Student Instructions for the Electronic Plan of Study

Logging In

1. You will need to log in to myPurdue at http://mypurdue.purdue.edu using your Purdue Career Account (CA) username and password. Then, click on the “Academics” tab. Click on the “Graduate Plan of Study” in the box labeled Graduate Students.

2. This will bring you to the Purdue University Graduate School Plan of Study Generator. You will need to use the same Purdue CA username and password to log in.
3. Click on “Plan of Study Generator”

4. Then click on “Create New Plan of Study”
Completing the Plan of Study

1. You will be taken to a page that asks you about basic information needed to create a plan of study – your campus, degree granting department, first semester of graduate study at Purdue (IUPUI), and e-mail address. Fill in your appropriate information. For “First semester of graduate study at Purdue” (IUPUI), the formatting is as follows:
   - Summer 2015-16 represents the summer semester of 2016.
   - Fall 2015-16 represents the fall semester of 2015.
   - Spring 2016-17 represents the spring semester of 2017.

Your e-mail address is used for any notifications related to your plan of study. (Be sure to use one you check often, and confirm that it is entered correctly!)

For more specific help with this page, click on the “Help” button. When you wish to proceed, click on “Process and Continue.” Warning message(s) may appear if there is any missing information, in which case make the appropriate correction(s) and click on “Process and Continue” again. Click on “Cancel” to erase this plan of study draft entirely.

Next you will be taken to a page that asks for your degree title (Master’s, PhD, etc.), non-thesis/thesis track, and the date you anticipate receiving your degree.
2. For “Degree Date Expected,” the formatting is straightforward and abides by May 2016 representing May of 2016 and so forth. For more specific help with this page, click on the “Help” button. When you wish to proceed, click on “Process and Continue.”

3. After clicking “Process and Continue” you will be taken to a page with 5 main links. You will complete each item in order. Completing each section will return you to this page:
a. Student and Degree Information:
   - Here you will be able to enter your basic academic information.

b. Research Area and Concentration
   - Here you will be able to enter information related to your research area and concentration(s).
     i. If your concentration is not available, enter it in the research area.

c. Course Work **This section is used differently for IUPUI students! See below for details.**
   - Here you will be taken to a page with 4 choices:
     i. You can fill in the courses you’ve taken at Purdue/IUPUI already as a graduate student.
        - Be sure to check the box in the “Use” column to upload the course onto your plan of study.
        - Due to IUPUI to Purdue data transfers IUPUI students’ current term registration is not available at this time. You will enter recently completed or current terms as FUTURE.
ii. You can fill in transfer courses from other schools and/or excess courses taken as an undergraduate or Non-Degree at Purdue/IUPUI.
   - Be sure to fill in all the required information marked with a red asterisk (*). When you are finished, click on “Add”.

iii. You can fill in any courses you are currently taking and future courses you will be taking at Purdue/IUPUI.
   - Note: Under “Course No.”, make sure you put in a total of 5 characters, such as “59800”
   - Note: Under “Session to be Completed,” the date representation is as follows:
     - Summer 2015-16 represents the summer semester of 2016.
     - Fall 2015-16 represents the fall semester of 2015.
     - Spring 2016-17 represents the spring semester of 2017
   - If a recently completed semester is not included, enter those courses as FUTURE.
b. Advisory Committee

- This page is split into 2 window frames:
  1. The top frame can be scrolled downwards and has an “Add” button for adding a faculty member.
     - Note: The “Faculty 4+5 Code” is unique for each faculty member and can be looked up using the search function in the bottom frame.
  2. The bottom frame is used to search for faculty based on his/her department.
     - To search for a faculty member, select a department first.
     - Then click “Search”
     - Use the Faculty 4+5 code in the top frame.

   - First, use the department search drop down box in the bottom frame to find the faculty member.
   - Type their Faculty 4+5 Code in the top frame.
   - Click “Chair,” “Co-Chair,” or “Member” as appropriate for each faculty member.
   - Then click “Add”

   - The “Advisor Name” should then be automatically populated indicating your faculty member was successfully added.

   - **Note:** If there are any errors, error messages will be displayed after you click the “Add” button.

   - **Note:** More than 50% of your advisors must be Regulars (as opposed to Specials).

   - **Note:** A Special appointed faculty member must be specifically appointed for the department of your PoS.

   - If a faculty member you’d like to add to your committee is creating an error (and it is not caused by any issue noted above), save your Plan and check with your department graduate advisor.
c. **Comments and Special Notes**
   - Here you can enter information that may be required by your department, or a justification of any exception to the Graduate School policy related to your plan of study.
   - **Note:** If you have multiple Variable Title/Topic courses, include the specific title and the semester it was taken. If applicable, also include the grade earned.
   - Enter a subject regarding your comment/special note in the “Subject” line.
   - Enter a text regarding your comment/special note in the “Text” box.
   - When you are finished with your note, click “Add”
   - When you wish to proceed, click on “Process and Continue”
4. After entering your information on the 5 main links, it is recommended you click on the “Preview Plan of Study” button to preview your plan of study for accuracy and completeness and see if any changes need to be made.
5. After you are reasonably sure you have finalized your plan of study draft, you have 3 ways of proceeding.
   o **Save without Submitting**
     i. It is recommended to use “Save without Submitting” if you are not done with the rough draft of your plan of study and want to come back later to make changes.
   o **Submit as Draft**
     i. “Submit as Draft” is used to submit the rough draft of your plan of study for further review by the appropriate staff before your final submission. This option will not actually finalize your plan of study, so you will be able to make changes later if you wish.
   o **Submit as Final**
     i. “Submit as Final” will submit your plan of study to all relevant staff and begin the process of approval. You will not be able to make any additional changes after this point, apart from submitting a Change to the PoS request.

