

# Program in Exploratory Studies Information Session

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# Congratulations on your admittance to CU Boulder!



# Roadmap

- **Why** is exploration important?
- **What** is Program in Exploratory Studies (PES)?
- **How** do we support our students?
- **What** is an Intra-University Transfer (IUT)?
- Next Steps
- Questions

# About Your Presenter

- Admissions & Recruitment Manager
- Academic Advisor
- CU Boulder Alumni
- Transfer & Exploratory Student





# Who's in the Zoom Room?

Answer the questions in the poll to find out!





# Why is Exploration Important?

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# Why is exploration important?

- **You are more than just a major** - PES supports you as a whole person
- **Find your community** - 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 a field directly related to their major ([Federal Reserve Bank of New York](#))
  - Graduates can expect to have 17 jobs over 5 different fields ([FYA](#))
- Jobs are constantly being created





# Exploration Builds Skills

- All Employers look for certain skills, no matter what area you are in:
  - Complex problem solving & Critical thinking
  - Creativity
  - People management
  - Teamwork & Emotional intelligence
  - Judgement and decision making
  - Service orientation
  - Negotiation



[Start exploring today](#)

A scenic landscape featuring a person in a red jacket walking on a dirt path that winds through a green field of wildflowers. In the background, there are large, rocky mountains under a clear blue sky.

# What is the Program in Exploratory Studies?

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# What is the Program in Exploratory Studies?

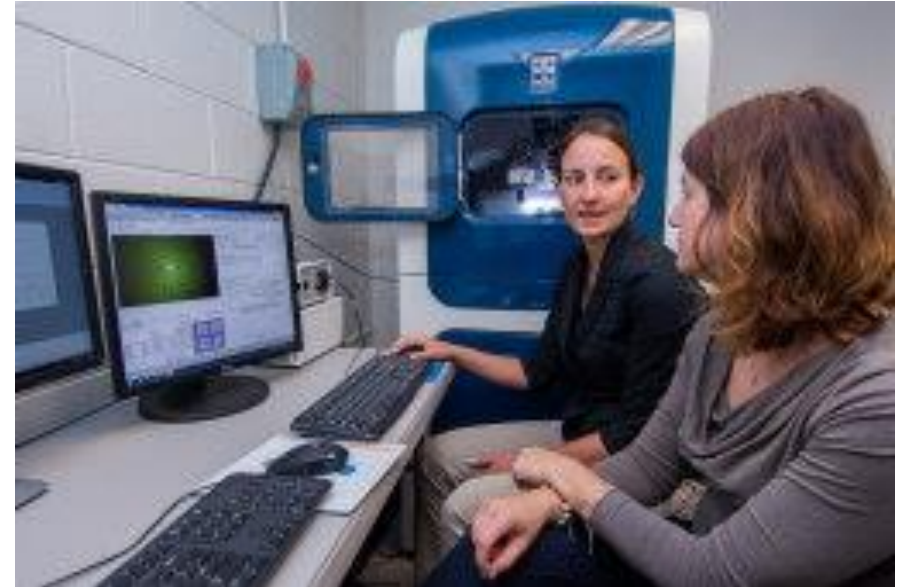
- Support to **explore who you are, consider academic, personal and professional goals, and how to achieve them**
- Students apply directly or are offered admission to PES based on original application to another college at CU Boulder
- **Intentional, proactive support** to help you transition from high school to college AND from PES into one of the seven colleges & schools here at CU Boulder (generally within 2 - 4 semesters)



# 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*





# How We Support Our Students

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# 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
  - Support with developing time management, study skills, and exam preparation

