THE COMPASS
Exploratory Studies Newsletter

Add/Drop Deadlines

**ADD**
**February 7th-March 20th:**
Need signature of advisor, instructor & department head; Submit using Scheduling Assistant.

**DROP**
**February 7th-March 20th:**
Need signature of advisor & instructor. Course is recorded with a 'W' or 'WF'. Students with classification of 1 or 2 do not need instructor action. Submit using Scheduling Assistant.

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Action Week (March 6th-10th) aims to cultivate a community of care by equipping students with the tools they need to take action regarding mental health, empowering students to prioritize their well-being, and unite as one university to destigmatize mental health and healthcare.

For more information you can follow Purdue Student Government on Instagram @purdue_sg

ASC Study Skill Workshop

Do you have issues with procrastinating or focusing on your studies? Do you want to learn more about the Pomodoro Technique for time management? Could your study skills be improved? The Academic Success Center is hosting two workshops to support students in these areas:

- Practice Your Pomo: March 2nd at 7:00 pm
- Enhance Your Study Skills: March 22 at 6:30 pm

Visit the ASC website to learn more about both workshops and to register to attend.

FAFSA

Students who submit a FAFSA prior to Purdue’s priority filing date of April 15th will receive maximum consideration for all types of financial aid that they may be eligible for.
Summer Open Registration

If you missed your time ticket in February to register for summer courses, you still have time! Open registration starts February 27th. Some things to consider:

- If there is currently a major restriction on a class, MOST (not all) depts. will remove that restriction when open reg for summer starts on 2/27/23. Sometimes you will have to ‘wait and see’ until then (example CS 180 is major restricted now but it will be lifted in open reg).
- You will use your Spring PIN to register. (Check your spring registration appointment notes in BoilerConnect (under "Reports") for an uploaded copy of your CRF; your PIN is found on the top right-hand corner of your CRF).
- It is CRITICAL you pay CLOSE attention to dates that summer courses are offered. You must know when each summer class starts and how long they are. There are a ton of options! We recommend not taking two 4-week courses at the same time because these are 16-week courses smashed into 4 weeks. It can be INTENSE.
- Retaking a class over the summer at Purdue will replace the previous attempt in your GPA. Do not retake a class at another institution because transfer credits do not impact your GPA. Contact your advisor to learn more.
- View the list of all online summer courses offered by Purdue in 2023.
- Explore the Transfer Credit Course Equivalency Guide if you want to take classes elsewhere over the summer.

Fall Registration

Registration for the Fall 2023 semester is just around the corner! Be on the lookout for an email from your advisor to schedule your registration appointment. It is important that you come to your appointment prepared. Be ready to talk about which majors you’re considering and have an idea of which classes you want to take. Most importantly, do not forget to show up to your registration appointment, as you might not be able to reschedule before schedules are released. After you’ve scheduled your appointment, mark your calendar and set a reminder on your phone.

Major of the Month: Medical Laboratory Sciences:

Are you interested in health-related research or diagnosing illnesses? Are you looking for a flexible major that can serve as a foundation for applying to medical school or other pre-professional health programs? If so, consider majoring in Medical Laboratory Sciences. In addition to gaining a strong foundation in core subjects like biology, anatomy, and chemistry, students in this major learn about the performance and analysis of clinical tests on patient tissues, blood, and other bodily fluids. Students also gain a full year of clinical experience in a hospital setting and have opportunities to conduct research as lab assistants with various companies and criminal investigation laboratories. Located in the College of Health and Human Sciences, Medical Laboratory Sciences is an ideal major for students who are interested in health research, pursuing medical school, or working clinical positions in hospitals as scientists and lab technologists.