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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall 2018 Semester Schedule: August – December 2018

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| Mandatory International Student Check-in (MISCi)/ Weeks of Welcome (WOW!) <i>Organized by the Office of International Students and Scholars, ISS WOW! (Weeks of Welcome) is the mandatory check-in and start of the orientation activities for all international students. Please refer to the "Prepare to be WOW'ed" e-mail attachment that you were sent for more information.</i> | August 8-17 |
| (Optional) Boiler Gold Rush Int'l Orientation <i>Should arrive on August 10 if participating</i> | August 10-13 |
| On-campus Accommodations Available (for students not participating in BGRi or BGR) | August 17 |
| (Optional) Boiler Gold Rush Orientation: <i>Should arrive on August 13 or 14 if participating</i> | August 14-18 |
| Fall Classes Begin | August 20 |
| Welcome Reception for International Exchange Students <i>Location To Be Confirmed</i> | August 20 |
| Welcome Reception for Returning Purdue Students & International Exchange Students <i>Purdue Memorial Union South Ballroom</i> | August 22 |
| No Classes: Labor Day | September 3 |
| No Classes: Fall Break | October 8-9 |
| No Classes: Thanksgiving Vacation | November 21-24 |
| Classes End | December 8 |
| Final Exam Week | December 10-15 |
| Last Day to Check-Out of University Residences | December 17 |



Spring 2019 Semester Schedule: January – May 2018

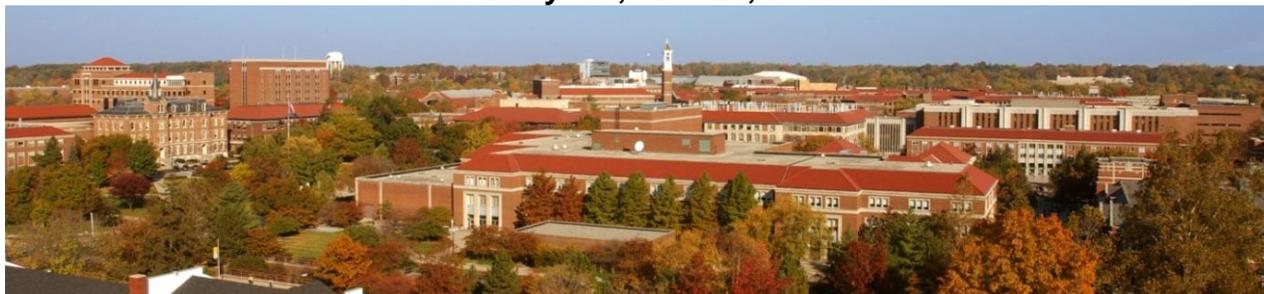
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| Recommended arrival date for new exchange students | January 2-4 |
| ISS WOW! <i>Organized by the Office of International Students and Scholars, ISS WOW! (Weeks of Welcome) is the mandatory check-in and start of the orientation activities for all international students.</i> | January 3-4 |
| Spring Classes Begin | January 7 |
| Welcome Reception for returning and new International Exchange students | January 7 |
| No Classes: Martin Luther King Jr Day | January 21 |
| No Classes: Spring Vacation | March 11-16 |
| Classes End | April 27 |
| Final Exam Week | April 29- May 4 |
| Last Day to Check-Out of University Residences | May 6 |



Spring at Purdue University

AT A GLANCE

PURDUE UNIVERSITY West Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.



| INTERESTING TIDBITS ABOUT PURDUE UNIVERSITY | |
|--|--|
| Nickname | Boilermakers |
| Official Colors | Old Gold and Black |
| Mascots | The Boilermaker Special and Purdue Pete |
| Fight Song | <i>Hail Purdue!</i> |
| EXCHANGE STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION | |
|  | <p>Programs for Study Abroad Purdue University 155 S. Grant Street Young Hall 105 West Lafayette, IN 47907 U.S.A.</p> <p>Email: studyabroad@purdue.edu Phone: 765-494-2383 Fax: 765-496-1989</p> |
| NOTABLE PURDUE ALUMNI | |
| <p>Gus Grissom Neil Armstrong Eugene Cernan Orville Redenbacher Brian Lamb Drew Brees Amelia Earhart</p> | <p>Astronaut Astronaut, first person to walk on the moon Astronaut, most recent person to walk on the moon Popcorn Businessman Founder and CEO of television station C-SPAN NFL Super Bowl MVP quarterback (New Orleans Saints) Aviation pioneer who joined Purdue's faculty in 1935 as a visiting member in order to counsel women on careers and as a technical advisor to the Department of Aeronautics</p> |

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Course Information

<http://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/incoming/onlineRegistration.cfm>

Minimum Course load

12 credits per semester
24 credits per year

Courses available to exchange students

Most undergraduate courses are available to exchange students unless the student has not satisfied pre-requisites or if space in class is limited to majors. Graduate students must procure additional permission for graduate-level classes.

Academic services available to exchange students

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>
<https://wiki.itap.purdue.edu/display/LIBAR/Tutoring+Info>
<http://www.purdue.edu/ODOS>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Is university accommodation available to exchange students?

University accommodation is available to exchange students. Please visit <http://www.housing.purdue.edu> for list of housing options and other detailed information regarding university accommodations and meal plans.

Is there a separate housing application form?

Exchange students apply online for on-campus accommodations after acceptance by Purdue. Instructions will be sent to the student.

Accommodation costs

On-campus: room and board approx. \$9,500 (year)

Points to Ponder:

Undergraduate residence halls do not have kitchens. Students instead can opt for a meal plan and dine at one of the state-of-the-art dining halls on campus.

<https://dining.purdue.edu>

There is also on-campus and off-campus apartments available via University Residences.

<https://www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing>

If one signs a residence hall contract, the student cannot get out of the contract.

Some exchange students, particularly students who will be at Purdue for the academic year, are choosing to live in apartments where they will have more space. West Lafayette is overflowing with affordable student apartments. Students who wish to live off campus will have to secure a place on their own. Students can tentatively investigate more at: <https://www.housing.purdue.edu/OffCampus/Home/GeneralInfo>

Finally, prospective exchange students can ask their home International Programs Office to put them in touch with Purdue students who are currently studying at their university. Purdue students are usually enthusiastic to speak with prospective exchange students.

