

# Program in Exploratory Studies Information Session for Admitted Students

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PROGRAM IN  
**Exploratory Studies**



University of Colorado **Boulder**

# What is the Program in Exploratory Studies

- Currently home to over 2000 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
  - Semesterly requirement, daily drop-ins
  - Same advisor throughout the first year
  - 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

# Specialized Courses

- **First Year Success Seminar (FYXP 1500)**
  - Support first-year students with their transition to CU Boulder
- **Academic Exploration & Critical Decision Making (FYXP 1000)**
  - Advisor-led course focused on defining your path
- **Academic Success Seminar (FYXP 1100)**
  - Study skills, time management, and other strategies to foster academic success
- **Transfer Success Seminar (FYXP 3000)**
  - Exploration support specifically for upper-division students

# 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 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
  - 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>
  - All Exploratory Studies students welcome to apply

# 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
- <https://www.colorado.edu/office-undergraduate-education/intra-university-transfer>

# 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)
- Cannot take most business courses until admitted
- Most business tracks take 2-3 years to complete
- <https://www.colorado.edu/business/undergraduate-advising/transfer-leeds-iut>

# Transferring into the College of Engineering & Applied Science (for students admitted Fall 2022 and later)

- Students must complete three courses with B 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 be B or better (all College of Engineering courses and all courses in PHYS, CHEM, MCDB, EBIO, APPM, MATH)
- Can only retake a technical course 2 times
- May request enrollment in some engineering classes as space is available
- Most engineering degrees take at least 3 years to complete
- Complete IUT criteria at:
- <https://www.colorado.edu/engineering-advising/intra-university-transfer-iut-engineering-bachelor-science-degree-programs>

# Transferring into the College of Media, Communication & Information

- Students must complete, or be enrolled in at time of application, one prerequisite course for their major
- Cumulative GPA of 2.500 and B- grade in prerequisite class
- 24 credit hours completed or in-progress
- Additional requirements for Strategic Communications:
  - Must have completed less than 60 CU credit hours and completed a math class
- Possible to take additional CMCI courses depending on major
- <https://www.colorado.edu/cmci/admissions/iut>

# Let's talk...

- Can I still graduate in 4 years if I start in PES?
- Am I guaranteed admission to my desired major if I meet the Intra-University Transfer (IUT) requirements?
- Will I be taking classes that count towards my desired major?
- How many students successfully get into their desired major?
- What if I don't get into my desired major?

# 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*

# [https://www.colorado.edu/exploratory\\_studies/exploration](https://www.colorado.edu/exploratory_studies/exploration)

## Programs From a Different Lens

CU offers such a large variety of majors to choose from that finding the right pathway for you may seem daunting. The good news is there isn't going to be just one perfect fit. There may be a number of "perfect fits"! Explore more options that possess the same key features as the major you're interested in, such as course topics, learning outcomes, instruction modes, and more. Select a major from one of the fields below to view additional options that meet your interests. Start exploring today!



### Interested in Business?

Explore other academic pathways that incorporate the same key features you're looking for!

[Explore business majors](#)



### Interested in Engineering?

Explore other academic pathways that incorporate the same key features you're looking for!

[Explore engineering majors](#)

# I want to...

...be a graphic designer

...be an engineer

...be a writer

...help a society

...plan events

...start a business

...work in healthcare

...work in real estate

...work in sports

...work in the arts

...work outside, and more

## I want to...

One way to explore majors is to begin by identifying possible career interests. Consider starting here to learn more about degree paths that will help you achieve your career goals.



# Why is exploration important?

- You are not just a major - PES supports you as a whole person
- Exploring your interests, goals, and strengths opens up the opportunities that make college worthwhile:
  - 100+ majors
  - 60+ minors
  - 30+ certificates
  - 550+ student organizations
  - 1000+ internships, and more!

# Looking ahead: what employers want

- Completed an internship in the organization
- Completed an internship in the industry
- Major(s)
- Leadership experience
- General work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- High GPA
- School Attended

# Top skills to thrive in 2022

- Complex problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- People management
- Teamwork
- Emotional intelligence
- Judgement and decision making
- Service orientation
- Negotiation

# Come Explore with Us!

- Individualized support as you figure out the best path for you and your goals
  - Know what you want? We'll help you get there and connect with unique opportunities to *enhance your degree*
  - Not sure? That's ok! We'll help you explore all that CU has to offer and put together a customized plan that *works for you*

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

**Questions?**

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