

Program in Exploratory Studies Academic Opportunities Session

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University of Colorado **Boulder**

Welcome!

What you can expect to learn from today's session:

- **What** is the Program in Exploratory Studies
- **How** Career Services helps you explore outside the classroom
- **What** the student experience is like
- **What** does the process look like to transfer out of PES
- **Explore** the campus with our ambassadors

What is the Program in Exploratory Studies?

- Currently home to over 2400 students
- Admission to PES
 - Direct
 - Alternative based on original application
- PES students transfer into one of 7 different colleges/schools, typically after 1st year

How We Support Students

- Specialized, cross-campus Academic Advising
 - Personalize academic path with majors, minors, certificates + co-curricular experiences
 - Preparation for transition to all colleges/schools on campus
- Academic Coaching
 - Individual appointments
 - Academic transition from high school to college
 - Reach competitive academic goals

Design Your Path LLC

- Craft your own journey and campus experiences through an innovation and exploration lens
- How?
 - Exposure to entrepreneurial and traditional career options to identify your best fit major
 - Get the support you need from mentors
 - Put your plan into practice through internship opportunities, campus programs & events
- Design Your Path LLC students live in Farrand Hall and take a **Design Thinking Seminar** (FYXP 2200) together

PES Passport Program

- Transition program designed for first generation and/or underserved students in the PES as they navigate their first year of college
- Benefits
 - Guaranteed housing in the Design Your Path LLC if you apply by May 1
 - Learn together in FYXP course cohorts
 - Scholarship opportunities
 - Community-building programming
 - Supplemental advising support, registration labs
- Apply at
<https://www.colorado.edu/exploratorystudies/passport-program>

Specialized Courses

- **First Year Success Seminar (FYXP 1500)**
 - Support first-year students with their transition to CU Boulder
- **Academic Success Seminar (FYXP 1100)**
 - Study skills, time management, and other strategies to foster academic success
- **Academic Exploration & Critical Decision Making (FYXP 1000)**
 - Advisor-led course focused on defining your path

Multiple Pathways

- Interested in technology?
 - How about a major, minor, or certificate in:
 - Information Science *in Media, Communication and Information*
 - Computer Science *in Engineering*
 - Environmental Product Design *in Environmental Design*
 - Creative Technology & Design *in Engineering*
 - Statistics and Data Science *in Arts & Sciences*

Why is exploration important?

- You are more than just a major - PES supports you as a whole person
- Exploring your interests, goals, and strengths opens up the opportunities that make college worthwhile:
 - 90+ majors
 - 60+ minors
 - 30+ certificates
 - 550+ student organizations
 - 1000+ internships, and more!

Prepare today for a world of opportunity tomorrow

- Major \neq Career
 - <30% of college graduates work in field related to major ([Federal Reserve Bank of New York](#))
 - Graduates can expect to have 17 jobs over 5 different fields ([FYA](#))
 - Start strong with Career Services' [Skills for Success](#)

[Start exploring today](#)

Connect with Career Services!

The Student Experience



Transferring into colleges/schools at CU Boulder

- Intra-University Transfer (IUT)
- Every college/school sets their own requirements
- Most require:
 - Successful completion of certain courses
 - Meet minimum grade, GPA and credit hours
- Usually takes at least two semesters to complete IUT requirements
- [IUT website](#)
- [Specific information if you originally applied for business or engineering](#) (including success rate dashboard)

Transferring into the Leeds School of Business

- Students must complete **four courses with B- grades**
 - 2 math courses (statistics and MATH 1112)
 - 2 economics courses (ECON 2010 and ECON 2020)
- Cumulative **CU GPA of 3.000** required
- AP/IB/approved transfer credit for economics courses can be used, transfer credit for statistics must be approved by Leeds
- 24 credit hours completed (12 at CU Boulder)
- Admission on a space-available basis, historical admission for students who met criteria and applied by deadline

Let's talk about business

- Can a student graduate in four years with a business degree if they start in PES?
 - Almost 50% of business curriculum comprised of non-business coursework
 - Cannot take business core classes until admitted to Leeds, core curriculum requires 2-3 years to complete
- What are the odds of successfully completing an IUT?
 - ECON 2010: <50% of PES students earned a B- on first attempt
 - MATH 2510: About 50% of PES students earned a B- on first attempt
- Approximately 25% of students who originally applied to business end up there

Transferring into the College of Engineering & Applied Science

- Students must complete **three courses with C grades at CU Boulder**
 - 2 approved math courses (Calculus 1 & Calculus 2 at a minimum)
 - 1 approved science course (CHEM 1113, PHYS 1110, CSCI 1300)
- All grades in "technical" coursework must average to a **2.700 technical GPA (B- average)**
 - This includes all College of Engineering courses and all courses in PHYS, CHEM, MCDB, EBIO, APPM, MATH - some preparatory courses exempted
- IUT admission is not competitive, guaranteed if criteria met and apply by deadline

Let's talk about engineering

- Can a student graduate in four years with an engineering degree if they start in PES?
 - Important to take the best schedule for you, not to match four year engineering degree plan
 - Starting in calculus and getting admitted in timely fashion are key
 - About 50% of students who originally applied to engineering placed into calculus
- What are the odds of getting in?
 - Over 50% of PES students who took precalculus or calculus (APPM or MATH) earned a C on the first attempt
 - Approximately 20% of students who originally applied to engineering end up there

Be curious. Be ambitious. Explore what's possible.

Questions?

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