COMPASS NEWSLETTER

EXPLORATORY STUDIES

Exploratory Studies Office Procedures: Start Your Semester Strong!

Welcome, Explorers, whether you're new to Purdue or returning for another exciting year, we're here to support your journey!

Here are a few key reminders to help you stay connected and on track:

☐ Advising Appointments

Need to meet with your advisor? Schedule your appointment through BoilerConnect. Step-by-step instructions are available on the BoilerConnect website. If you run into any issues, give us a call at 765-494-0843 and we'll help you get scheduled. Please note: we do not accept drop-ins. Check with your advisor for drop-in hours.

☐ Office Location

We're located on the 6th floor of Young (YONG) Hall. When you arrive, please check in at the front desk.

☐ Email Communication

Email is the quickest way to reach your advisor for questions that don't require a full appointment. You can also contact our general office at exploratory@purdue.edu. Don't forget, check your Purdue email daily! It's your main source of campus communication.

☐ Stay Connected

Follow us on Instagram for updates, tips, and student spotlights: @purdueexplorers

Add/Drop Deadlines: (for 16 week courses)

Adding a Class: August 25 – August 29
Students may add courses via Scheduling Assistant.

Dropping a Class: August 25 – September 8
No authorization required. Student may drop course via Scheduling Assistant (course not recorded).

September 9 – November 25
Advisor permission required. Grade of "W" recorded. Submit using Scheduling Assistant.

* Please reach out to your advisor for specific questions or concerns regarding adding or dropping courses. We are happy to help.

New Campus Transit Service:

Purdue University is excited to announce a new partnership with SP Plus (SP+) to expand on-campus transit services starting August 14, 2025. The enhanced Purdue Campus Transit system will operate throughout the 2025–26 academic year when classes are in session. Free for students, faculty and staff, the service is accessible through the Purdue Campus Transit app.

September check-ins are almost here. These check-in meetings give us the opportunity to see how you are settling into Purdue and give you the chance to ask questions and learn about Purdue resources. Be on the lookout in your email for a BoilerConnect invitation from your advisor to sign up for a September check-in appointment soon.

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Get Involved:

The B-Involved fair will take place on Saturday, August 23rd from 12-3 PM. You can also find organizations to join by searching BoilerLink, reading bulletin boards, and going to club callouts. If you like sports, consider joining an intramural sports league. If you're looking to get involved in research, visit the Office of Undergraduate Research to learn about how to get started. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone! College is not just about getting a degree. It's about building connections with other people, expanding your network, and getting involved. The relationships you build with others will greatly expand your post-graduate opportunities.

Looking for Printing Options:

Need to print something on campus? Did you know every undergrad student has an automatic $40 printing credit per academic year? Login to your PaperCut account using your Purdue Login to get started with printing on campus.

Where to print?

- Printers are located in libraries, residence halls, and numerous Purdue IT computer labs across campus.

Where to print color pages?

- Color printers can be found in the following libraries: HIKS, HSSE, KRAN, LYNN, and WALC.
- There are also ones available in CARY and SHRV Residence Centers.

Is there poster printing?

- Yes! Poster printing (wide format, 11" x 17") is available in the color printers in WALC and HIKS.

Can I print from my laptop, tablet, or phone?

- Yes! You can print from mobile devices by downloading PaperCut Mobility Print. Download link and detailed set up instructions are available on the Purdue IT website.

Club of the Month: Boiler Jump Rope

Boiler Jump Rope (BJR) is a fun, active, and inclusive student-led organization. **No experience needed!** BJR explores a vast range of jump rope styles including (but not limited to):

- Routine building
- Double Dutch
- Rope Manipulation
- Multiples
- Power/ Gymnastics

BJR was even selected as the 2025 Purdue People's Choice Award Recipients for the #IlluminatePurdue Engineering music video. Practice is every Sunday 3-4 pm. Find BJR on Instagram @purduejumprope.

