

Program in Exploratory Studies Academic Opportunities Session

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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 3000 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

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COMMUNITY

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
- **First Year Seminar (FYSM 1000)**
 - Small seminar experience with faculty in many disciplines
- **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

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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!

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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)
- Cannot take most business courses until admitted

Let's talk about business

- Can a student graduate in four years with a business degree if they start in PES?
 - Core BUSN curriculum requires 2-3 years to complete
- What are the odds of successfully completing an IUT?
 - ECON 2010: <50% of XXES students earned a B- on first attempt
 - MATH 2510: About 50% of XXES students earned a B- on first attempt
 - Spring 2019 - Spring 2022 average XXES GPA: 2.71
 - Fall 2011-Spring 2022 average FY BUSN GPA: 2.99
 - Approximately 25% of business ACOs ended up in BUSN

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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>

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

- 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 GPA (B-average)
 - This includes all College of Engineering courses and all courses in PHYS, CHEM, MCDB, EBIO, APPM, MATH - some preparatory courses exempted
- 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

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Let's talk about engineering

- Can a student graduate in four years with an engineering degree if they start in PES?
 - Starting in calculus and getting admitted by 2nd fall are key
 - Last fall, about 50% of ENGR ACOs were placed into calculus and 50% of ENGR ACOs with a precalculus or neither placement took calculus in hs
- What are the odds of getting in?
 - Over 50% of XXES students who took precalculus or calculus (APPM or MATH) earned a C on the first attempt
 - Approximately 20% of engineering ACOs ended up in ENGR

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

Questions?

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