

# Program in Exploratory Studies Virtual Information 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 2400 students
- Admission to PES
  - Direct
  - Alternative based on original application
- PES students transfer into one of 7 different colleges/schools, typically after 1st year

# How We Support Students

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

# Design Your Path LLC

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

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# 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>

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# 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](#)

# 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 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

# 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?

[colorado.edu/exploratorystudies/admissions](https://colorado.edu/exploratorystudies/admissions)

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