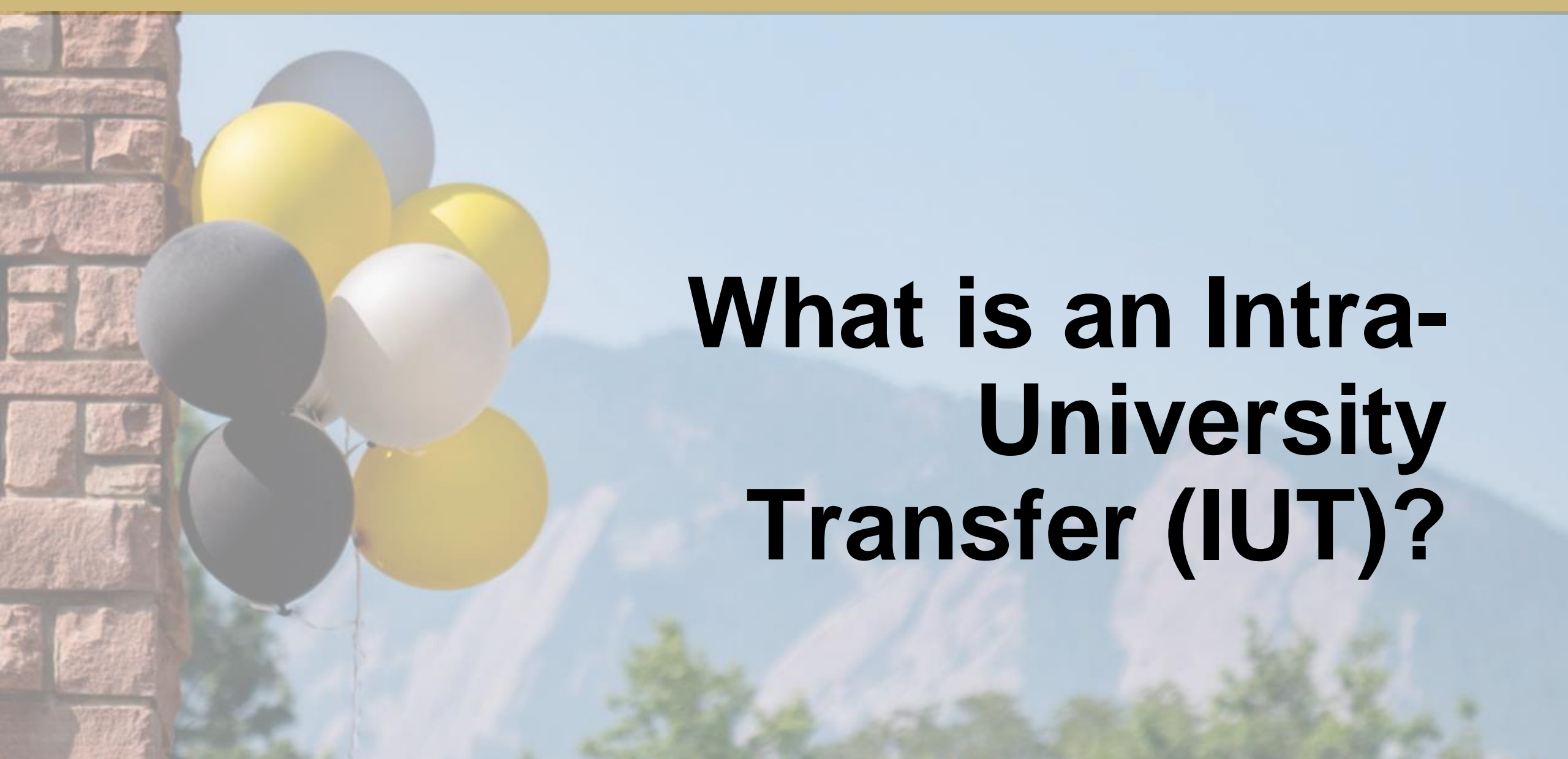


# Design Your Path LLC

- 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

# Specialized Courses

- **First Year Success Seminar (FYXP 1500)**
- **Transfer Success Seminar (FYXP 3000)**
  - Support students with their transition to CU Boulder
  - Build community as PES students
  - Learn about on campus resources and tools
  - Connect students to a staff member on campus



# What is an Intra- University Transfer (IUT)?



# 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)



# Common IUT Questions

- Can a student still graduate in four years?
- Will they take the same courses in their first year as students admitted directly to business, engineering, etc?
- Can college credit earned in high school (ex. AP, IB) apply toward IUT course requirements?
- How successful are students going through the IUT process?

# 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 3.200 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)
- Cannot take most business courses until admitted, admission on space-available basis

# 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: 55% of PES students earned a B on first attempt
  - MATH 2510: About 45% of PES students earned a B on first attempt
- Approximately 29% 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)
- AP/IB/transfer coursework does not count towards the IUT requirements, but can count towards the overall degree
- 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 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?
  - Approximately 32% of students who originally applied to engineering end up there



# Next Steps

# Want to learn more about CU Boulder?

- Attend an in-person admission event
  - Admitted Student Information Session & Tour
  - Admitted Buff Day
  - Admitted Student Day – April 5
- Set up a one-on-one meeting with me
  - 45-minutes
  - Great if you have specific questions
  - virtual or in-person options
  - Scan the QR code or go to

[www.calendly.com/pesadmissions](https://www.calendly.com/pesadmissions)





# Exploratory Studies Timeline

Summer

Fall

Spring and beyond

- Complete Online Experience, Placement Tests
    - Sign up for an in-person opportunity
  - Connect with academic advising
  - Register for your first semester
- Explore your interests:
    - Classes
    - Student groups
    - Community-building
    - Office hours
    - Rec Center
- Apply for Intra-University Transfer (if applicable)
  - Connect with campus:
    - Career Services
    - Research opportunities



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

# Questions?

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