PURDUE UNIVERSITY | Office of Summer and Winter Sessions

Welcome to Purdue!

The Philosophy of Animal Minds

July 26-31, 2026

Sunday, July 26	
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, Intro to Academic Programs, Philosophy of Minds** *Meredith South Residence Hall – Multipurpose Room (off main lobby)*
5:45pm – 6:15pm	Program Orientation for **Pre-Freshman and Cooperative Education (PREFACE)** *Meredith South Residence Hall – Multipurpose Room (off main lobby)*
5:45pm – 7:00pm	After Orientation for **Developing Tomorrow's Infrastructure, Intro to Academic Programs, Philosophy of Minds:** Walk to dinner and eat with your peer mentor group *Earhart Dining Court*
6:15pm – 7:00pm	After Orientation for **Pre-Freshman and Cooperative Education (PREFACE):** Walk to dinner and eat with your peer mentor group *Earhart 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, July 27	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Earhart Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 9:00am	Welcome + Introduction *PFEN 103*
9:00am – 10:00am	Overview of Philosophy and the Philosophy of Animal Minds *PFEN 103*
10:00am – 11:00am	Challenges Facing Animal Cognition Research – Morgan's Canon and the Problem of Other Minds // **Reading: 'What Is It Like to Be a Bat?' – Thomas Nagel** *PFEN 103*
11:00am – 11:45am	'Umwelt' and Ecology; Introduction to Final Project *PFEN 103*
11:45am – 12:00pm	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Consciousness: What Is It? Why Should We Care? *PFEN 103*
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Minimal Minds: Single-Cellular Organisms, Insects, and Crustaceans // **Activity: Where Do We Draw the Line?** *PFEN 103*

3:30pm – 5:00pm	Types of Consciousness // Sneddon vs. Rose on Fish Nociception // **Reading: 'Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness'** *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:10pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart 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*

Tuesday, July 28	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Earhart Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 10:00am	Introduction to Theory of Mind/Mindreading // **Activity: Various Theory of Mind Protocols** *PFEN 103*
10:00am – 10:30am	The Relationship Between Developmental and Comparative Psychology *PFEN 103*
10:30am – 11:45am	Factive and Non-Factive Mindreading in Birds, Dogs, Monkeys, and Apes // **Activity: The Mindreading Scale/Ladder** *PFEN 103*
11:45am – 12:00pm	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Introduction to the Nature of Memory *PFEN 103*
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Do Birds and Non-Human Primates Experience Episodic Remembering? // **Activity: Caching Game** *PFEN 103*
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Cognition, Metacognition / Representation, Metarepresentation // **Activity: Opting Out and Confidence Monitoring** *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:10pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart 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, July 29	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Earhart Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 9:00am	Introduction to Norm Psychology *PFEN 103*
9:00am – 10:00am	Different Frameworks of Norm Psychology – Inclusive and Exclusive *PFEN 103*

10:00am – 11:45am	Can Animals be Normative Creatures? // The Origins and Maintenance of Human Social Norms // **Activity: Norm-or-Not** *PFEN 103*
11:45am – 12:00pm	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Introduction to the Philosophy of Emotions *PFEN 103*
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Debates Over Animal Emotions: From Guilt to Love // **Activity: Animal Emotion Gut Check** *PFEN 103*
3:30pm – 5:00pm	How Human Evolution Harnessed and Exploited Our Emotions // **Activity: The Ultimatum Game** *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:10pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart 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, July 30	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Earhart Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 9:00am	Introduction to Game Theory // **Activity: Nicky Case, 'The Evolution of Trust' (Browser)** *PFEN 103*
9:00am – 10:00am	Are Humans Altruistic or Just Self-Interested? *PFEN 103*
10:00am – 11:30am	Might Non-Human Animals Be Altruistic? *PFEN 103*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Introduction to the Big Three Ethical Theories: Virtue Ethics, Utilitarianism, Deontology // **Activity: Online Trolley Problems** *PFEN 103*
2:00pm – 3:30pm	The Moral Status of Non-Human Animals *PFEN 103*
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Wrapping Up + Checking in On Presentations *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:10pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart 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, July 31	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Earhart 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 *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 11:30am	**Presentations** *PFEN 103*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Earhart Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 3:00pm	[Optional] The Evolution of Cooperation and Human Uniqueness *PFEN 103*
3:00pm – 3:10pm	Walk to Check out– Peer Mentors
After 3:10pm	*** 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