“Delete this Plan” will delete this plan of study draft entirely, so it will no longer exist in your record and cannot be accessed again.

After you click on either “Save without Submitting,” “Submit as Draft,” “Submit as Final,” or “Delete this Plan,” you will be taken back to a page of all plans of study created on your account. The word “Edit” will appear next to any SAVED or DRAFT plans of study (i.e. plans of study that you have yet to submit) and “View” will appear next to any OUTSTANDING or APPROVED plans of study (i.e. plans of study that are awaiting signatures or have completed processing).

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**Purdue University Graduate School**

**Request for Master’s Degree Advisory Committee and Plan of Study Approval**

- **Student and Degree Information**
  - List degree title, campus, department, expected graduate date, email address.

- **Research Area and Concentration**
  - List research area, concentration and language requirements.

- **Course Work**
  - List courses for your plan of study.

- **Advisory Committee**
  - List advisory committee members.

- **Comments and Special Notes**
  - List any special notes or comments.
  - No information on this page is required.

Before submitting, please **Preview Plan of Study** to ensure your plan is accurate and complete.

Open a new browser window containing the **Graduate School’s Policies and Procedures Manual, Section VII** for information on university policies when developing a plan of study. Click on the HELP button below for help on utilizing the web-based plan of study generator.

It is recommended that you submit your plan as a Draft before submitting as Final. Click on the Help button below for further explanation.

**Forms available for edit or display:**

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<th>Form</th>
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<td><strong>Edit</strong></td>
<td>Plan of Study</td>
<td>MASTER OF SCIENCE - THESIS</td>
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Making Changes to a Plan of Study

To make any change(s) to your plan of study once it has been approved ("APPROVED" appears under “Status” on the main hub page with a list of all the plans of study you have created), click on “Create Change Request.” Afterwards, starting from the top of the page and moving downwards, you should see the following blue links:

- **Your approved plan of study**
  - Click here to preview your currently approved plan of study.

- **Change Degree Title or Thesis Option**
  - Click here to change your degree title (Master’s, PhD, etc.) and corresponding thesis option (non-thesis, thesis, or blank).
  - Be sure to enter a brief explanation of why you are changing your degree title and/or thesis option.
  - If there are any errors, they will be indicated after you click “Change Degree.”

- **Replace a course on your plan of study**
  - Click here to replace a course listed on your plan of study with a course that is not currently listed.
    - Pressing “Cancel” will take you back to the previous page and nullify any changes.
    - In Step 1, select the course from your plan of study that you wish to replace.
    - In Step 2, you have 2 options in replacing a course:
      - (Option A) Replace a course on your plan of study with a course from your academic record that is NOT currently on your plan of study.
        - Select a course from a drop down list of all the courses in your academic records that are NOT listed on your plan of study.
      - (Option B) Replace a course on your plan of study with a course that is NOT in your academic record AND NOT currently on your plan of study.
        - In “Session to be taken,”
          - Summer 2015-16 represents the summer semester of 2015.
          - Fall 2015-16 represents the fall semester of 2015.
          - Spring 2016-17 represents the spring semester of 2017.
    - In Step 3, select a reason for your change from the drop-down list.
    - In Step 4, enter an explanation if requested in Step 3 or as needed.
    - When you are satisfied with your changes, click on “Replace Course.”

- **Add a course to your plan of study**
  - Click here to add a course to your plan of study.
    - Pressing “Cancel” will take you back to the previous page and nullify any changes.
    - In Step 1, select the appropriate program area for your new course.
    - In Step 2, you have 3 ways of adding a course. Choose ONE option only!
      - (Option A) Add a course you have taken but is not on your plan of study.
      - (Option B) Add a course to be taken in the future.
        - In “Session to be taken”
          - Summer 2015-16 represents the summer semester of 2015.
          - Fall 2015-16 represents the fall semester of 2015.
          - Spring 2016-17 represents the spring semester of 2017.
    - In Step 3, select a reason for your change from the drop-down list.
    - In Step 4, enter an explanation if requested in Step 3 or as needed.
    - When you are satisfied with your changes, click on “Add Course.”

- **Delete a course from your plan of study**
Click here to delete a course from your plan of study.
Pressing “Cancel” will take you back to the previous page and nullify any changes.
In Step 1, select the course from your plan of study that you wish to delete.
In Step 2, select a reason for your change from the drop-down list.
In Step 3, enter an explanation if requested in Step 2, or as needed.
When you are satisfied with your changes, click on “Delete Course.”

Add a committee member to your plan of study
Click here to add a new committee member to your plan of study.
In Step 1, ensure the 4-letter “Faculty Dept. Code” and 5-character “Faculty Identifier” are accurate.
In Step 2, enter an explanation for why you wish to delete a committee member from your plan of study.
When you are satisfied with your changes, click on “Delete Member.”

Preview Request for a Change to the Plan of Study
Click on this link to see all changes you wish to finalize on your plan of study.

There is no option to replace a committee member, so to replace a member on your committee, delete that member first using the “Delete a committee member from your plan of study” link and then add/him her using the “Add a committee member to your plan of study” link.

Below the blue underlined links, there are 5 gray navigational buttons that appear at the bottom of the page:

- Help
  No page-specific instructions are available at this time.
- Save without Submitting
  Use this option if you want to come back in the future and make further changes to your saved version.
- Submit as Draft
  Use this option if you want to submit a draft for review without finalizing the changes into your plan of study.
- Submit as Final
  Use this option if you are confident of your changes and want them to be reflected on your final plan of study.
- Delete this Request
  Use this option if you want to delete this request for a change to the POS entirely.
  Note: You always have the option to request another change to your plan of study later so there is no need to panic if you accidentally click on this button.

END OF INSTRUCTIONS