

# Exploratory Studies

## Department of Exploratory Studies

### About Exploratory Studies

#### Vision

Exploratory Studies at Purdue University will be an exemplary advising program in the nation for Exploratory students.

#### Mission

The mission of Exploratory Studies at Purdue University is to assist and empower students to:

1. Develop and implement individualized plans for academic success and personal and career development
2. Make a smooth and academically sound transition from Exploratory Studies to their chosen degree-granting programs

#### History

In April 1995, the Purdue University Senate approved a three-year pilot program for beginning, exploratory, undecided freshmen students. This pilot, called the Undergraduate Studies Program (USP), was modeled after a program at The Pennsylvania State University. In August 1996, 212 students started with USP. In February 1999, the Purdue University Senate approved USP as a permanent program for entering freshmen students effective August 1999. In June 2001, the University Division of the Office of the Dean of Students was merged with USP, adding reentry, readmit, and change of degree objective continuing students to the population served by USP.

In 2013, USP changed its name to Exploratory Studies.

### Minimum Admission Requirements

**Beginners:** 8 semesters of college-preparatory math, 6 semesters of lab science, 8 semesters of English, 4 semesters of foreign language. 6 semesters of social studies. Admission to Purdue is based on a holistic evaluation of each student's application in the context of the overall applicant pool for Exploratory Studies.

**Additional Requirements:** At the time of enrollment, CANNOT have more than 30 graded hours (or the equivalent quarter or trimester hours) of courses taken in college or 45 graded hours of college courses and concurrent/dual high school credit combined. Required to enroll in EDPS 10500 during first semester on campus.

Minimum Transfer GPA: 2.5

### CODO Requirements

To be eligible to CODO into Exploratory Studies, a student must have no more than 83 completed college credits.

Credit counted toward completed college credits includes: credit earned by exam, transfer credit, credit earned in P/NP courses, credit for courses in which students earned Fs, and credit for currently enrolled courses.

In addition:

- Students bringing into Exploratory Studies 77 - 83 completed college credits should be able to complete the requirements necessary to CODO to a degree-granting college/school/program (CSP) at the completion of one semester in Exploratory Studies.
- If students can CODO from their current program to the degree-granting CSP they are seeking at the end of the current semester, they are not eligible to CODO to Exploratory Studies. If they end up not being able to CODO to that degree-granting CSP once grades come out, **then** they can CODO to Exploratory Studies for the next semester.
- If students have already enrolled in classes for their last semester of eligibility in their current CSP and IF they do well will be able to CODO to their CSP of choice at the end of that semester, they may not CODO to Exploratory Studies just so they can register for the next semester classes. Instead, they should wait for grades to come out and CODO directly to their CSP of choice and then register for the next semester's classes with their new advisor.

**NOTE:** All students CODOing into Exploratory Studies and are still freshman (going into the 2nd term) MUST take EDPS 10500 "Academic & Career Planning" in Exploratory Studies.

## College Advising

College Advising Website

## Contact Information

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## Pre-Program

## Explorers, DS

## Exploratory Studies

### Degree Requirements

### Required Courses: (3 credits)

- EDPS 10500 - Academic And Career Planning

## University Core Requirements

- Human Cultures Humanities
- Human Cultures Behavioral/Social Science
- Information Literacy
- Science #1
- Science #2
- Science, Technology, and Society
- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Quantitative Reasoning

For a complete listing of course selectives, visit the Provost's Website.

## Prerequisite Information:

For current pre-requisites for courses, click [here](#).

## Program Requirements

### Fall 1st Year

- EDPS 10500 - Academic And Career Planning
- Quantitative Reasoning - Credit Hours: 3.00-5.00
- Written Communication or Oral Communication - Credit Hours: 3.00-4.00
- Human Cultures Humanities or Human Cultures Behavioral/Social Science - Credit Hours: 3.00
- Science or Science, Technology & Society or Intro to Major Course - Credit Hours: 1.00-4.00

### 13-19 Credits

### Spring 1st Year

- Written Communication or Oral Communication - Credit Hours: 3.00-4.00
- Human Cultures Humanities or Human Cultures Behavioral/Social Science - Credit Hours: 3.00
- Science or Science, Technology & Society or Major Course - Credit Hours: 3.00-4.00
- Major Course - Credit Hours: 3.00
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### 15-17 Credits

## Disclaimer

The student is ultimately responsible for knowing and completing all degree requirements.

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