

Program in Exploratory Studies Information Session

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Congratulations on your admittance to CU Boulder!



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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. The scene is bathed in soft, warm light, suggesting early morning or late afternoon.

What is the Program in Exploratory Studies?

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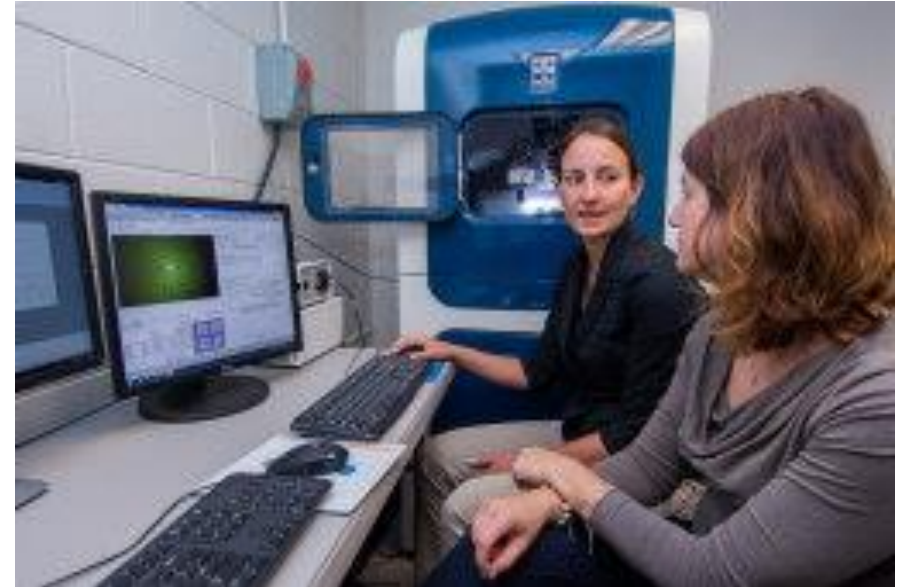
What is the Program in Exploratory Studies?

- 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



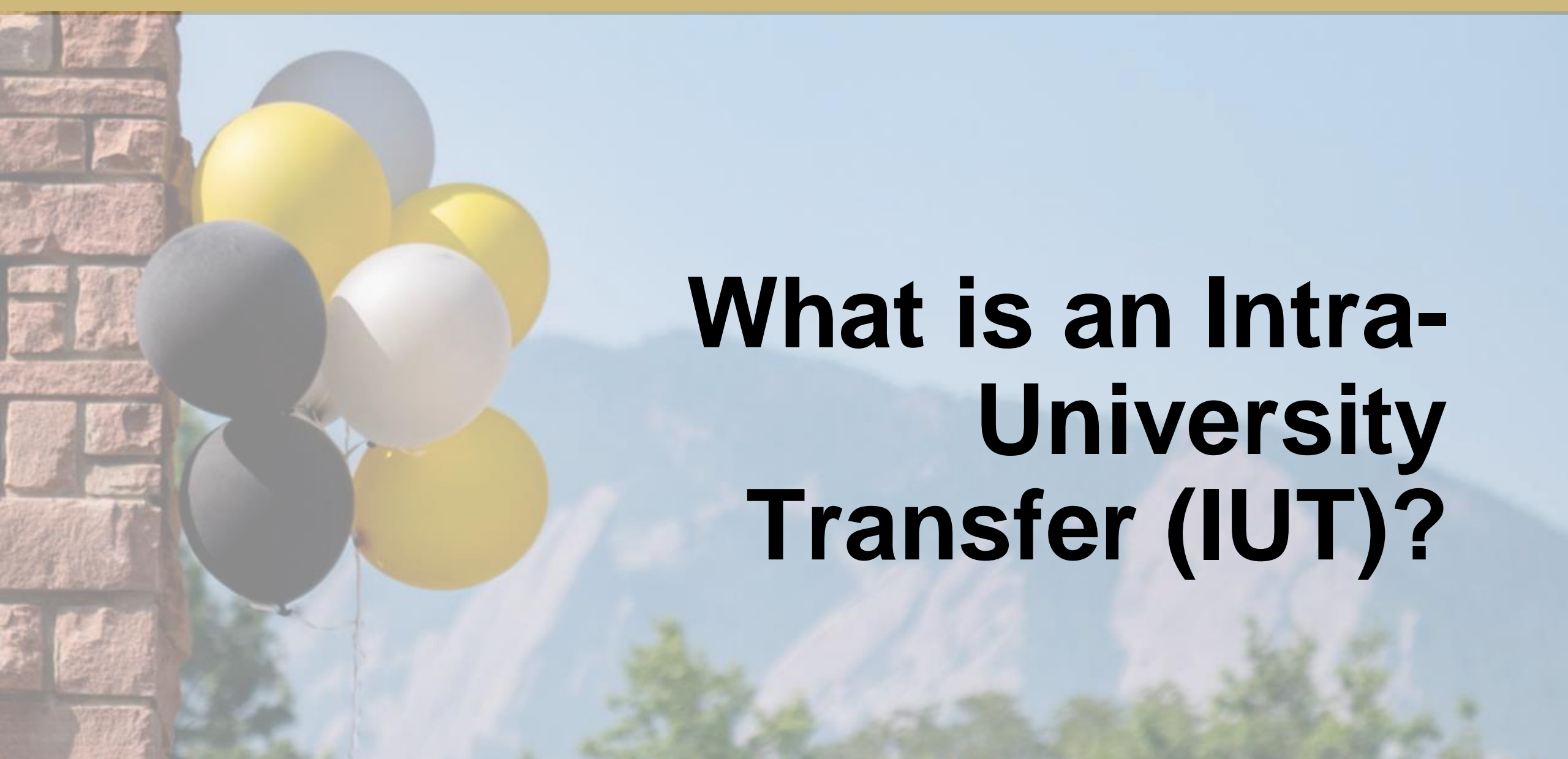
- Specialized, cross-campus Academic Advising
 - Personalize academic path with majors, minors, certificates + co-curricular experiences
 - Preparation for transition to all colleges/schools on campus
 - Support with developing time management, study skills, and exam preparation

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



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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