RESOURCE LINKS

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| Homepage | http://www.purdue.edu |
| Course info | http://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/incoming/onlineRegistration.cfm |
| Housing | http://www.housing.purdue.edu |
| Libraries | http://www.lib.purdue.edu |
| Transportation | http://www.gocitybus.com free local transportation with Purdue ID |
| Student Newspaper | http://www.purdueexponent.org |
| Student Organizations | https://boilerlink.purdue.edu |
| Athletics | http://www.purdue.edu/purdue/athletics/index.html http://purduesports.cstv.com/index-main.html |
| Rec Center | http://www.purdue.edu/RecSports |
| Entertainment | http://www.purdue.edu/convocations http://www.homeofpurdue.com https://cla.purdue.edu/academic/vpa/theatre/current_season |
| Social Media | http://www.purdue.edu/purdue/social |
| Nearby Banks | http://www.purduefed.com https://www.chase.com |

INFORMATION ABOUT WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

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| <i>Information about the city/town/university area</i> | http://www.homeofpurdue.com http://www.lafayette-online.com |
| <i>Local Lafayette Newspaper</i> | http://www.jconline.com |
| <i>Indiana Tourism Bureau</i> | http://www.in.gov/visitindiana |
| <i>Distance to nearby major cities</i> | 70 miles to Indianapolis, Indiana 107 miles to Chicago, Illinois Public transportation available by train or bus |

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

**PURDUE RANKS
AMONG
TOP 20
U.S. UNIVERSITIES**

**200+
MAJORS**

**12:1 STUDENT-
FACULTY
RATIO**

**31
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE**

**1000+
STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS**

Reputation. Purdue University is one of the nation's top public universities (U.S. News & World Report). The university is globally renowned for its academic excellence particularly in Engineering and Management. Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan, the first and most recent men to walk on the moon, are among 23 Purdue graduates to have been selected by NASA for space flight.

Diversity. Purdue University has one of the largest international student and scholars group in the United States, making the Greater Lafayette area a culturally diverse and vibrant community. We have a diverse local and international student body of over 40,000 students, over 30,000 of whom are undergraduates. Add to that the Midwest people's reputation for friendliness, and any exchange student will feel right at home here!

Variety of courses available to exchange students. With over 200 major areas of study and 6000 modules/units available every year, exchange students can explore other areas of interest they may not have the opportunity to do in their home university. Thus, a Mechanical Engineering student who wishes to spice up to his or her academic experience could take classes in American History, Theatre Appreciation, or Organizational Leadership while at Purdue.

World class academic, athletic, and entertainment facilities. Purdue is a wireless campus. Every classroom is also equipped with modern audiovisual equipment. Those interested in sports can participate in athletic events or keep up their physical fitness regimen at the Co-Rec. Every year, Purdue brings world class performers to the university (jazz and classical musicians, folk and international performers, various Broadway touring companies, comedians, and many others) for a performance at the 6,000-seat Elliot Hall of Music.

Tailgating. This unique American tradition sees hordes of people barbecuing and celebrating before athletic events. It's a fun and festive affair and at Purdue, with its huge student body and large number of fans coming to cheer the Boilermakers in the 60,000-seat Ross Ade Stadium, this is a Purdue tradition that all exchange students must see, if not experience!

Breakfast Club! You have to see it to believe it. Part Halloween and part pep rally, this other Purdue tradition sees students dressed in all manners of outrageous costumes all wrapped into one big party before every home football game.

HELLO & CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your acceptance to Purdue University as an exchange student! We are confident you will have a productive and enjoyable semester or year in West Lafayette. Adjusting to a new culture while beginning a demanding academic program of study can be very challenging. This handbook is intended to provide you with the practical information you need to prepare for your time at Purdue University.

We look forward to meeting and assisting you throughout your stay at Purdue. You are welcome to call or stop by the Study Abroad Office whenever you need help or advice. Our office is in Room 105 Young Hall, (765) 494-2383, and we are open Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TRAVEL TO PURDUE



When arranging your flight to the United States, we recommend that you arrive at the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), which is about 70 miles south of West Lafayette. From Indianapolis, you can catch the Lafayette Limo (www.lafayettelimo.com) or Reindeer Shuttle (www.reindeershuttle.com). The convenient shuttles offer services between the airport and the Purdue campus.

You may also fly into Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD), though travel time between Chicago and Lafayette takes much longer. There are shuttle services between the O'Hare International Airport and West Lafayette. Express Air Coach (www.expressaircoach.com), Lafayette Limo (www.lafayettelimo.com), and Reindeer Shuttle (www.reindeershuttle.com) all offer daily service. For pick-ups at O'Hare, you should contact the companies at least 48 hours before arrival to reserve a spot.

More travel/arrival details will be sent via email.

If you are allowed to drive in the U.S., familiar with traffic regulations in the United States, confident that you can navigate U.S. interstate highways and roads, and if you have a valid driver's license, you can also rent a car one-way from either airport to West Lafayette. Renting a car for a day or two is quite affordable. Just be sure that the car rental company has an office in Lafayette or West Lafayette so you can return the vehicle once you arrive at Purdue.

INSURANCE & MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS



As an Exchange student on a J-1 visa, you have the option of purchasing an insurance plan that meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of State and Purdue University. It may be to your benefit to compare plans as the Purdue University plan may have better coverage at less cost. If you choose to purchase an outside plan, a waiver form must be submitted and approved by the Student Insurance Office prior to the stated deadline. The Purdue Insurance policy, insurance requirements, and waiver form may be accessed at: www.purdue.edu/push/Insurance/EnrollmentInformation/international.html

Complete instructions are included with the waiver form. If you do not submit a waiver or purchase insurance by the deadline stated on the waiver form, your registration will be cancelled. There will be a \$250 late registration fee to re-register or you will need to leave the United States.

Exchange students here for two semesters must reconfirm their insurance at the start of the second semester.

You should be aware that American health insurance policies do not cover eye and dental care; we suggest that you take care of these needs before you leave home.

Indiana state law requires that all new, regularly enrolled students of public universities are immunized and that all international students are tested for tuberculosis after arrival in the U.S.A. More details are at: www.purdue.edu/push/immunization/index.html.

MONEY MATTERS



Credit cards and debit cards are widely used in the U.S. and are accepted by almost all businesses. ATM cards can be used almost anywhere in the world and are certainly the easiest way to access your money from home. Check with your bank to find out if your ATM card will work in the United States. If your card is connected to the Interlink, CIRRUS, MAESTO, Co-op, or PLUS network, then it will most certainly work in the United States.

As a back-up, in case you lose your ATM card or credit cards aren't accepted, you might want to have a few hundred dollars' worth of traveler's checks with you. Traveler's checks are the safest way to carry money since they are replaceable if lost or stolen. Be sure to write down the check numbers and keep the record separate from the checks.

For convenience, you might want to consider opening a local bank account. If you decide to live off-campus, you might be expected to pay your share of the rent and utilities (phone, electricity, water) with a personal check, unless you can work something out with your roommates. Even if you will only be staying at Purdue for a semester, having a local bank account could be handy. For example, you would be able to withdraw money without having to pay transaction fees.

TIP

If you're attending Purdue for the academic year, consider opening a local bank account to avoid paying transaction fees for out-of-network debit card use.

