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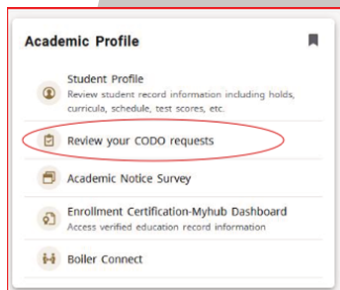
EXPLORATORY STUDIES



CHANGE YOUR MAJOR

Are you thinking of changing your major? At Purdue that is called a CODO (Change of Degree Objective), and you start the process by reaching out to your current academic advisor for guidance.

1. CODO requirements can be viewed here: [Purdue Catalog](#)
2. Your academic advisor will initiate the online CODO request.
3. Check your Purdue email regularly. Once you are emailed that your CODO has been ACCEPTED, you must go in and "accept" your CODO, so it finishes processing and becomes official. Here's how:



4. Your new academic advisor will contact you via email soon.

REGISTRATION REMINDERS:

Course Request Forms (CRFs) must be submitted by November 14 at 5:00 pm. To submit your CRF, follow the steps below:

1. Log into myPurdue
2. Locate the box labeled "Register for Classes"
3. Click "Course Request Form"
4. Click "Submit Requests" once you have reviewed the list of courses

For extra support, here is a [tutorial video](#) from the Registrar.

FAMILY WEEKEND

You and your family members are invited to attend the Exploratory Studies Tailgate on Friday, November 1st from 1-3:30 PM in Memorial Mall.

We will have Exploratory staff available to meet and free swag to hand out. Join us for light snacks, refreshments, and the chance to win one of our awesome door prizes. Let's get together and cheer on our Boilermakers all weekend long!







ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

(ASC) Academic Success Center, located in Wiley Hall, Room C215, provides a variety of academic support services. Students are welcome to use the space to study during open hours except when a prescheduled event is taking place.

Fall 2024, the ASC space is open at the following times:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

To find out more about their services click links below:

-  [Supplemental Instruction](#)
-  [Study Skills Consultations](#)
-  [Peer Success Coaching](#)
-  [Workshops](#)
-  [Accountability Groups](#)
-  [Handouts](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS

The [Safe Walk Program](#) provides an escort to and from academic buildings and other campus locations from either trained members of the Purdue Student Security Patrol (PSSP) or a Purdue University Officer. These escorts are available 24/7 for students, faculty, and staff. To reach the Safe Walk Program, call (765) 494-SAFE (7233).

If you look in any direction walking around campus, you're bound to see boxes with a bright blue light on the top. These are part of Purdue's Emergency Telephone System. These nearly 300 boxes are located at almost every intersection, as well as other strategic locations on campus. They are easily identifiable by their bright blue lights on top. They are typically painted yellow or black with the blue light on top and marked "Emergency" or "911".



To activate an emergency box, simply press the button. The blue light will begin to flash, and you will be connected to a Purdue Police Officer within seconds and help will be sent.

Tip: Many people don't know the emergency boxes can also be utilized by pressing the button of each box you walk past if you are needing emergency assistance but need to keep moving. Pressing these buttons will alert the Purdue Police of your ongoing location, while flashing the blue lights on top of the boxes.

FAVORITE ELECTIVES

Looking for interesting content you've probably never studied? Check out the list below for some courses we bet you never knew Purdue offered!

AAS 271 – Intro to African American Studies

EAPS 106 – Geosciences in the Cinema

GER 280 – Beer & Brewing in German Culture *

PES 116 - Beginning Tennis & Pickleball

AD 117 – Black and White Photography

EAPS 138 – Thunderstorms and Tornadoes

HIST 371 – History of Rock n' Roll *

PSY 123 – The Science of Well-Being *

ANSC 106 – Biology of Companion Animals

ENGL 205 – Creative Writing

HIST 387 – History of the Space Age

REL 200 = Intro to the Study of Religion *

ANTH 201 – Intro to Archaeology

ENGL 276 – Shakespeare on Film

HK 376 – History of Sport *

SOC 328 – Criminal Justice

ASTR 263 & 264 – Astronomy I & II

ENGL 286 – The Movies

HORT 360 – Flower Arranging *

THTR 133 – Survey of Acting

CHNS 285 – Chinese Calligraphy

ENGL 373 – Science Fiction and Fantasy

ME 199 – How Stuff Works

COM 332 – Studio Television Production

ENTM 111 – Insects in Prose and Poetry *

MUS 378 – Jazz History

CS 101 – Digital Literacy

FNR 101 – Intro to Environmental Conservation *

PES 116 – Golf

* Indicates not offered in Spring 2025, but you can consider it for a future semester.