Major of the Month: College of Liberal Arts - Degree Plus

Are you interested in fields like history, political science, English, or Anthropology? Perhaps you're considering pursuing a major in the College of Liberal Arts but also interested in STEM or business majors. With Purdue's Degree Plus program, you can do both! By streamlining the double majoring processing and waiving some core requirements, Degree Plus gives you the opportunity to work toward simultaneous undergraduate degrees in the College of Liberal Arts and another school or college-without doubling your time at college nor your tuition. Go for two with the Degree Plus program!

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Forming Good Habits:

With many of you starting your first semester of college, it's more important than ever to form good habits early. You may find that your day is far less structured than it was in high school, leading to a greater sense of freedom and independence. We first recommend checking out the many resources at the Academic Success Center (ASC), but here are some additional tips to help keep you on track and have a successful first semester.

1. Establish a routine. Although you have an official class schedule, you'll want to develop your own overall schedule. This includes waking up and going to bed at a consistent time and building in scheduled study time. Remember, you should be devoting 2 hours of work outside of class for every hour you spend in class. That's 30 hours of studying, if you have a 15-credit course load.
2. Identify when and where you are most productive. Do you study best at night or during the day? Do you prefer quiet areas, or do you like background noise? Once you get a feel for when and how you're most productive, build study times and locations into your schedule. Consider using a productivity app like Forest to help you stay focused.
3. Stay organized. In the first week of classes, look at your syllabus and write down all your major assignments and exams on a paper or digital planner. SHOVEL is a real time college planner app free for all students. With SHOVEL you can enter your course requirements, co-curricular commitments, employment hours — and be able to balance your time so that you can also schedule breaks and downtime. Often times, your assignments across classes will have similar due dates. This means you'll have weeks with no major projects or exams, followed by another week where everything is due all at once, so time management is important.
4. Stay connected to your classes. Log into Brightspace daily and read all communication from your instructors. You should also check your Purdue email frequently. Although each instructor provides a syllabus, due dates and assignments may change. Remember to contact Purdue IT if you have issues with your Brightspace, email account, or Purdue Login.

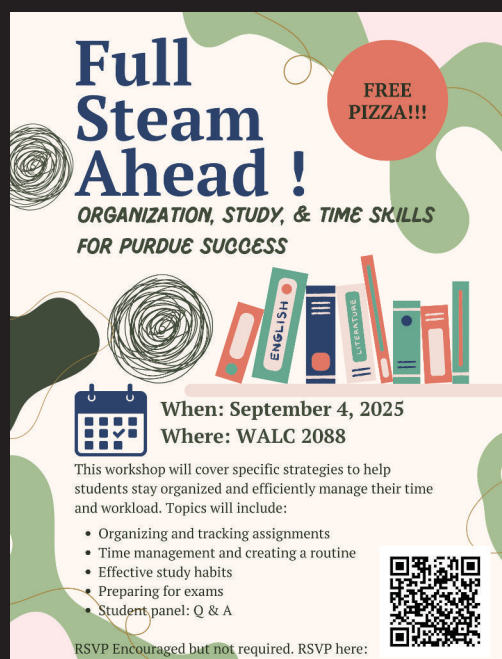**Please join us for the Boilermaker Basics and Full Steam Ahead Workshops, and FREE PIZZA!**

BOILERMAKER BASICS:
LEARN ABOUT...

FREE PIZZA!

- ADDING / DROPPING CLASSES
- CHANGING CLASS TIMES
- REQUESTING OVERRIDES
- CLEARING HOLDS
- SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS
- ACADEMIC RESOURCES
- THE CODO PROCESS
- AND MORE!

AUGUST 27TH WEDNESDAY 6-7:30PM WALC 2007

RSVP encouraged but not required

Full Steam Ahead !
ORGANIZATION, STUDY, & TIME SKILLS FOR PURDUE SUCCESS

FREE PIZZA!!!

When: September 4, 2025
Where: WALC 2088

This workshop will cover specific strategies to help students stay organized and efficiently manage their time and workload. Topics will include:

- Organizing and tracking assignments
- Time management and creating a routine
- Effective study habits
- Preparing for exams
- Student panel: Q & A

RSVP Encouraged but not required. RSVP here:

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