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COMPASS NEWSLETTER

EXPLORATORY STUDIES

CAREER FAIRS

Upcoming February Career Fairs

Purdue's CCO hosts over 30 career fairs each year, and the spring semester is a great time to visit one. Below are some being offered this February that are open to all Purdue students; however, visit the CCO website to get more information about the below fairs (including registration, if needed) and to see a complete list of all spring career fairs.

PESC Engineering Spring Hybrid EXPO

February 4th (in-person at the CoRec) and
February 5th (virtual) from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Purdue Polytechnic Institute In-Person Career Fair

February 5th at the PMU North and South
Ballrooms from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Daniels School of Business Career Fair

February 6th at the CoRec from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Construction Management Career Fair

February 14th at the CoRec 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Purdue In-Person Health EXPO

February 24th at the PMU North and South
Ballrooms from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Purdue Agriculture In-Person Spring Career Fair

February 26th at the CoRec from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm



SPRING SEMESTER

Add/Drop Deadlines

Add: January 18 – March 13

Need advisor and instructor approval. Submit request using Scheduling Assistant.

Drop: January 13 – 27

No approval required to drop course. Dropped course is not recorded on transcript. Submit drop request using Scheduling Assistant.

January 28 – April 17

Advisor approval is required. Dropped course is recorded with a grade of "W". Submit drop request using Scheduling Assistant.

Remember you can always reach out to your advisor with add/drop questions.

WELLNESS TIP

Focus on re-establishing a solid study routine, actively engaging with your coursework, seeking help when needed, and prioritizing your mental health by managing stress and utilizing campus resources; this is a great time to reset your semester and set yourself up for success.

[11 Best Study Tips for College Students](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Madison Kent

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

- Where is your favorite place to go on campus and why?

I love the second floor of Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts. There is a small seating area that is lined with windows letting in so much sunlight. It is such a cozy spot where I always go to get work done and to relax.

- What was your biggest takeaway from your time in Exploratory Studies?

My biggest takeaway was how your career is a journey. The major you choose is not something you're stuck with and does not determine the type of career you will have. Each major and career has so many branches to itself and can lead you in so many directions.

- 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 my favorite experiences, which was actually through exploratory studies, was when I went glassblowing! It was so fun getting to create an ornament and paint it. I got to know students from other EDPS 105 classes and got to know my peers more.

- What piece of advice do you have for students currently in Exploratory Studies?

My advice is to be open to new opportunities! Especially if you are still unsure of a major, getting new experiences could open your mind to new possibilities.

MAJOR OF THE MONTH

Robotics

Are you passionate about technology? Did you enjoy robotics or engineering courses in high school? Are you interested in learning and applying the latest in robotics technology to real-world applications? If so, consider majoring in Robotics Engineering Technology, located within Purdue Polytechnic's School of Engineering Technology.

Students in this major will learn how to develop and apply robotic solutions to a broad range of industrial and consumer problems. This major emphasizes hands-on learning, where students will test ideas in team-based labs filled with the latest industry standard equipment alongside professors with industry experience.

The major is ideal for students with interests in mechanical design, manufacturing, coding, and electrical engineering. Recent graduates have gone on to work at companies like Subaru, Honda, Samsung, Aerobotix, and the Walt Disney Company as robotics and product development engineers.

TUNNEL MAPS

Did you know that parts of Purdue's campus are accessible by underground tunnels? Beat the cold and rain by checking out the complete map of campus sub-walks and sky-ways by [clicking on the full map here](#). Please keep in mind that campus construction may impact some of these walkways.

THINK SUMMER

Gaining Experience Over the Summer:

If you are thinking about applying for a summer internship or even just gaining relevant volunteer experience to bolster your resume, start thinking about your plans now. Applications for summer internships often open in January and February and are reviewed well before summer.

Don't forget that the [Purdue CCO](#) offers free resume help, both in-person and through their resume assessment program called VMOCK, where you can upload a resume and have an algorithm compare your resume to successful resumes within a specific industry. They also provide interview practice, workshops, and the Career Closet, which provides students with free work attire that they can keep forever.

CHECK OUT THESE WORKSHOPS!

January 30th, Hungry for Good Grades (and Pizza)?

Do you want to improve your grades? Do you like pizza? With the start of a new semester, Exploratory Studies will be hosting a workshop to help students improve their organization, time management, and study skills. Students on academic notice will find this workshop to be particularly beneficial. Free pizza for all attendees!

When and Where: Thursday, January 30th, 6pm - 7:30pm in LWSN 1106

What you'll learn:

- How to organize and keep track of your assignments
- Managing your time and creating an effective routine
- How to study more effectively
- Note taking tips
- Exam prep strategies
- Setting goals (and sticking to them)

RSVP is encouraged but not required. Please click the following link

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9zgAsBqWw0GU3mS

February 26th, You've got MAJOR questions? We've got MAJOR ideas...and Pizza!

Still feeling undecided about your major? Are all your friends in their major while you're still exploring? Let's take time to celebrate your past achievements and use them to write your future! Exploratory Studies is offering a workshop for students that are still looking at their major options. This workshop will include:

-Major Elimination Activity

-Writing Your Future

-Reviewing your Values

-Hearing from past Exploratory Students

When and Where: Wednesday, February 26th, 6:00-7:30pm in WALC 3127

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OFFICE OF SUMMER SESSIONS

Interested in taking summer classes at Purdue? Summer registration is now open. Check your Purdue email for more information from your academic advisor on how to enroll in summer classes. Note that Purdue summer classes are offered in-person and fully online as well as in 4-week, 6-week, 8-week, and 12-week modules. Contact your academic advisor with any summer questions you may have.

To learn more about summer course offerings, financial aid, scholarships, and how to register, go to the [Office of Summer and Winter Sessions webpage](#).

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Mentor for The Office of Summer and Winter Sessions, please click this [link](#) to review the job description and apply today! The application closes February 9th.