



Winter Session 2025-2026

Online Classes: Dec. 22 – Jan. 9



Workshop Overview

Winter Session 2025-2026

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of Winter Session
- What Will Classes Be Like? - Planning Ahead for Success
- *Academic Success Center Tips*
- Insights from an Instructor
- Student Support and Campus Resources
- Questions

- *Handout*

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- 11 instructional days, with university holidays not counting as instructional time
- **Monday, Dec. 22 - Tuesday, Dec. 23 (2)**
 - *Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Dec. 25: University Holidays, No Class*
 - *Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Jan. 4: Winter Recess Starts; University is closed*
- **Friday, Dec. 26 (1)**
- **Monday, Dec. 29 – Wednesday, Dec. 31 (3)**
 - *Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026: University Holiday, No class*
 - *Friday, Jan. 2, 2026: President's Designated Holiday, No class*
 - *Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026: End of Winter Recess*
- **Monday, Jan. 5 - Friday, Jan. 9 (5)**

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- Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026: Grades are due by 5 pm ET
 - Grades posted after being processed
- Monday, Jan. 12, 2026: First day of Spring Semester

What Will Classes Be Like?

Planning Ahead For Success

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- **3 Credits in 3 Weeks | 11 Instructional Days**
 - Normally students earn 3 credits in the span of 15 weeks
 - This means Winter courses require a larger time commitment each week (up to 30 hrs.) - each class will be different
- **Access Brightspace early**
 - Pay attention to the announcements made via Brightspace
 - Professors don't always email the class with important information, so be sure to check Brightspace regularly
- **Make sure you have a reliable internet connection**
- **Time management is crucial!** - *Academic Success Center Tips*

Academic Success Center

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Insights From an Instructor

Dr. Dan Rudel, Sociology

SOC 10000 Introductory Sociology

Who am I?

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- **Academic Program Manager for Sociology**
- **Instructor, Department of Sociology**
 - Courses (many formats, including Winter Session):
 - SOC 10000 – Introduction to Sociology
 - SOC 38300 – Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology
 - SOC 45000 – Gender Roles in Modern Society

How should I prepare for Winter Session?

Winter Session 2025

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- **Read the syllabus carefully**
- **Check that you have access to the textbook and other class resources**
- **Map out your winter break! Be sure that you have a plan for any days when you won't be able to engage with the course.**
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What Should I Do Each Day?

- Start each day with a plan!
- Does your class have a to-do list? If so, use it. If not, consider making one for yourself before getting started on the day's work.
- Stick to your routine (see previous slide).
- Leave yourself a little extra time just in case!

General Tips

- Winter Session moves quickly! Make sure that you are engaged with the course every day. 1 day in this course \neq 1 day in a 16-week course
- (As with any class) be proactive about asking questions. There's no such thing as a dumb question!
- Communicate with your instructors early and often about any issues (in or out of the class).
- Be mindful of add/drop deadlines (they come fast too!)

Student Support and Campus Resources

Student Support

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- **Academic & Campus Resources Available**

Academic Success Center	University Residences – must sign up to stay!
Purdue IT – Tech Support	Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS)
Purdue OWL	Purdue University Police Department – Emergencies
Disability Resource Center (DRC)	Indianapolis Student Life

- **Limited On-campus Services and Resources**

- Many offices are closed from **Wednesday, Dec. 24 to Sunday, Jan. 4**
- Academic Advisors will be on break
- Email wintersession@purdue.edu with questions or visit the [Winter Sessions website](#)

Mental Health and Wellness

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Things you can do on your own, wherever you are

- Eat
 - Enjoy a balanced diet, while having holiday treats
 - Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated
- Sleep/Rest
 - Maintain a sleep schedule – aim for 8 hours a night
 - Take breaks to remain focused, meditate, and go outside (if possible)
- Exercise
 - Walk, workout at home or a local gym, or do yoga
- CAPS Resources – visit purdue.edu/caps

Student Questions

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- **Academic Standing will not change after term**
 - Graduation status would move to a spring candidate
- **Financial Aid and Tuition**
 - Winter Session is attached to Spring for financial aid purposes. Contact DFA with questions.
 - Students enrolled in Winter Session will have their Spring semester start dates changed to allow for **disbursement of aid in December, starting December 12.**
 - Office of the Bursar – Tuition and fees for Winter Session are due by the first day of Spring term classes, Jan. 12, 2026.
- **Students must withdraw from their course if they do not intend to take it.**
 - There is no Administrative Drop for not confirming enrollment like Fall and Spring.

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- **Registration and Withdrawals**

- Sunday, Dec. 21: **Last day to receive a 100% refund** for withdrawing from a course
- Monday, Dec. 22: Session Starts; **Last day to withdraw without a "W"**
- Tuesday, Dec. 23: ***NEW* H-Ready Courses** - Last day to request Honors grade mode for PSY 120 and ENGL 286. Submit request via Scheduling Assistant
- Wednesday, Jan. 7: **Last day to withdraw with a "W" - complete the Withdraw form in myPurdue to drop course**
 - Students withdrawing from their winter course after classes have begun should go to **myPurdue**, Registration tab, and look for Withdraw Information.
 - Office of Dean of Students will process withdrawals as students would be withdrawing from a term

Questions?

Winter Session Contacts

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- **Session Dates**
 - Monday, December 22, 2025 to Friday, January 9, 2026
- **Questions? Email: wintersession@purdue.edu**
 - Will respond within 24 business hours during Winter

Thank you, speakers!

Feedback

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Help us improve future Winter Workshops by completing this survey!

