MARCH 2025

EXPLORATORY STUDIES

COMPASS NEWSLETTER

STUDENT HOLDS

Did you know there are "Registration Holds" that could prevent you from receiving a Fall 2025 schedule? You can find any holds you may have through your MyPurdue.Purdue.edu portal under Alerts. Please clear your Emergency Contact and Affirm Financial Responsibility through the portal. Additionally, you may have the following holds:

Bursar: 765-494-7570; askbursar@purdue.edu

Immunization (PUSH): 765-494-1837; shc@purdue.edu

Parking Violations: Pay parking citations here.

Link for Parking Citations: https://purdue.t2hosted.com/Account/Portal

LAST DAY TO DROP A COURSE

The last day to drop a course for the Spring 2025 semester is: April 17th at 11:59 PM.

Students may submit a request to drop a course by using the scheduling assistant, which can subsequently be approved by their advisor.

After dropping a course, students will receive a grade of "W" on their transcript, which stands for withdrawal. Note that a grade of "W" is not seen as a negative. Most students have some W grades on their transcript, as it is perfectly normal to withdraw from some courses during college.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Pre-Registration for Fall 2025 ends Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 PM

Be sure to schedule an appointment in BoilerConnect with your advisor before the deadline to submit your Course Request Form (CRF).

Schedules will be released on Thursday, April 24th at 5 PM

The Registrar will email all students when schedules are ready for viewing.

Open Registration opens Monday, April 28th

Open registration is divided by time tickets and will roll out over a 3-day period. Please use this video to learn how to find your time ticket. The first round of open registration ends on Friday, May 30th. Open Registration then re-opens on Monday, July 28th and remains open until the last day to add a particular course.

PURDUE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Are you interested in government and policy?
- Want to get involved in the Purdue Student Government?

Exploratory Studies has an opening for a senator now! You can find more information by visiting the Purdue Student Government website.

Scan or click the QR code to apply now!

CCO PEER CONSULTANT

Looking for a job? The CCO is now hiring Peer Consultants.

"We are seeking a talented, motivated, and dynamic team of undergraduate students from diverse majors to assist the students, faculty, staff, and alumni supported by the Center for Career Opportunities during the 2025-2026 academic year. As a CCO Peer Consultant, you will develop a comprehensive understanding of key career readiness skills and competencies that will remain valuable well beyond your time at Purdue."

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FAMILY WEEKEND

Purdue's Spring Family Weekend will be April 4th-6th. There will be multiple activities happening in and around campus for our students and their visiting families, including several free activities. Check out the Family Weekend website to learn more and plan your weekend!

Family Weekend Website:
https://www.purdue.edu/parentandfamily/Programs_and_Events/Spring_Family_Weekend.html

SPRINGFEST/ GRAND PRIX

Spring Fest will be held on April 12th. Visit the College of Ag Website to learn more about the event. Be sure to check out our legendary Bug Bowl!

The 68th Annual Purdue Grand Prix will be happening on April 26th. Visit the Grand Prix website for more information and to purchase tickets.

Spring Fest Link: https://ag.purdue.edu/springfest/

Grand Prix Website: https://www.purduegrandprix.org/

PURDUE DAY OF GIVING

PDOG (Purdue Day of Giving) is on April 30th!

"Showcase your creativity and help Exploratory Studies win $$! Submit your most imaginative post—whether it's a picture, GIF, or video—to ssquirek@purdue.edu. Your creation might even be featured on our @purdueexplorers Instagram!"

Some examples could be singing the chorus of "Hail Purdue" or your most creative Purdue selfie.

Show us what you got!

Check the link in our bio @purdueexplorers to donate on April 30th. By donating just $10, **YOU** can make a difference!

MARCH WELLNESS TIP

March is a great time to reset and refresh! As the seasons start to shift, here's a wellness tip: embrace the outdoors. Even if it's still a bit chilly, taking a brisk walk or soaking in some natural sunlight can do wonders for your mood and energy levels. Exposure to daylight helps regulate your circadian rhythm, improving sleep and overall well-being.

To pair with this, you might try eating seasonally—think leafy greens, fresh citrus, or even asparagus, which often peaks in early spring. Nourishing your body with vibrant, seasonal foods can boost your vitality.

How about setting aside a little time for self-care today? What's something that helps you recharge?

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MAJOR OF THE MONTH: SYSTEMS CERTIFICATE

Are you a problem solver? Do you daydream about how we can fix some of the world's biggest challenges from an interdisciplinary standpoint? If so, consider earning a Systems Certificate! This certificate, which is open to students in all majors, will not only train you how to think in "systems," but also apply your knowledge toward building and modeling systems for large-scale societal applications to address issues like climate change, economic development, and healthcare delivery. Students will examine these topics through the lens of biological and physical science, social science, and engineering by working together in project-based courses. Because solving today's socio-technical problems require a holistic perspective and convergence of knowledge, an increasing number of employers seek applicants who are competent in "systems thinking." Click here for more information about the Systems Certificate and the Purdue Collaboratory, which has developed several prototype multi-college projects to facilitate broad, transdisciplinary investigations of systems.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

Like many others, I came to Purdue originally planning on Engineering, but as a class of 2020 graduate, I knew I would be heading into a year full of online classes and decided it would be best for me to take a gap year. During my break I had plenty of time to think and realized I still needed time to figure out what I wanted. When I was ready to come back to Purdue the next year, I was accepted into Exploratory Studies and was given the resources and support to figure out the major that was right for me!

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.)

A great opportunity for me came last summer, when I was accepted into Dr. Laura Bowling and Dr. Keith Cherkauer's Drainage Water Recycling research project as a part of the Purdue Hydrologic Interests Group. I spent the summer in Corn and Soybean fields fixing underground irrigation tubing and installing lysimeters to measure nutrient capacity of the soil water. Being a part of a research project gave me a ton of experience in an area of study that interests me, developed my field skills, and introduced me to a ton of great new friends!

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?

I would say to make sure to build relationships with your professors whenever you can! Going to office hours is a great way to do this, they're a resource that aren't nearly taken advantage of enough. When time comes around to start looking for research opportunities or recommendation letters for grad school or jobs, you'll be glad that you started early in putting yourself out there as a student that your professors really know. Adding onto this, talk to people in your classes! Some of the best resources out there are your fellow students. Talking to someone in my Environmental Field Skills class last year was how I heard about the research project I'm currently a part of, and definitely helped get my name in as a strong option.

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