Preparing for Finals

Finals week is almost here! When preparing for finals, we suggest you do the following:

1. Double-check the time, location, and format for each final, as well as the material covered on the final and the grade percentage each final is worth.
   a. To check when your finals are, log into myPurdue – click the Academics tab – look under Student Schedule – click Evening & Final Exams.
   b. To check the material covered on the final and how much the final exam is worth for your class, check your course syllabus.
   c. For a useful template to organize all the above information, you can download the Finals Week Logistics packet from the Academic Success Center website.
2. Set a study schedule, which should include both blocks of time devoted to specific finals and study breaks to de-stress.
   a. On the ASC website, you can download a Final Exam Preparation Packet that helps you to prioritize your studying and create a study timeline. This packet also includes additional resources, study strategies, and self-care tips to ensure a successful finals week.

Open Registration Reminders

Open registration is currently available and will close at 5:00 pm ET on Friday, June 2nd. The system will reopen again starting on Monday, July 24th. Reach out to your advisor now if you have schedule questions or concerns.
Major of the Month: Early Childhood Education & Exceptional Needs

Located within the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Purdue's Early Childhood Education & Exceptional Needs major will be particularly appealing to students who aspire to work with children with exceptional needs from birth through third grade. In addition to learning about child development and family processes, students also take several educational courses covering topics on literacy, classroom assessment, and early intervention. Students will also learn how to teach art, music, math, and science to young children. Outside the classroom, this major provides students with ample opportunities for hands-on learning experiences at the Ben and Maxine Miller Child Development Laboratory School, and students even complete a semester as a student teacher in a local school or childhood development center. Graduates of the program will be prepared to apply for dual Indiana Teaching licensure as Early Childhood Generalist and Early Childhood Exceptional Needs (birth-grade 3). Many go on to work in early intervention programs, pre-kindergarten programs, and special education classrooms. If you've ever dreamed of working with kids as a career, check out this major!

2023 Exploratory Studies Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to all of our Explorers honored at our annual Exploratory Studies Donor & Recipient Appreciation Dinner, which took place on Tuesday, April 4th:

Robert M. Mauzy Memorial Scholarship

- Daniel Anderson
- Evan McElfresh-Sutton

Ken and Jan Coleman Scholarship

- Samuel Frank
- Evan Marks

Sue Aufderheide Scholarship

- Tanner Maynard

Purdue Federal Credit Union (PFCU) Citizenship Award in Honor of Ronda E. Feathers

- Leah Miles
- Sarah Beaver

Purdue Federal Credit Union Citizenship Award

- Austin Albitz
- Dylan Kistler

EXPL First-Year Student Scholarship

- Eric Diaz
- Britney Ho
- Grace Rode
- Erika Wheeler
Dear Exploring Boilermakers!

As the academic year winds down, I thank you for trusting us in Exploratory Studies to be your first academic home. I imagine that this year has been full of fun, excitement, new friends, learning, and maybe some challenges. It is during challenging times, that we all must learn from our situation and persevere. I hope that this year has provided a new community of friends and resources to support you along the rest of your college journey. All of us in Exploratory Studies care about you and are here to support you, celebrate with you, and keep you moving forward. We strive to continuously improve our work in supporting you, and the 2022-23 academic year has been no exception. Here are just few of this year’s highlights:

- Exploratory Studies began its 27th year as an academic program at Purdue
- Over 800 highly qualified, first-year students began the year with us
- 46 sections of EDPS 10500 were taught this year
- 6 different Learning Communities were offered by many of our advisors
- 8 Explorers participated in our Study Abroad trip over spring break. Explorers in Lisbon, Portugal was successfully led by Academic Advisor, Kate Winton.
- We have three PSG Senators ready to serve for the next year
- We have 32 EDPS Fellows that will assist in teaching EDPS 10500 in the fall of 2023
- We have 40+ student ambassadors that are currently recruiting hard to bring in another equally talented group of explorers

As you complete this spring semester, take time to reflect on all that you have accomplished. College years go by very quickly, and there’s much to be grateful for. Whether you have already declared a major or plan to continue with us next semester, your first academic home is always here for you should you need anything. Ever grateful for Purdue Explorers!

Boiler up,

Linda S. Gregory