

**OPENING SLIDE: shows picture of Purdue campus**

Congratulations on your acceptance to Purdue! I'm sure you're excited to begin your college experience, and maybe also a bit nervous. That's normal, especially if you might be having second thoughts about your major.

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Maybe you’re wondering—Is this really the right path for me? Perhaps you got into one major but had your heart set on another.

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If you'd like extra time to really explore your options, consider switching to Exploratory Studies! This award-winning program can help you learn more about majors, careers, and yourself!

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Let’s look at some details:

- You can stay in this major for up to 4 semesters
- Once you decide on a major and meet the requirements, you can request to move into your desired major
- About 25% of students get into their major after 1 semester, with more than 50% switching within 1 year
- Students that start in Exploratory Studies graduate at approximately the same rate as students who started in other majors
- Finally, you will be required to take a 3-credit hour course that fulfills a university core requirement.

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Former Exploratory Studies student Joshua Fiore shares some of the benefits of starting in this program:

*“Picking a major felt overwhelming, so I gave myself time to explore. I couldn’t decide between Chemical Engineering, Cybersecurity, and Nursing. Instead of rushing into a choice, I started in Exploratory Studies, where I could take different classes and figure out what truly excited me.”*

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Many college students will change their college major at least once. And most do so without the benefit of investigating their options thoroughly. By starting in Exploratory Studies, our students have time to explore their interests, strengths, and cultivate their career identity, helping them to feel confident about their major decision.

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So, who is Exploratory Studies for?

- Our program is a great fit for undecided students looking at many different majors or careers
- It is also for those who know they want to work in a specific industry like business or health, but need to consider available options
- Additionally, we support students who hope to earn their way into competitive majors like Engineering or Computer Science while also uncovering other options that could still provide a similar skill set.

With hundreds of majors, minors, and certificates at Purdue, students have endless opportunities to explore. By switching to Exploratory Studies, you can take time to confirm your current major or discover a new one—without delaying graduation.

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Just listen to former student Eric Diaz's experience:

*"I was in Exploratory Studies for four semesters before deciding to double major in Economics and Law & Society, and I'm still on track to graduate in 4 years."*

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Your academic advisor will provide personalized guidance to help you strategically craft a custom course schedule to meet each of your academic goals. Together, you will review plans of study that interest you, major change requirements, and other planning tools that will help you get the most out of your time at Purdue.

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As an Exploratory Studies student, you'll take EDPS 105: Academic and Career Planning, a 3-credit course designed to help you research academic options and career paths, while also helping you learn more about how your interests, values, personality, and strengths align with different areas of study and working environments.

**Change to Slide 11: shows photo of student Anne Taylor.**

Former EDPS 105 student Anne Taylor shares about her experience:

*"Through various assignments, personality assessments, and career quizzes, EDPS 105 gave me valuable insight into potential majors and career paths. Taking the time to explore different options can make a significant difference in finding the right path."*

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<https://www.purdue.edu/exploratory> and the departmental Instagram handle

**@Purdueexplorers.**

So, what's next? To learn more about our program, check out our website for student testimonials, detailed statistics, and next steps on how to choose a major that fits your goals. When you're ready to switch to Exploratory Studies, contact your current advisor to submit your change of major request. We will then reach out to you to schedule an appointment.

**Change to Slide 13: shows 5 pictures of students posing for pictures in groups.**

Exploration isn't about being undecided—it's about making an informed decision for your future.  
Take charge of your journey and become a Purdue Explorer today!

**Change to Slide 11: contains departmental contact information including phone number 765-494-0843, the location of Young Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, the website address of <https://www.purdue.edu/exploratory/> the email address of [exploratory@purdue.edu](mailto:exploratory@purdue.edu) and the Instagram handle of @purdueexplorers.**