There are several banks near campus, including one that is located right in the Purdue Memorial Union. To open an account, you will need to present your passport, proof of local residence, and Purdue University identification number (PUID). Your initial deposit can consist of cash, traveler's checks, or a bank or cashier's check drawn in U.S. dollars on a U.S. bank. Avoid checks in U.S. dollars drawn on a foreign bank. Such checks take much longer to clear than checks drawn on U.S. banks. Remember that until a check clears, you will not have access to your funds.

Remember to have enough cash to meet the initial costs of getting to campus and at least one month's expenses. You will need a certain amount of money in the first month to purchase textbooks and supplies, enjoy social activities, perhaps buy electrical appliances, and pay for housing and meals. Keep in mind that you will probably spend more during this time while you get set up.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Once you arrive on campus, you should go directly to your residence hall, apartment, or house to settle in. Then, you should do the following:

1. Attend your scheduled Mandatory International Student Check-in (MISCi) appointment.

Prior to arrival you need to schedule your MISCi appointment. Check-in is required! You will need to go to Stewart Center (STEW) for your SEVIS check-in appointment. The entire process should take about 1.5 hours. Bring the following with you: your passport, student visa, Form DS-2019, and your local address and phone number.

The MISCi appointment will begin the orientation activities for the international students new to Purdue. You will also be given an information packet, a detailed orientation schedule, information about securing your university I.D., health insurance, and other important details.

2. Meet with your academic advisor.

When you applied to come to Purdue as an exchange student, you were assigned an academic advisor whose name was listed in your acceptance letter. It is a good idea to meet your academic advisor as soon as possible. You may want to discuss your academic objectives or courses for the semester, change a course, or seek advice on how you can be a successful student at Purdue.

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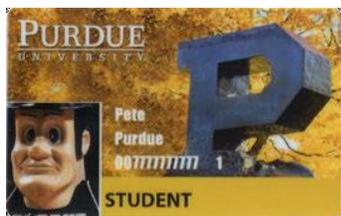
It would be a nice gesture for you to bring a little souvenir from your country or home university to your academic advisor. A shirt with your university's logo, a book, a paperweight, a keychain, or a poster would be appropriate gifts.

3. Confirm your Purdue enrollment.

To finalize your student enrollment at Purdue, you have to confirm your enrollment by logging in to your myPurdue account using your Purdue Career Account login and password. Failure to do so will cost you a late registration fee! After you confirm your enrollment, the "Academic" section in your myPurdue page should indicate the classes for which you are registered and the rooms where they meet. Once you know your official schedule, you can purchase your books. If you are mistakenly billed for tuition, inform the Study Abroad Office so we can correct the problem. NOTE: Your tuition waiver will not be applied to your account unless you are registered full-time. Once registered full-time, it might take a day or two for the waiver to be applied to your account.

4. Obtain a Purdue University Identification (PUID) Card.

Every student is provided with a Purdue identification card which you should carry with you at all times. Once you have confirmed your enrollment and completed your MISCi appointment, go to Room 5 in Hovde Hall to have your student I.D. card made. You can also open a BoilerExpress account (a debit account for cash-free buying on campus) through your PUID card.



TIP:

Carry your Purdue I.D. with you at all times. You will need your PUID card to use the Libraries, Recreational Sports Center, the Purdue Student Health Center, and to ride the entire CityBus system for free.

5. Attend the Welcome Receptions hosted by the Study Abroad Office.

The Study Abroad Office holds a casual Welcome Reception each semester during the first week of class. We invite new incoming exchange students as well as Purdue students who have just returned from their own studies abroad. It is a wonderful way for students to mingle, share stories, and match faces with names! We will also invite you to join PASSPORT, a social group of exchange students and Purdue students who have studied abroad. Many fun activities are planned through PASSPORT, so take advantage of the opportunity!



Founders Park with the Beering Hall of Liberal Arts in the background is a popular hangout area for students.

SEMESTER EXPENSES



As an exchange student, your Purdue tuition and fees will be waived in accordance with the student exchange agreement between Purdue and your home university. You are responsible for all other expenses—housing, meals, any special class fees, supplies, personal travel, and other miscellaneous expenses—which typically cost about \$7,100 per semester, depending on your individual lifestyle.

Incidental Travel Expenses

It is wise to have at least \$100 available in cash for expenses incurred en route to Purdue University from your home country. Expenses en route can include airport shuttle, bus or taxi fares, tips, and meals while waiting for connecting flights.

Health Insurance and Medical Expenses

Unless you have sufficient insurance coverage and can waive Purdue's insurance requirements, expect to pay between \$400 and \$900 for a semester or year of Purdue student insurance. See *Insurance & Medical Requirements* on page 10 for additional information.

Books and Academic Supplies

Textbooks are expensive in the United States! Approximate cost for books and academic supplies can range from \$500 to \$800 per semester. Students can purchase required course textbooks, available new or used. Upon the completion of each semester, students may sell back their textbooks to the bookstores for a fraction of the original purchase price.

The required books and their prices can be found at the local campus bookstores after you arrive or online on the Amazon@Purdue website www.purdue.amazon.com. Students ordering from Amazon@Purdue can select Amazon@Purdue as their shipping address, receive free one-day

pick-up on most books and other items, and then pick-up their order when it arrives at the Amazon@Purdue on campus.

Another way to save money is to see if you buy them in your country, however if you have to buy your books after arriving at Purdue, you can also try other online bookstores, which might have cheaper prices than the local bookstores. Some of the more popular online stores include:

www.half.com/textbooks
www.walmart.com

www.amazon.com
www.barnesandnoble.com

Housing Expenses

Students living in campus residence halls can expect to pay anywhere from \$2,000 (Hawkins Hall, double room rates, no meal plan) to \$7,750 (First Street Towers, single room plus meal plan) per semester. Only Hawkins Hall and Hilltop Apartments offers an optional meal plan. A detailed list of University Residence Hall rates can be found at this website: www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing.

Rates will vary widely for students living off-campus. Their share of the rent and utilities will depend on the type of apartment or house, the number of roommates, and pattern of utilities consumption. It would be reasonable to budget \$350 - \$650 for the monthly share of the rent, plus an additional \$50 - \$100 for utilities.

Miscellaneous Expenses

Although miscellaneous expenses vary greatly from one person to the next depending upon personal travel and entertainment habits, you should have approximately \$1,000 available per semester. Below is a sample of the average cost of several common items:

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| 14-in pizza | \$10.00 |
| Pint of draught beer in a bar | \$4.50 |
| Gallon of milk | \$2.75 |
| Loaf of bread | \$3.00 |
| Box of cereal | \$4.00 |
| Dozen eggs | \$3.00 |
| Pound of apples | \$2.50 |
| Box of laundry soap | \$4.00 |
| Gallon of gas | \$2.50 |
| Movie ticket (matinee) | \$8.00 |
| Movie ticket (evening) | \$10.00 |
| Overseas stamp | \$0.98 |
| One load of laundry | \$1.50 |
| Sit-down lunch | \$10.00 |
| Sit-down dinner | \$15.00 |
| Fast food meal | \$7.00 |



Students relax while studying at the Purdue Mall

ACADEMICS

Academic System

The higher education system in the United States is probably very different from the style of instruction at your home university. While many exchange students have done well at Purdue, it will be more reassuring for you to know what to expect as a Purdue undergraduate student.