MAJOR OF THE MONTH: PUBLIC HEALTH

What is Public Health? While doctors and nurses treat individuals, Public health professionals aim to improve physical, mental, and social health outcomes of societies by protecting the health of human populations and promoting healthy lifestyles. Examples include tracking and preventing infectious diseases, researching the effects of smoking, educating the public on healthier nutrition, consulting hospitals on best practices, and increasing access to mental health resources. Many public health professions attain a master's degree in the field and go on to work for government agencies, hospitals, non-profit organizations, and even international organizations like the World Health Organization and UNICEF. This broad major in the College of Health and Human Sciences offers several concentrations, including health policy and management, global health, behavioral social science, and environmental health. If you enjoy helping people but don't want to work directly in patient care, consider public health!

DON'T MISS WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION

Registration is available for [Winter Session](#), running from Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, to Friday, Jan. 3, 2025. All courses will be offered online asynchronously, with no on-campus classes.

Winter Session is a great opportunity to earn three credits in just three weeks, lighten your spring course load, and work toward completing a second major, minor, or certificate. Students may take one 3-credit course during this term.

Students are encouraged to discuss winter course options with their academic advisor during their spring registration advising appointment. The Winter 2024 schedule of classes is in your [myPurdue portal](#).

For more information on course offerings, tuition, and financial aid, visit [Purdue.link/ThinkWinter](#).

HOLIDAY TRANSPORTATION

Thanksgiving Break Airport Transportation:

If you plan on heading home for Thanksgiving and need transportation to an airport or to Indianapolis, you may want to book a shuttle in advance. Spots will start filling up quickly, so don't wait until the last minute! Options include:

- [Lafayette Limo:](#)
 - \$50 to Indy Airport (round trip)
 - \$110 to O'Hare Airport (round trip)
- [Reindeer Shuttle:](#)
 - \$54 to Indy Airport (round trip)
 - \$110 to O'Hare Airport (round trip)
- [Indianapolis Commuter Shuttle](#)
 - Free! This is a good option if your home is near Indy and someone else can pick you up after you arrive.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Avery "AJ" McGinley

Hometown:Tallahassee, Florida

Current Major:Senior in UX (User Experience) Design

Why did you decide to start in Exploratory Studies?

I started in Exploratory Studies because I had an idea of what I wanted to do. I knew I liked coding but didn't want to do it all the time, and I liked project-based learning, but I had no idea what major would be a perfect fit. I also knew that Purdue had a lot of opportunities wherever I would end up.

What are some rewarding, enlightening, or just plain cool experiences you've had during your time at Purdue?

Purdue has given me a lot of opportunities during my time here. Just this past summer I was able to complete an internship with Accenture in Seattle, Washington, where I worked with a client to re-strategize their branding and employee experience through research, data collection and visualization, and providing design recommendations. I would never have gotten that opportunity without Purdue. I have also joined some unique clubs during my time here like Women in Technology and Purdue Ultimate Frisbee, both of which I either have a leadership or mentor position in. A cool experience I got to have was being a part of a student section during the college basketball final last year, just overall an experience that only some college students get to have.

What piece of advice do you have for students currently in Exploratory Studies?

My advice for incoming freshmen, particularly Exploratory Studies students, is not to be afraid to try something new; the best moments and experiences I have had in college were trying something different and stepping outside of my comfort zone. It is scary and can be hard sometimes, but you will never know what could happen if you don't do it. Also, ask for help when you need it. Purdue's professors are very generous with their help, they want you to succeed.

