PURDUE UNIVERSITY | Office of Summer and Winter Sessions

Welcome to Purdue!

Philosophical Investigations through Videogames 2026

June 21-26, 2026

Sunday, June 21	
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Check-in *Meredith South Residence Hall*
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Say "see you soon" to families *Parents will depart after student is checked in and **before** program orientation.*
5:15pm – 5:45pm	Program Orientation for **Developing Tomorrow's Infrastructure, Atoms at Work, and Scrubs and Skills** *Meredith South Residence Hall – Multipurpose Room (off main lobby)*
5:45pm – 6:15pm	Program Orientation for **Agricultural Science Research Institute, Discover Pharmacy, AI and You, Code Explorers, and Game On** *Meredith South Residence Hall – Multipurpose Room (off main lobby)*
5:45pm – 7:00pm	**After Orientation for Developing Tomorrow's Infrastructure, Atoms at Work, and Scrubs and Skills:** Walk to dinner and eat with your peer mentor group *Wiley Dining Court*
6:15pm – 7:00pm	**After Orientation for Agricultural Science Research Institute, Discover Pharmacy, AI and You, Code Explorers, and Game On:** Walk to dinner and eat with your peer mentor group *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm –10:00pm	Peer Mentor Group Activities/Free Time *Various Locations*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South Residence Hall – On your floor*

Monday, June 22	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG 1230*
8:30am – 9:00am	**Welcome & Overview** *BRNG 1230*
9:00am – 10:30am	**Introduction – Branches of Philosophy and Thought Experiments** *BRNG 1230*
10:30am – 10:40am	BREAK
10:40am – 11:00am	**Game: *Soup, Soup, Something, Soup* (Computer, Browser)** *BRNG 1230*
11:00am – 11:30am	**Activity: What is soup?** *BRNG 1230*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG 1230*
1:00pm – 1:30pm	**Activity: What is a game?** *BRNG 1230*
1:30pm – 2:30pm	**Lecture: "What is a game?" — Ch. 3 of Bernard Suits' *Grasshopper*** *BRNG 1230*
2:30pm – 2:40pm	BREAK

2:40pm – 4:00pm	**Game: *Baba is You* (Nintendo Switch)** *BRNG 1230*
4:00pm – 5:00pm	**Lecture: "What is a game?" — Ch. 1 of C. Thi Nguyen's *Games: Agency as Art*** *BRNG 1230*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:10pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Board Games, Video Games and All Class Social – Peer Mentors *Meredith South Lobby and Glass Conference Room*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor*

Tuesday, June 23	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 9:00am	**Introduction – Epistemology and Why It Matters** *PFEN 103*
9:00am – 10:00am	**Lecture: Radical Skepticism—The First and Second of Rene Descartes' *Meditations*** *PFEN 103*
10:00am – 10:10am	BREAK
10:20am – 11:30am	**Game: *Return of the Obra Dinn* (Computer, Steam)** *PFEN 103*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 1:30pm	**Activity: Assessing *Obra Dinn*** *PFEN 103*
1:30pm – 2:30pm	**Lecture: Humean Empiricism—1.3-1.4 of David Hume's *Enquiry Concerning HU*** *PFEN 103*
2:30pm – 2:40pm	BREAK
2:40pm – 4:30pm	**Game: *Return of the Obra Dinn* (Computer, Steam)** *PFEN 103*
4:30pm – 5:00pm	**Assessing *Obra Dinn*** *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Outdoor Games and Co-Rec Time – Peer Mentors *Intramural Field 3 and Co-Rec*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor*

Wednesday, June 24	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 9:00am	**Introduction – Ethics and Why It Matters** *PFEN 103*

9:00am – 9:50am	**Lecture: Why Be Good?—Books I and II of Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*** *PFEN 103*
9:50am – 10:10am	**Activity: Figuring Out the Mean and Hard Cases** *PFEN 103*
10:10am – 10:20am	BREAK
10:20am – 11:30am	**Game: *Papers, Please* (Computer, Steam)** *PFEN 103*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 1:45pm	**Discussion: Flexibility in Moral Systems** *PFEN 103*
1:45pm – 2:30pm	**Lecture: Utilitarianism—Chapter 1 and 2 of J.S. Mill's *Utilitarianism*** *PFEN 103*
2:30pm – 2:35pm	MINI-BREAK
2:35pm – 3:20pm	**Lecture: Deontology—Chapter 2 of Immanuel Kant's *Metaphysics of Morals*** *PFEN 103*
3:20pm – 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm – 5:00pm	**Game: *Frostpunk* (Computer, Steam)** *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Movie Night and Crafts – Peer Mentors *Meredith South Lobby and Glass Conference Room*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor*

Thursday, June 25	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG 1230*
8:30am – 9:20am	**Lecture and Discussion: Political Philosophy & Libertarianism** *BRNG 1230*
9:20am-9:30am	Break *BRNG 1230*
9:30am-10:30am	**Game: Monopoly** *BRNG 1230*
10:30am-10:40am	Break *BRNG 1230*
10:40am-11:30am	**Lecture and Discussion: Egalitarianism** *BRNG 1230*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG 1230*

1:00pm – 1:50pm	**Lecture and Discussion: Liberalism** *BRNG 1230*
1:50pm-2:00pm	Break *BRNG 1230*
2:00pm-3:30pm	**Game: Monopoly** *BRNG 1230*
3:30pm-3:40pm	Break *BRNG 1230*
3:40pm-4:30pm	**General Political Philosophy Discussion** *BRNG 1230*
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Fountain Runs – Peer Mentors *Start at Loeb Fountain*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor* ***Plan to use a portion of this time to begin to pack your belongings.

Friday, June 26	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court* ***Plan to use a portion of this time to check out of the residence hall and place your luggage in the **Meredith South Multipurpose Room** for storage while you finish sessions throughout the morning and afternoon. (The Meredith South Multipurpose Room is where you had orientation on Sunday evening.) **You will turn in your room key to Conference Services staff at this time.** **You will check out with Office of Summer and Winter Sessions staff before leaving campus.**
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG 1230*
8:30am – 9:00am	**Activity: Preparing for Presentations** *PFEN 103*
9:00am – 10:10am	**Presentation Workshop** *PFEN 103*
10:10am – 10:20am	BREAK
10:20am – 11:30am	**Presentation Workshop** *PFEN 103*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 3:00pm	**Final Presentations** *PFEN 103*
3:00pm – 3:10pm	Walk to Check out– Peer Mentors
After 3:00pm	*** Retrieve belongings from luggage storage (**Meredith South Multipurpose Room**), check out with Office of Summer and Winter Sessions staff, and depart campus no later than 5:00pm