In the United States, class attendance and participation are normally considered course requirements. You can expect daily or weekly homework assignments, frequent short tests or “quizzes” (announced and unannounced), and teachers keeping track of the number of times you participate in class discussions. At the end of each semester, final examinations are given and may cover the entire course content or only a portion of it. In addition to the final exam, most classes will have a mid-term exam. While many different types of testing are used, multiple choice, true/false, and short answer exams are the most common in lower-level courses. Upper-level courses usually involve essay exams and research papers. Engineering, Science, and Polytechnic students can expect problem-solving assignments, while Management students frequently work on group projects.



Hitting the books at the Hicks Undergraduate Library



A lively lecture in the Class of 1950 Lecture Hall

University professors in the United States generally welcome classroom questions and discussions with their students. In addition, professors maintain regular “office hours” - times during the week when they are available to meet with their students to discuss course topics, homework assignments, or any related subject matter of interest to the student. You should take advantage of office hours if you want to have additional discussions with your professors about a previous lecture, a homework assignment, or if you have grade concerns. Office hours are usually listed in the course syllabus that the professor will distribute on the first class meeting.

Your class may also have one or more teaching assistants (“TAs”), who are usually graduate students who teach recitation sections, grade papers, take attendance, conduct tutorials, and hold office hours for consultations. If you did not quite understand the professor’s lecture, but feel apprehensive seeing him or her during office hours, you should certainly see your TA.

Credits

Purdue’s academic year runs from mid-August to early-May and consists of two 16-week semesters. The first semester is from mid-August to mid-December, while the second semester runs from early-January to mid-May. Course weight or value is measured by “credits” and the amount of credit is based upon the number of hours the class meets each week; for example, a 3-credit course meets three or more hours per week. A typical 3-credit course might meet for 50 minutes three times a week or for an hour and fifteen minutes twice a week. Plan on spending two or three hours outside of class for readings and homework for every hour spent in class.

Exchange students are required by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to maintain full-time student status while at Purdue, which means a minimum of 12 credits every

semester for undergraduate students. Since most courses at Purdue are worth 3 or 4 credits, students generally take between 3 and 5 courses per semester. Exchange students in the past have commented that courses at Purdue involve a lot more work (homework, quizzes, and additional readings required for each class). Thus, we do not recommend that you take more than five courses per semester.

Grades

| Grade | Points |
|------------|--------|
| A (and A+) | 4 |
| A- | 3.7 |
| B+ | 3.3 |
| B | 3 |
| B- | 2.7 |
| C+ | 2.3 |
| C | 2 |
| C- | 1.7 |
| D+ | 1.3 |
| D | 1 |
| D- | 0.7 |
| F | 0 |

Academic performance in each course is evaluated by the professor using letter grades of “A” to “F.” The grading system used to evaluate a student’s academic performance is based on a four-point scale. At the end of the semester you will receive a number of credits corresponding to the courses you have successfully completed. These credits are multiplied by your grades to determine your “grade-point-average (GPA).” A GPA provides a general indication of overall academic performance and is used by U.S. graduate school admissions offices and employers interested in a student’s academic history. Generally, undergraduate students are expected to complete their studies with a “C” average or better, which explains why achieving good grades is so important to American students.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ask your home university’s International Programs Office how grades from Purdue will translate or be converted to your university’s grading system.

Course Registration

Starting in March and October, available courses can be viewed online at https://esa-oas-prod.itap.purdue.edu:9011/prod/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched. You should refer to this schedule when making or revising your course selections (be sure to select campus: West Lafayette!). The exchange student application deadline, however, occurs before the list of courses for the following semester become available. Thus, exchange students should generate their course selection based on Purdue courses offered the previous academic year. Many courses are regularly scheduled during a specific semester, and what tends to get offered in the fall or the spring could go unchanged from year to year.

TIP:

Your Purdue academic advisor will contact you about or will register you for classes based on the choices you indicated on the Course Selection portion of the Exchange Student Application. It is advisable to list several alternate classes in case your first-choices are not available. If you need to make changes to your schedule, you can do so by logging on to your myPurdue account at a later time. You will receive more information via e-mail.

Purdue Transcript

At the completion of your exchange period at Purdue, the Study Abroad Office will email you instructions on requesting an official transcript to be sent to the International Programs Office at your home university. If you would like additional official transcripts for your own use, or if you would like to get a transcript sooner, you may request a copy at the Purdue Registrar’s Office before you leave the Purdue campus to return home (although your grades likely won’t be posted by then) or online through your myPurdue page.

ACCOMODATIONS

Where you will live while studying at Purdue is another decision you have to make. Many exchange students prefer to stay in on-campus housing. Living in the dormitories is convenient. All dormitories are within walking distance of the academic buildings, most offer meal plans so students don't have to bother with cooking and cleaning up, do not require additional payment for utilities, and affords residents countless opportunities to meet many new people and participate in organized activities. However, students living in University Residences' housing are subject to their rules and regulations and usually live with a roommate. Most dormitories have small rooms and very limited cooking facilities. For this reason, some students opt for independent off-campus accommodations, though finding an apartment to share can be more challenging since students have to do this by themselves.

University Residences' On-Campus Dormitories and On- and Off-Campus Apartments



If you want to live in university-run housing during your semester or year at Purdue, you can apply online at www.housing.purdue.edu after you have been officially admitted to the university. A housing contract processing fee will be charged to your Purdue account for payment later.

University Residences' housing is in great demand, particularly during the fall semester, but if you apply early or by the stated deadline, there should be no problem.



Once your housing application is processed, **a housing contract will be sent to your purdue.edu email account.** Read the document carefully, choose your preferences, and return it as instructed. You will be notified several weeks or months later of your room assignment. If you cancel the application or reject the housing contract, you will not receive a refund of any portion of the housing contract processing fee.

If you are coming to Purdue for the academic year (fall-spring) your housing contract will automatically be valid for the entire academic year. If you are a fall semester student, your housing contract will initially be for the academic year, **but** you can notify your housing's main office after arrival that you will be leaving at the end of the fall semester, and they will then allow you to terminate the contract in December. Academic-year students are required to stay in University Residences' housing for the entire academic year. Spring semester or calendar year students will have housing contracts just for the spring semester. Upon checking into your room, you will receive a comprehensive University Residences guidebook, which outlines the policies and procedures associated with living in a university residence hall.

