

SEPTEMBER 2025

COMPASS NEWSLETTER



Academic Resources

Looking to improve your exam grades? Consider using one or more of the following free academic resources:

WIE/WISP Tutoring: Free evening homework and study help for 100 and 200-level math, science, and engineering courses.

COSINE: Free evening tutoring for math, biology, and chemistry courses.

On-campus Writing Lab: Offers in-person and online one-on-one writing tutoring.

Boiler Exams: Offers practice exams and the ability to study course-specific content by topic for several common first-year courses.

EXPLORATORY STUDIES

Information and Career Fairs

Attending a career fair is valuable for networking with potential employers, exploring diverse career options, and gaining valuable insights into the job market. It also provides an opportunity to make a memorable impression, practice interviewing, and access unadvertised job opportunities.

Ag Career Fair

• Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center

Civil and Construction Engineering Career Fair

• Thursday, October 9, 2025, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center

White Lodging-J.W. Marriott, Jr. School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Career Fair

• Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms

You can find a complete list of Purdue Fall Career Fairs on the [Center for Career Opportunities website](#).

Winter Registration

Considering taking a class during winter break? Comfortable taking 16-weeks of content in 3 weeks? If so, learn more about Winter Session [here](#). This website also shows which courses will be offered this winter. Reach out to your advisor and let them know you are interested. For specific questions, contact wintersession@purdue.edu.

Spring 2026 Registration:

Be on the lookout for instructions from your advisor about registration for Spring 2026. It is important that you come to your appointment prepared. Be ready to talk about which majors you are considering and have an idea of which classes you want to take. Most importantly, make sure you mark your calendar for your appointment date/time, so you don't miss it. All students must have their course requests submitted to the Scheduling Assistant by Thursday, November 20th for batch registration.



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How to sync Brightspace assignments and class schedules to an Apple or Google calendar:

<https://bit.ly/3KcpLx1>

Major of the Month: Wildlife

Located within Purdue's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, the Wildlife major is ideal for students with a broad interest in environmental sustainability and protecting ecological habitats for wildlife. Students in this major take a variety of applied, hands-on courses including field identification, natural resource management, ecology of mammal and birds, and spatial ecology. Graduates of the program often go on to careers in government, non-profit, and environmental agencies as biologists, wildlife technicians, naturalists, geographic information systems specialists, fish and game wardens, and more. This major would strongly appeal to students who love science and enjoy working outdoors, and as one of the smaller majors on campus, students enjoy smaller class sizes, greater access to professors and researchers, and a tight knit community within the Wildlife cohort. The department also offers a Wildlife minor for students interested in complementing their primary major.

Wellness Tip: Guide to Healthy Eating

Good nutrition is vital for college students, playing a crucial role in maintaining mental sharpness, physical vitality, and overall well-being. However, the demands of college life often make it challenging to maintain a healthy diet. With busy schedules, limited food options, and academic pressures, many students find themselves relying on fast food or unhealthy snacks, which can negatively impact their health, mood, and academic performance.

Check out this link [“Career Student Guide to Healthy Eating in College.”](#) This resource provides students with knowledge on the importance of good nutrition, practical tips for eating well on campus, and simple recipes they can prepare in their dorm rooms.



Holds on Your Account

What is a hold? A hold is a way that Purdue makes sure a necessary action is completed. Holds prevent you from registering for classes, so be sure to take care of all holds marked on your account.

Below are some common holds that you may see during this time of year, and some information on how to get rid of them. More information about holds can be found on the [Registrar's website](#).

Emergency Contact Hold

You need to update or verify your emergency contact information.

[Watch a short video](#) on how to clear your emergency contact hold.

Financial Responsibility Hold

You need to affirm your financial responsibility for coursework at Purdue.

[View a guide](#) on how to clear your financial responsibility hold.

Immunization Hold

Your immunization records must be updated in your Purdue account, or you are missing a specific required immunization. To clear an immunization hold, you must upload your immunization documentation to your student health portal. Note that it could take several weeks for PUSH to process your information and clear your hold. It is important to work on clearing this hold as soon as possible.

Refer to the [immunization requirement page](#) or call the PUSH Immunizations Compliance line at 765-494-1837 for more information about your immunization hold.



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Hometown: Fairfield, CT

Where is your favorite place to go on campus and why? One of the best places to spend time on campus is the Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC). To me, it serves as an ideal study environment, offering a quiet and productive atmosphere that makes completing assignments and staying focused much easier. The layout and resources available at WALC contribute to a structured and efficient study experience, making it my favorite spot for getting work done.

What was your biggest takeaway from your time in Exploratory Studies? Or why did you decide to start in Exploratory Studies? A major takeaway from Exploratory Studies is the opportunity to learn more about personal strengths, interests, and career possibilities. Through various assignments, personality assessments, and career quizzes, the experience has provided valuable insight into potential majors and career paths. This process has helped refine academic and professional interests, making it easier to explore the best fitting options.

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 important piece of advice for students in Exploratory Studies is to embrace the process of self-discovery and not feel pressured to rush into a major. Taking the time to explore different options, reflect on personal interests, and utilize campus resources can make a significant difference in finding the right path.



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MINORS,
AND MORE FAIR!

ALL PURDUE UNDERGRADS CAN
EXPLORE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
AT THIS INFORMATION FAIR

October 1, 2025 from 2-5 pm
PMU Ballrooms



Eat that Frog & Piggy!
**Turning Procrastination
into Focus, Creativity, &
Academic Success**

Join us for this EXPL College Skills Workshop

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 6:00-7:30 PM

WALC 2088

Topics will include:

- Identify your biggest, most important tasks ("frogs")
- Develop concrete time management and productivity skills
- Prioritize tasks effectively, ensuring that the most impactful work gets done
- Build the decision-making, discipline, and determination necessary to stay on track

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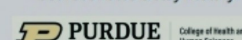
Tuesday, October 28th
9 AM - 5 PM
Purdue Co-Rec
Black & Gold Gyms



Flu, COVID-19 booster, HPV, MMR,
Meningitis, Shingles & More!



Scan to make an appointment.
Get vaccinated & stay healthy!



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