



## GET INVOLVED!

The B-Involved fair will take place on Saturday, August 17th from 12-3PM. You can also Find organizations to join by searching [BoilerLink](#), reading bulletin boards, and going to club callouts. If you like sports, consider joining an [intramural sports league](#). Or, if you're looking to get involved in research, visit the [Office of Undergraduate Research](#) to learn about how to get started. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone! College is not just about getting a degree. It's about building connections with other people, expanding your network, and getting involved. The relationships you build with others will greatly expand your post-graduate opportunities.

## UPCOMING EXPL WORKSHOPS

Join us for the following [college skills workshops](#):

**August 22**(6-8 pm in SMTH 118):**EXPL Fall Kickoff – College 101 (& Pizza)**

**August 28**(6-8 pm in LILY 3118):**Hungry for Good Grades? (& Pizza)**

**September 24**(6-8 pm in WALC 1132):**Eat that Frog (& Pizza) – Turning Procrastination into Focus, Creativity, and Academic Success!**

We hope to see you there!

## September Check-In:

September check-ins are almost here. These check-in meetings give us the opportunity to see how you are settling into Purdue and give you the chance to ask questions and learn about Purdue resources. Be on the lookout in your email for a BoilerConnect invitation from your advisor to sign up for a September check-in appointment soon.

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## Major of the Month: Business Analytics & Information Management

Are you interested in both data science and business? Do you enjoy working with computer technology? If so, consider majoring in Business Analytics and Information Management, located in the Daniels School of Business. Students in this major learn how to analyze data within a business environment to help businesses make data-driven decisions. Foundational courses in this major consists of economics, management, finance, and programming, while upper-division courses cover topics in predictive analytics, financial data analysis and modeling, data visualization, and cloud computing applications. Students in this major look forward to a promising job outlook, with recent graduates getting hired as consultants and analysts at companies like Accenture, Facebook, IBM, Deloitte, Microsoft, and General Motors.

## EXPLORATORY STUDIES OFFICE PROCEDURES:

Welcome Explorers! Some helpful reminders for both new and returning students starting the year:

**Advising Appointments:** Appointments with your advisor should be made on BoilerConnect. [Instructions can be found on the BoilerConnect website](#). If you have trouble, give our office a call at 765-494-0843 to get scheduled for an appointment, as we do not accept drop-ins.

**Office Location:** Exploratory Studies is located on the 6th floor of Young (YONG) Hall. Please check-in at the front desk directly off the elevators when you arrive.

**Email:** Email is typically the best and fastest way to get a hold of your advisor for questions or concerns that may not require an appointment. Our general office email can also be reached at [exploratory@purdue.edu](mailto:exploratory@purdue.edu). It is important to check your Purdue email every day, as this is your main source of communication on campus.

**Follow us on Instagram:** [@purdueexplorers](#)

## PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Need to print something on campus? Did you know every undergrad student has an automatic \$40 printing credit per academic year? [Login to your PaperCut account](#) using your Purdue Login to get started with printing on campus.

### Where to print?

- Printers are located in libraries, residence halls, and numerous Purdue IT computer labs across campus.

### Where to print color pages?

- Color printers can be found in the following libraries: HIKS, HSSE, KRAN, LYNN, and WALC.
- There are also ones available in CARY and SHRV Residence Centers.

### Is there poster printing?

- Yes! Poster printing (wide format, 11" x 17") is available in the color printers in WALC and HIKS.

### Can I print from my laptop, table, or phone?

- Yes! You can print from mobile devices by downloading PaperCut Mobility Print. Download link and detailed set up instructions are available on the [Purdue IT website](#).

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## Add/Drop Deadlines

### Adding a Class:

August 19 – August 23; Students may add courses via Scheduling Assistant

### Dropping a Class:

August 19 – August 30; No authorizations required. Student may drop course via Scheduling Assistant (course not recorded)

August 31 – November 19; Advisor permission required. Grade of "W" recorded. Submit using Scheduling Assistant.

\*\* Please reach out to your advisor for specific questions or concerns regarding adding or dropping courses.

## FORMING GOOD HABITS:

With many of you starting your first semester of college, it's more important than ever to form good habits early. You may find that your day is far less structured than it was in high school, leading to a greater sense of freedom and independence. The following tips will keep you on track and help you have a successful first semester.

- 1. Establish a routine.** Although you have an official class schedule, you'll want to develop your own overall schedule. This includes waking up and going to bed at a consistent time and building in scheduled study time. Remember, you should be devoting 2 hours of work outside of class for every hour you spend in class. That's 30 hours of studying if you have a 15-credit course load.
- 2. Identify when and where you are most productive.** Do you study best at night or during the day? Do you prefer quiet areas, or do you like background noise? Once you get a feel for how and where you're most productive, build study times and locations into your schedule. Consider using a productivity app like Forest to help you stay focused.
- 3. Stay organized.** In the first week of class, look at your syllabi and write down all your major assignments and exams on a paper or digital planner. [SHOVEL](#) is a real time college planner app free for all students. With SHOVEL you can enter your course requirements, co-curricular commitments, employment hours — and be able to balance your time so that you can also schedule breaks and downtime. Often times, your assignments across classes will have similar due dates. This means you'll have weeks with no major projects or exams, followed by another week where everything is due all at once.
- 4. Stay connected to your classes.** Log into Brightspace daily and read all communication from your instructors. You should also check your Purdue email frequently. Although each instructor provides a syllabus, due dates and assignments may change. Remember to contact Purdue IT if you have issues with your Brightspace, email account, or Purdue Login.