ATTENTION:

If you are coming to Purdue for the academic year (August to May) and have applied to live in University Residences' housing, you cannot cancel your housing contract for the second semester.

Exchange students are placed with roommates unless you have specified a roommate on your housing application. In the event that you are incompatible with your roommate(s) or dissatisfied with your room assignment, University Residences will attempt to relocate you, provided alternate rooms are available.

Your campus housing charges will begin the day you check-in during orientation. Students pay room and board fees directly to the Bursar's Office according to the payment schedule chosen by the student on the housing contract. Students are also responsible for any fees for loss or damage. You can pay your fees online by credit card (additional fee applies) or debit card or in person by check.

Students living in University Residences' housing can stay in their rooms at no extra charge during October, Thanksgiving, and Spring Breaks, but are expected to vacate their rooms during the Semester Break. Academic year students, however, may leave their things in their room over the Semester Break. If you have any questions specific to your room assignment, you should contact University Residences.

The on-campus dormitories are conveniently located to the north, south, and west of campus, within easy walking distance to classes. Some of the off-campus apartments are located just off campus and also within easy walking distance, while other apartments are further away, but still easily accessible to campus via the free CityBus. The CityBus travels through campus, making it easy to travel from all University Residences housing options to your classes.

For complete University Residences information visit: www.housing.purdue.edu.

Living in Independent Off-Campus Housing

Although staying in the university's accommodations is convenient, it is relatively more expensive than sharing an off-campus apartment with other students. In addition, the dormitories, for example, only have very basic cooking facilities.

If living more frugally, having more space, and being able to cook your own food are important to you, you might prefer living off-campus. For more information about off-campus accommodations, check out www.housing.purdue.edu/OffCampus/Home/GeneralInfo, however exchange students should keep in mind that the Study Abroad Office cannot assist with the search for off-campus accommodations, intervene in landlord or roommate disputes, participate in the negotiation of rental agreements, etc. Otherwise, some off-campus options are:

Cooperative Housing

Students who want to experience group living at a more reasonable price can pursue the Cooperative Housing option. Purdue's cooperative housing system, governed by the Purdue Cooperative Council (PCC), includes five houses for men and seven houses for women. All twelve houses operate on the principles of cooperative living with all residents working together to manage each house for the benefit of each other.

Cooperative or Co-op housing is the least expensive housing system at Purdue. Each house has between 24 and 53 members who share responsibilities such as cleaning and preparing meals to maintain a comfortable living environment. Members of the cooperative houses have between three to five hours of house duties a week. Vacancies are occasionally available, and exchange students can apply as boarders to any of the cooperative housing units. For more information and contact information, the cooperative housing website is: www.purduecooperatives.org.



The Glenwood Cooperative House for women.

Private Apartments and Rental Houses

There are hundreds of apartments and rental houses near the Purdue University campus and within the cities of West Lafayette and Lafayette. It is possible to find a place to live within days of arriving at Purdue. However, while off-campus housing is plentiful, students wishing to pursue this option will have to do so by themselves. The Study Abroad Office has neither the resources nor the manpower to help exchange students locate independent housing. If students have a strong preference to live in an apartment or house off-campus, we recommend arriving at least one to two weeks prior to the beginning of the fall semester. Students can search for apartments that have short-term individual leases at the following websites:

www.boilerapartments.com
www.housing.purdue.edu/OffCampus

www.apartments.com
www.rent.com

For exchange students, subleasing an apartment for the semester may be a better option than trying to rent. Many apartments in the Lafayette area have a 9- or 12-month lease. When you sublease, you will merely take over another student's lease of an already furnished apartment when the latter is unable to complete the terms of the lease (such as studying abroad themselves).

Purdue students who go on a semester internship or who study abroad usually sublease their apartment space (including free use of furnishings and kitchen utensils) to other students. The online classified ad pages of the student newspaper, the *Purdue Exponent*, have numerous listings of furnished apartments for rent or for sublease. Please note that more subleases tend to be available during the spring semester than during the fall semester. Here are the websites you can try:

www.purdueexponent.org/classifieds
www.boilerapartments.com/subleasearch.aspx



A typical student apartment...
Exchange students can live alone in a one-bedroom apartment, rent a 2- or 3-bedroom apartment with other students, or sublease an apartment.

Try to find an apartment or rental unit that is within walking distance of the Purdue campus or on a CityBus line. Unless you plan on having a car while studying at Purdue, you probably want to live where you can walk or take the bus to campus or frequented places in town. Make sure you inquire how close the housing is to campus and how often the buses run. You certainly do not want your activities curtailed because you can't find a way to get there.

MEALS



Meet new friends at the dining hall!

Meals provided in the University Residences' dining facilities offer a wide variety of tasty options. Students living in the Purdue dormitories may choose a 20-, 13-, or 8-meal plan as part of their housing contract. If no meal plan is available or required, all students have the option to open a BoilerExpress account (www.purdue.edu/business/card). Students simply swipe their university ID card to receive their meals in any University Residences' dining facility.

Detailed information on meal plan options will be presented at the time housing contracts are issued. To read more about dining services at Purdue, go to: www.dining.purdue.edu. Students may also eat at the many restaurants in the Purdue Memorial Union and in the many local restaurants in the surrounding community.

University Residence's apartments have kitchen facilities, so students may prepare their own meals.

LIBRARIES



The Purdue University Libraries system on the West Lafayette campus includes six subject-oriented libraries, the Hicks Undergraduate Library, and the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center.

Hours of operation vary, but all libraries on campus are open during weekdays. The larger libraries are open seven days a week and have evening hours. The Undergraduate Library is open 24 hours with your PUID card.

COMPUTERS



All academic buildings, University Residences, public lounges, and activity areas have Wi-Fi capability. In addition, located throughout campus are over 20 computer labs. Many of the computer labs are open from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Some are open even later.

All computer labs are equipped with laser printers, and all students are allotted \$20 per semester to use toward printing. Once your allotment has been used, a fee per print will be charged. Currently it costs \$.04 to print one black & white page and \$.12 for color).

COMMUNICATING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

The entire Purdue campus is on a wireless internet system. All computers in campus labs are on also connected to the Internet. Many restaurants and cafes around campus also have free Wi-Fi. Thus, emailing or Skyping with your family and friends back home should not be cause for concern.

Cell phones are prevalent, and there are numerous companies offering different types of calling plans. Consider a “Pay-as-You-Go” cell phone service. Investigate the terms! In the United States, cell phone users may pay for incoming calls.

To make a long distance call in the U.S., dial: 1 + *the 3 digit area code + the 7 digit number of your correspondent*. To place an international call, dial: 011 + *the country code + the number of your correspondent*.

To send items to your home country, the U.S. Postal Service (www.usps.com) is least expensive. The local post office is on Navajo Drive (take CityBus #1B). There is also a UPS Store located in the Purdue Memorial Union.

