



# COLLEGE OF *SCIENCE*



Welcome to Virtual STAR!  
We can't wait to work with you!

# ARRIVING AT PURDUE WEST LAFAYETTE



Mark your calendar!

Fall semester begins Monday, August 23, 2021

# FALL ADVISING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

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To follow is information you will need to successfully register for your first semester in the College of Science.

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# EARNING A COLLEGE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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To graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree (BS) from the College Science a student MUST earn a cumulative (overall) GPA of 2.0 or higher, meet major GPA requirements and complete:

- A minimum 120 credit hours (for most majors) and earn a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA
- All [major requirements](#)
- [College of Science core requirements](#)
- [University Core requirements](#), and
- At least 32 credits at or above the 300-level at Purdue West Lafayette or a Purdue Regional Campus.

You will work with your academic advisor each semester to monitor and complete your degree requirements.

# OUR GOAL FOR YOU:

## OWN YOUR DEGREE, FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH



In the College of Science there are many paths to the same degree. Where will you Purdue take you?

While students follow degree plans together, it is hoped that you will work with your academic advisor and faculty to determine a path that meets **YOUR** individualized personal, academic, career and degree goals. Purdue will present more options in academics and experiences than you can imagine.

Dream big, Reach high and Hammer Down!



# FALL ADVISING AND REGISTRATION

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The academic advising relationship in the College of Science is a dynamic coaching, teaching and educational collaboration where students and advisors work in partnership in the attainment of personal, academic and professional goals.

You will meet with your advisor at least once a semester to review your progress and plan for the next term. Your advisor will be your “go-to” person on campus who knows your story and supports the goals you set for yourself. Make this partnership a central focus of your success at Purdue!

So, let's get started on your first semester...

# AP CREDIT AND TRANSFER CREDIT

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Transfer credits are reviewed to determine if they may be applied to complete a degree requirement.\*

- If you have credit through AP/IB or from another college/university, you may be able to register for the next course in a sequence of courses. Example: you post Calculus I and may now register for Calculus II.
- If you are waiting on credit to post, please let your advisor know so they can plan your course selections pending transfer credits.
- Take time to review information in the general VSTAR section to learn how to post AP or transfer credit. Important: All transfer credit must be posted your first semester per admissions policy.

\* Not all transfer credits are applied due to the varying requirements of each degree plan.

# DETERMINING YOUR MATH PLACEMENT

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- Students with transcribed equivalent credit for a Purdue math class (via AP, IB, transfer, or dual credit) are placed into an appropriate math class in their first semester based on this credit.
- Students who do not have transcribed credit are given access to a Purdue Calculus I course based on a minimum SAT Math, ACT Math, or ALEKS score\* according to the guidelines below. Note: you must have your official scores sent to Purdue to use SAT or ACT for placement. Otherwise, you will be required to take the [ALEKS assessment](#).
- Calculus I Courses:

**MA 16100/16500 Minimum Scores:** SAT MATH (670); ACT (MATH (29); ALEKS Score (85)

**MA 16010 (Biology Majors Only) Minimum Scores:** SAT MATH (620); ACT (MATH (26); ALEKS Score (75)



# SUGGESTED CREDIT HOURS FOR EACH SEMESTER

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The College of Science recommends taking 14-16\* hours your first semester, based on your major and your advisor's recommendations. This will allow you to be successful in your classes while providing time for you to adjust to your University.

- The maximum number of credits per semester is 18 credit hours.
- International students must complete at least 12 hours per semester to maintain their student visa. Contact International Students and Scholars (ISS) for specific requirements and questions.
- Any student receiving a scholarship or financial aid should contact the Division of Financial Aid for their aid-specific credit requirements when questions arise.

\* Completing an average of 15 hours per semester will allow you to earn the 120 credit hours needed for graduation in 8 semesters or four years.

# ENTERING FALL COURSE REQUESTS

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Completing a Course Request Form (CRF) is the first step in the course registration process. You will review your degree requirements with your advisor to determine your first semester courses.

When completing your course request form:

- You will follow your advisor's course recommendations. Each student's schedule is individualized to meet their first semester goals, taking transfer credit and educational goals into account.
- You will submit your courses in the order your advisor has determined. It is important that courses are added by their priority to help ensure a full schedule once registration is completed.
- Fall schedules will be released July 22nd by 5pm.

# MAKING SCHEDULE CHANGES

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Please Do Not:

- ☐ Make schedule changes before contacting your advisor for a recommendation. It is important to confirm that a change in schedule will not negatively impact degree completion or result in completion of a course that cannot be used to meet a degree requirement.
- ☐ Rely on advice from friends when choosing classes. Your plan is individualized to you. Your advisor is your best source of information and advice.

# CONSIDERING A CHANGE OF MAJOR?

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If you are unsure about your major or are thinking about a change, let your advisor know at your VSTAR appointment.

Pursuing a program change will include reviewing the program's CODO\* requirements and discussing courses that will qualify you for CODO consideration.

[CODO requirements](#) are available for review for all undergraduate programs.

\* CODO is an acronym Purdue uses to indicate a program change request.

# WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS?

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**Step1:** Ensure that you have a qualified form of math placement\*: AP, Dual Credit, IB, SAT, or ACT. Complete the [ALEKS assessment](#) if you do not have other documentation.\*\*

**Step 2:** Complete the Student Information Form (SIF) on the New Student Tab in myPurdue by answering all questions asked.

**Step 3:** When #1 and #2 have been completed, you will received an e-mail through your Purdue e-mail within 10 business days from your advisor regarding your virtual appointment.

\* Ensure that official reports have been sent to Purdue.

\*\* Students transferring an equivalent Calculus I do not take the ALEKS assessment.

# PURDUE: THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE!



We're looking forward to seeing what you'll do!

Boiler Up!