setting

**Join us on:**  
TUESDAY DEC. 2ND  
**1.00 PM - 4.00 PM**  
YONG HALL LOBBY

WEDNESDAY DEC. 3RD  
**12.00 PM - 4.00 PM**  
IN AGAD 121

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!**

\*A follow-up to EDPS I05...

Spring 2026!

# EDPS 10600

## MAPPING YOUR CAREER

\*Learn about professional development  
\*Identify your educational and career goals  
\*Create a toolkit that you can use in the real world

This course will give you the opportunity to think about your future and prepare for it!

**1 CREDIT - FIRST 8 WEEKS**  
**TUES/THURS @ 9:30 AM**

For more info, email Mary Beth Lencke  
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