LEISURE & SPORT

Purdue University offers students an array of activities and entertainment options. Watch the bulletins around campus and the school newspaper (*Purdue Exponent*) to see what’s happening on campus and in the community.

Sport & Fitness

For students interested in maintaining their physical fitness while at Purdue, the Recreational Sports Center (www.purdue.edu/recsports), or “Co-Rec,” is free for exchange students. Amenities include an Aquatic Center, cardiovascular and weight training equipment, basketball, racquetball, handball, in-line hockey, wallyball, and soccer courts, as well as outdoor playing fields for soccer, softball, or Ultimate Frisbee. Students can also enjoy the tennis and jogging facilities.

If students would rather compete than exercise, the Purdue Recreational Sports Center sponsors several club sports teams and organizes athletic tournaments every semester. The website for the various club sports at Purdue is: www.purdue.edu/recwell/programs/clubSports.



Purdue students cheer on the Purdue Boilermaker football team!

Spectator Sports

Because Purdue University is a member of the Big 10 Athletic Conference, you will have many opportunities to attend various athletic events throughout the academic year. In the fall semester, American football, volleyball, soccer, tennis, cross-country, and golf competitions take place. The spring semester includes basketball, swimming and diving, track and field, baseball, and wrestling. Most events are free, but students are charged a nominal fee to see football, basketball, and volleyball games.

During the fall, Football Saturdays are always festive and boisterous affairs. Gather your new Purdue friends and head to Ross-Ade Stadium to watch the game and hear the All-American Marching Band!

Performing Arts

Purdue Convocations brings world class performers to Purdue. Musicals, rock concerts, comedy, opera, symphony, and dance performances are regularly presented at the 6,000-seat Elliot Hall of Music in the heart of the Purdue campus. Chamber orchestra, jazz, and individual performances are presented in the 2,000-seat Loeb Theater. Students are eligible for discounted student prices to any performance as well as ticket packages. The Purdue Convocations website is www.purdue.edu/convos.

In addition, Purdue's Theater Department stages several theatrical student/faculty productions every season in the state-of-the-art facilities at the Pao Hall for Visual and Performing Arts. Students can purchase season tickets or individual tickets at discounted prices. Theatre productions also need volunteers; if you are interested, inquire at the Theatre Department at theatre@purdue.edu or by calling (765) 494-3074.



Restaurants & Pubs

For a night out with friends, there are several bars and restaurants around campus, which include Jake's Roadhouse, Neon Cactus, Harry's Chocolate Shop, Scotty's Brewhouse, Chumley's, and more. Just down the hill from the Purdue campus is Wabash Landing, home to a movie theatre, a Starbucks, and other restaurants and retail shops.

Attention:

The legal drinking age in Indiana is 21. Students who are not yet 21 cannot purchase or consume alcohol in public (not even in their dorm rooms). Indiana, like most states, also has an open container law. Even if you are 21, you cannot be seen in public or ride in a vehicle with an open container of alcohol.

Penalties for providing alcohol to minors are harsh. If you are 21, do not purchase alcohol for a minor.

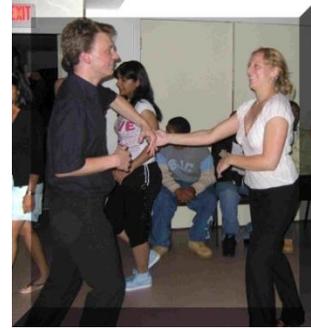
Only students who are 21 and older can enter the bars. The United States and Indiana have strict laws governing the consumption of alcohol.

Festivals and Events

There are also special events and festivals that take place at Purdue and in the Greater Lafayette area every semester. The fall semester also includes fun and interesting events such as Global Fest (near campus at the Morton Community Center) during early September's Labor Day weekend, and the Purdue Homecoming Celebration and the Feast of the Hunter's Moon at Fort Ouiatenon in October. During the spring, Purdue's Spring Fest and the International Food Bazaar, both in April, are highly anticipated events



The Feast of the Hunters' Moon is a recreation of the annual fall gathering of the French and Native Americans which took place at Fort Ouiatenon, a fur-trading outpost in the mid - 1700s.



The International Center (IC) hosts a variety of cultural events and activities

The International Center (IC) in the Purdue campus also organizes several social events throughout the semester. For a list of activities, visit the IC website at: www.intlctr.org. More information on the arts and music scene in the Lafayette area can be found at: www.lafayette-online.com/arts.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

Purdue University does not offer an English as a Second Language program or true ESL classes, however, the Purdue Language and Cultural Exchange (PLaCE) offers classes aimed at improving oral and writing skills. For more information, including qualification requirements, visit www.purdue.edu/place.

Exchange students who wish to improve their English communication skills can participate in non-credit English classes offered by two different organizations at Purdue. Students who are interested in taking English language courses to improve their speaking or writing skills may join classes offered by the International Center (IC). These classes are usually free, but some may require a nominal fee. For more information, the IC's website is www.intlctr.org.

The Purdue Village offers English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). More information is at: www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing/Residences/PurdueVillage/ESOL. Participants are presented with fun and challenging coursework to equip non-native English speakers with the appropriate language skills they need in order to reach their educational, cultural, and social goals.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



Getting the most out of your time at Purdue also means getting involved. Take your first step toward participation and enjoy many opportunities to build friendships and rewarding experiences by joining any of the 1,000 student organizations on campus. You can join sports clubs, academic organizations, professional or special interest organizations, or international student groups. For the scoop on the latest student campus activities, check out the Purdue BoilerLink website at www.boilerlink.purdue.edu.

If you wish, contact the student organization of students from your own country. Among the many international student organizations on campus are the Japan Students Association, German Culture Club, Chinese Students Association, among many others. Students from Latin America

should definitely check out the Latino Cultural Center at Purdue. The organization's website is: www.purdue.edu/LCC.

All exchange students are invited to become members of the Purdue Association of Student Study Abroad Participants and Other Recent Travelers (PASSPORT). This social organization is sponsored by the Study Abroad Office to foster friendship and camaraderie between current exchange students and Purdue students who have returned from studying abroad. In addition to casual gatherings, PASSPORT members have organized group excursions to Chicago, St. Louis, and Cincinnati and participated in university events like the International Education Week, International Awareness Week, and others. Email studyabroad@purdue.edu for more information.

CLIMATE



While the weather is often unpredictable in the Midwestern part of the United States, you can expect hot, humid summer days and sub-zero (Fahrenheit) winter days with snow and ice. Generally, July and August are the hottest months while January and February are the coldest. September to late October is very nice with cool, sunny weather, and it is also a treat in the fall to see the leaves on the trees turn from green to various shades of yellow, red, orange, and brown. The months from March to May are also beautiful as the first buds appear and flowers bloom.

