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Purdue University Orientation Programs
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Our mission is to **introduce and connect** all new undergraduate students to Purdue University through student- and staff-led academic and social programming, both on campus and virtual, to prepare them for their Purdue experience.

We aim to create programs that **impact** new Boilermakers and show that they **belong** at Purdue University.
Virtual Student Transition, Advising, and Registration (VSTAR) guides students through the course scheduling process, connects them to their academic advisor, and introduces campus resources to help students make a strong start at Purdue.

**Summer Visit Days (Optional)** give students and their family the opportunity to see campus and engage with staff after making their decision to attend Purdue.

**Boiler Gold Rush International (BGRi)** prepares newly arriving international students to transition to Purdue University, the state of Indiana, and the United States of America.

**Boiler Gold Rush (BGR)** welcomes new beginner and transfer students to campus to introduce campus traditions, university resources, and facilitate personal connections the week before classes begin.

*Arriving to Campus*
A new set of Boilermaker students and families begin to arrive to campus for move-in
"The VSTAR experience really helped me understand how things work here at Purdue."

Incoming Purdue student - Fall 2021
**VSTAR TIMELINE**

**ONLINE ORIENTATION FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS**

1. **VSTAR Part 1** opens for all students in Brightspace on **May 2**. Students complete the online modules that will prepare them for connecting with their academic advisor. Students are highly encouraged to **finish** as soon as possible: Deadlines are **June 10 for summer** beginners, and **June 24 for fall** beginners.

2. The **Academic Advising Appointment** will occur after students complete VSTAR Part 1. This academic advisor meeting will inform the student how to identify first-semester courses, and how the advisor will be a resource throughout their student experience.

3. **VSTAR Part 2** opens for **summer** beginners on **June 1**, and for **fall** beginners on **July 1**. This online module will introduce students to campus resources and opportunities they will utilize while at Purdue. Students are highly encouraged to **finish** before they arrive on campus for their orientation experience.
Your **Academic Advising appointment** will start the process toward receiving your first semester schedule. This virtual advising appointment will be personalized to your experience and goals.

Students will **request** their courses with the help of their advisor. The University collects that information for all students and creates the most optimal schedule for each student.

Fall schedules will be released around July 21 for fall beginners; Summer schedules (if applicable) around June 23.

**99.6%**

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO AGREED OR STRONGLY AGREED THEIR ADVISOR MADE THEM FEEL WELCOMED AT PURDUE DURING THEIR 2021 VSTAR APPOINTMENT
**Summer Visit Days** are optional events that will be hosted in June to give students and families the chance to visit campus.

These are optional to attend and will occur on three consecutive Fridays - June 10, 17, and 24, 2022.

Registration will open May 1 and prioritize students who have not yet attended campus.

By attending a Purdue's For Me event, your ability to register will open in late-May. At that time, registration spaces may not be available.
"BGR made a huge impact on my confidence here at Purdue. It was the perfect distraction from homesickness to thrust me into College, and I haven't looked back since."

BGR participant - Fall 2021
BOILER GOLD RUSH

BGR takes place the week before classes begin and helps students learn about campus culture and traditions.

The $320 registration fee covers all meals and programs throughout the multi-day event.
Boiler Gold Rush International (BGRi) precedes BGR and, at no additional cost, helps international students and their families connect to Purdue University.

BGRi check-in and on-campus move-in will take place on August 12, 2022. The program will run August 13-15, 2022.

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92.6% of BGR Participant survey respondents were satisfied with their 2021 BGR experience.
We are committed to assisting students who have demonstrated financial need and offer need-based waivers to cover all or half of the BGR fee through an application process. Over $170,000 was awarded to students in need of assistance in Fall 2021 alone.

Intercollegiate athletes, All-American Marching Band auditioners, Purdue Glee Club, Purduettes all have competing schedules and are unable to attend BGR and/or BGRi. Other programs, like ROTC and Jump Start (Dining), offer ways to balance their commitments during the week of BGR.

Research shows BGR participants are more likely to persist at Purdue and ultimately graduate at higher rates than their non-participating peers.

While BGR participation may not be the cause of this success, it correlates to the impact of a strong start for new students at Purdue.
2022 TIMELINE

IMPORTANT ORIENTATION DATES

MAY
May 2 VSTAR Part 1 opens for all new students. Summer Visit Days registration opens.
May 9 First advising appointments begin

JUNE
June 1 VSTAR Part 2 opens for summer beginners
June 10 Summer Visit Day #1
June 17 Summer Visit Day #2
June 24 Summer Visit Day #3

JULY
July 1 VSTAR Part 2 opens for fall beginners
July 31 last day to register for BGR or BGRi

AUGUST
August 12* Boiler Gold Rush International check-in and move-in
August 13-15* Boiler Gold Rush International takes place
August 14-16* Boiler Gold Rush check-in and move-in
August 16-20* Boiler Gold Rush takes place
* Please note that these dates are tentative
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW IF I'M ADMITTED OR ACCEPTED?

**Follow us on social media**
We share updates about what is happening on campus, student profiles, and insight on our programs. @allaboardpurdue

**Get Started!**
Start to review the New Student Task List on the MyPurdue Portal on a consistent basis. This list will change as tasks complete and update as you get closer to your arrival.

**Explore Campus**
Think about the things you're looking for in a new community, and to find them on campus and within the community.

**Check Your Email**
Check your Purdue email account. Many departments will begin to email to this account only, so checking regularly is highly recommended.

**Talk to those around you**
Make time to talk to someone new. Ask questions to staff and faculty who choose to work here, or students that have committed to stay.

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