Winters can be harsh in Indiana, and the cold weather is usually compounded by wind-chills that can make the outdoor temperature seem 10 to 15 degrees colder. Warm clothes, such as heavy coats, scarves, gloves, and boots, are essential for the winter months of December through March. Winter clearance sales start in January, so if you are short on warm gear, take comfort that you should be able to find good deals! If you are coming for the "spring" semester, and you are not used to the cold, brace yourself for really frigid weather upon arrival! (But when it snows, have fun sledding on Slayter Hill!)

TRAVEL IN & AROUND WEST LAFAYETTE



Depending where you live, the distance between most housing options and classrooms can be easily traveled on foot. The dorms are about a 10 to 15-minute walk, while students living at Hilltop Apartments will have a 20 to 30-minute walk to reach the main part of campus. It might pay to invest in a bicycle, although it might be difficult to use it during the winter months, or to sign up for the bike share program: www.zagster.com/purdue.

The Lafayette CityBus provides bus service around campus and within the greater West Lafayette/Lafayette community. There are several campus loop routes that service the dormitories and apartments in the vicinity of the campus area. Students ride free - simply show your Purdue ID upon entering the bus. For schedules, maps, to download the app, or to sign up for text alerts, visit the CityBus website at www.qccitybus.com.

Like most cities, Uber and Lyft are available in the Lafayette/West Lafayette area. Students can download an app to request rides within the immediate vicinity or slightly longer distances. Visit www.uber.com and www.lyft.com for details and costs.

For more long-distance travel, for example, if you would like to go to New York, Miami, Las Vegas, or other cities during university breaks, you can check out online travel websites for inexpensive

student airfare. You can look for travel deals on websites such as www.statravel.com, www.studentuniverse.com, www.kayak.com, www.southwest.com, www.allegiantair.com, or www.fly.com.

If you would rather drive, renting a car is easy and not all that expensive. You may drive in the U.S. for 60 days with a driver's license issued in your home country. After this time, you will need to apply for an Indiana driver's license from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which involves taking both written and driving tests. Alternatively, you can obtain an International Driver's License, issued by the American Automobile Association (AAA). These must be purchased in your home country.

You can also take the Greyhound bus or Amtrak train from Lafayette to either of these cities. The bus and train station is at Riehle Plaza in downtown Lafayette. For more info, visit: www.greyhound.com or www.amtrak.com.

EMPLOYMENT

Exchange students may be employed on campus up to 20 hours per week during the academic semester. University Residences, the Purdue Memorial Union, and the Purdue Libraries typically hire several student workers every semester.



In addition, students may apply for “academic training.” Academic training is employment in the field of your academic program in the U.S. Typically, exchange students may engage in academic training equal to the length of time they were registered as a student at Purdue (e.g., one semester = four months of academic training). Once you arrive on campus, most employment inquiries related to your immigration status should be directed to the Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS). The ISS website has all the information you need for on-campus employment and academic training: www.iss.purdue.edu/Current/J1/Employment.cfm.

SHOPPING & DINING



The university is within easy walking distance to many bookstores, shops, restaurants, hair salons, banks, and other conveniences. Several supermarkets or grocery stores are also easily accessible by foot, bike, or bus. Larger grocery stores, such as Super Wal-Mart and Payless are a few miles from campus (accessible by CityBus #1B). There are also nearby shops that sell basic grocery items and several ethnic grocery stores near campus. The LA Village Food Mart is in the Chauncey Hill area right outside the Purdue campus. Better World Market, Asia Market, Hana Market, and C&T Market are all on CityBus routes.

The partnership between Purdue and Amazon.com, called Amazon@Purdue, allows Purdue students to not only shop online for textbooks and have them shipped free and fast to Purdue, but also other school and dorm supplies, electronics, and other necessities.

Locally, students who want to go shopping for clothes should go to the Tippecanoe Mall (CityBus #4A) for the largest selection. For purchasing general items like electronics, toiletries, school supplies, or linens, large stores like Wal-Mart or Target offer the most reasonable prices. Electronics may also be purchased at Best Buy (CityBus #4A Tippecanoe Mall).

During ISS WOW!/orientation, ISS takes International Students on a shopping trip to Wal-Mart so they can purchase necessities. There is a sign-up sheet for this shopping trip, so be sure to do so during orientation.

Students, who need table lamps, eating/cooking utensils, or room decorations, may be able to buy such items second-hand or used. There is a large Goodwill Store, not far from the Purdue campus, that sells used items in good condition at low prices. CityBus #1 stops at the Goodwill store.

TIP:

The Goodwill Store in West Lafayette sells used items at low prices. You can buy your cooking or eating utensils, room decorations, furniture, winter coats - just about everything – at this store.

For students who want to dine out, there are several restaurants around campus or in downtown Lafayette worth trying. In and around campus are several restaurants that have a student's budget in mind. There are also various ethnic restaurants near campus, including Thai, Korean, Indian, Chinese, Middle Eastern, Japanese, and many others. For a list of local restaurants and their locations, please consult <http://www.homeofpurdue.com/eat.html>.

SAFETY



Purdue University and the greater Lafayette community are relatively safe. Most crimes that take place involve personal belongings. As in all cities, you are advised to be sensible and to walk accompanied rather than alone at night. Walkways on campus and around residence halls are well-lit at night. Watch out, however, for bicyclists and skateboarders zooming around campus and downtown. On Friday and Saturday nights, keep an eye out for students who have foolishly taken one drink too many and are behind the wheel. Despite drunk-driving laws, some people still drink and drive.

At Purdue, there are yellow emergency call boxes all over campus. They are regularly spaced yellow posts with phones marked by a blue light on top. When you suspect that someone is following you or if you need assistance, you can use the phone to call for help. The blue light will flash when you activate the phone.

The Student Security Patrol staffs the Safe-Walk program. Students may call (765) 494-SAFE and request an escort if they do not feel safe walking alone. This service is available to and from University Residences, the academic campus, and the Village Business District.

TIP:

If you need to call the police, fire, or an ambulance for an emergency, dial 9-1-1. This works on all phone systems all over the country.

When traveling, be sure to keep travel documents and money with you at all times. It is also wise to keep a photocopy of your passport separate from your passport. Always exercise caution if you are traveling to a major U.S. city. Violent crime is not uncommon in the United States and some Purdue students who have studied abroad claim they feel safer in London, Copenhagen, or Singapore than in New York, Miami, Los Angeles, or Chicago.

BEFRIENDING AMERICANS



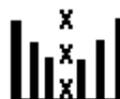
While Purdue University has one of the largest international student populations among large research universities, the majority of your classmates at Purdue will be your average American college student. What is the best way to make friends with these people? How will you behave at social gatherings? The topic of friendship is one that everyone is interested in, but can be a bit difficult to describe.

Friendliness and Openness

Americans are often very friendly and helpful to people that they do not know well, and they may also be more open in what they talk about than people from many other countries. This can be confusing to someone who comes from a country where people are initially more reserved. An international student may also feel that Americans are superficial or are not good friends when this initial friendliness does not continue as friendship. A model of friendship referred to by Margaret Pusch, past president of the National Association of International Educators, may help exchange students to Purdue understand some of the differences. Sometimes known as the "wall theory," it describes two patterns of friendship: one American and one found in many other countries.



American



Other Countries

The American pattern shows how Americans are initially very friendly and open: as symbolized by the first wall being very low. However, American values stress privacy and independence, and the walls become higher and higher before one reaches the stage of a good friendship (represented by the Xs in the center of the diagram). Thus, many international students are very happy when the American they meet is so friendly and open. However, when the American does not continue to act in a way that the international student expects of a friend, the international student is disappointed and confused. They may sometimes conclude that Americans are superficial and do not really know how to be friends. What the international student may not realize is that they have not yet reached the stage of being good friends with the American: they need to go over some "higher walls" before reaching the center and a good friendship.

Alternatively, Americans living in a country where people are more reserved and not as initially friendly as in the U.S. may sometimes become discouraged about making friends in that country; they may feel that people in their host country are very unfriendly.

When meeting people from other countries, it may be helpful to be aware that ways of getting to know someone may be different in different countries and to try to avoid making judgments about the people of that country.

Expectations

Two important American values are privacy and independence.

Thus, Americans may prefer to do something themselves rather than asking for help, as they do not want to impose on the other person's privacy. They may also expect others to do the same.



This can create misunderstandings with people from societies with more interdependent relationships, who assume more obligations to friends.

In addition, expectations of friendship may be very different in various countries. Americans tend to use the word "friend" where people in some countries might use the word "acquaintance," and they often have different types of friends: friends just to do activities with, close friends, and best friends. In other countries, people reserve the word "friend" for a few people who are very close.

Topics

What is considered an appropriate topic to talk about with friends or acquaintances can vary somewhat between countries. Many international students comment that they do not know how to start a conversation with Americans because of a lack of shared background. When speaking to someone they do not know well, try to talk about fairly neutral topics and to look for similarities. Begin with "small talk"; discuss the weather or the immediate situation (the class, professor, party, host, decorations). It might continue with questions or comments about common acquaintances, sports, movies, work, or school.

- Don't be afraid to take the initiative: Start a conversation, show interest in others by asking questions; invite someone to have coffee with you after class. Even if they can't go, once you have taken the initiative, they are much more likely to be open or to even invite you the next time.
- Be positive: Don't assume someone doesn't like you if they don't respond in a way that you expect. They may just be busy or preoccupied with school or work. Just as you are apprehensive starting a conversation with an American classmate, your classmates may also initially feel the same way.
- Be informed: Read the campus or local newspapers, like the *Purdue Exponent* or the *Lafayette Journal and Courier*. This way you will be more aware of what is happening on campus and in the area. This may help create a more common background to start conversations and let you know what activities are going on.
- Take advantage of Purdue's international activities. Many Americans who have traveled or lived abroad particularly enjoy meeting people from other countries. Activities sponsored by the Purdue Study Abroad Office, Office of International Students and Scholars, CILMAR, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, the International Center, and various international student organizations are a good place to meet people who have an interest in other cultures.
- Take advantage of campus and area clubs and activities that sponsor activities that you enjoy. Sing in a choir, take a pottery or a dance class, or participate in team sports. Sharing activities is a good way to meet people with common interests. Eventually, this could lead to friendships.
- Be aware that differences in expectations about making and having friends may sometimes be confusing or frustrating and that misunderstandings or miscommunications may occur.
- Remember to be patient with yourself and others. Try to suspend your judgment and don't take things too personally if you run into difficulties.
- Finally, relax, have fun, and realize that it takes time to make friends, no matter what country you are from!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I choose courses?

The list of courses offered at Purdue comes out in October for the spring semester and in March for the fall semester. Note that you should choose 100 to 400-level courses. Advanced students may be permitted to take 500-level courses with the permission of the instructor. Undergraduate students are not permitted to take 600-level courses, which are for PhD and advanced Master's students only. You can access the course list website at: www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/incoming/onlineRegistration.cfm.

Because of the Purdue application deadline, you may have submitted your exchange student application before the course list came out. Contact your academic advisor if you'd like to tweak your course requests.

Exchange students typically take between 4 and 5 classes at Purdue. To be legally in the USA, international students must be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester at Purdue.

How will I be registered for classes?

Your Purdue academic advisor will contact you about or will register you for classes based on the choices you indicated on the Course Selection portion of your application. It is a good idea to email your academic advisor as soon as you receive his or her name in your acceptance packet from Purdue. You may still want to meet with him or her after you arrive at Purdue, but you should have been working on your schedule by then.

Where will I live?

All exchange students can apply for accommodations via University Residences. Living in the on-campus dorms is the most convenient option and affords many opportunities to meet many students and participate in group activities. If convenience is important to you, living on-campus is probably what will suit you the best. You will apply online for housing using the University Residences website. You will receive instructions via email.



Hilltop Apartments

If you would like to independently locate off-campus rooms or apartments to rent or sublet, it isn't horribly difficult. There are many rentals around the Purdue University campus. You can scout the Purdue student paper, various apartment websites, or try to find an apartment after you arrive in West Lafayette. If cheaper accommodations, a larger space, privacy and independence, and having a kitchen where you can cook is important to you, then finding an apartment is possibly a better option than living on-campus.

When will I receive my room assignment from University Residences?

You will receive your room assignment several weeks before the semester starts. It will be sent to your @purdue.edu email account. If you do not receive it by July 20 (if you are coming in the fall semester) or December 15 (if you are coming in the spring semester), then you might want to contact University Residences. Please send an email to newres@purdue.edu.

What items are provided in the dormitories?

This varies slightly between the undergraduate dorms. However, each room will be furnished with a bed and mattress, a desk and chair, a lamp, a closet, and a book shelf. All residents are expected to furnish their own bed linens and towels. For a complete overview of campus housing and specific details about room furnishings, take a look at Purdue's University Residences website at: www.housing.purdue.edu.

How will my Purdue credits transfer to my home university?

Just before the end of your exchange program at Purdue, the Study Abroad Office will instruct you to order an official Purdue transcript to be sent to the exchange program coordinator at your home university. Your exchange program coordinator will help you determine how your Purdue coursework and grades will be transferred and recorded on your academic record at home.

Can I get a copy of my Purdue transcript?

Yes. Before you leave Purdue at the end of the semester, log on to myPurdue or go to the Registrar's Office and request that a copy of your transcript be mailed or emailed to you. Grades for the semester are posted the Tuesday after final exam week. More details are at: www.purdue.edu/registrar/currentStudents/students/transcripts.html.

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