



For Students

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Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program at Purdue Fort Wayne Earns National Accreditation

The master's in speech-language pathology program at Purdue University Fort Wayne has achieved accreditation from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association** for the next five years. The accreditation comes after a successful five-year period of candidacy and makes PFW's graduate program one of only seven in Indiana—and the only in northeast Indiana—to hold this important designation.

Full accreditation confirms that PFW's program meets rigorous academic and clinical standards, including curriculum design, faculty qualifications, and practicum experiences. Accredited programs are also required to provide structured and supervised clinical training that meets ASHA's standards, ensuring graduates are competent to work in diverse settings such as schools,

hospitals, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, and private practice.

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Microsoft Authenticator to Replace Duo Mobile for MFA

Beginning Jan. 6, Purdue IT will adopt Microsoft multi-factor authentication for all university accounts systemwide. This will simplify the MFA process for users and eliminate the need for Duo Mobile.

All Purdue Fort Wayne students, faculty, and staff are asked to download Microsoft Authenticator and enroll with Microsoft MFA before leaving for winter break if they have not done so already.

Once the Microsoft MFA change takes place, all users will see a new login screen for local applications that are currently accessible via the Central Authentication Service, or CAS. This will also be the case for Purdue system applications including email and those protected by Purdue Single Sign-On such as SuccessFactors, Brightspace, and others.

No action is required for users who have already enrolled in Microsoft MFA with their

@purdue.edu account. After the switch, but not before, users may delete Duo from their mobile devices unless it is needed for external purposes.

Click here for additional information.



Gurevich Honored with PFW Outstanding Research Award

Naomi Gurevich, an associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, has been honored as the 2025-26 recipient of the Outstanding Research Award at Purdue University Fort Wayne. She was honored during a ceremony Friday in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library.

Presented since 1999, the Outstanding Research Award honors a tenured, full-time faculty member for outstanding performance in the area of research, scholarly activity, or creative endeavor. The honoree must have achieved an exceptional record of contributions to the body of knowledge or creative works in his or her discipline—and must also have had great success communicating that information to a wide audience.

Gurevich was chosen for the honor by the ORA committee, which consisted of past recipients and her peers. The award is sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs.

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Students Challenged to Explore the Culture of Different Religions

After writing her name and course title on the whiteboard, Noor O'Neill Borbieva, professor of anthropology, turns toward the 10 students who are gathered and says, "This is one of my favorite classes."

Anthropology of Religion (ANTH 45500) may be one of her favorites because it is so challenging. Anthropology is the study of what makes us human, and little causes better discussions among humans than religion. The Purdue University Fort Wayne catalog describes the course as a critical evaluation of current approaches to the analysis of religious myth, ritual, and symbolism.

The discussions can lead to anywhere, usually with O'Neill nudging her students in different directions. The course is not about individual beliefs, but the culture of different religions. Based on the assigned readings, those discussions can get deeper by the minute as she pushes students to understand the different structures of different aspects of religion.

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Global Student Celebration Returns Friday

The annual Global Student Celebration has been one of Purdue University Fort Wayne's most well-attended events for more than a decade. The 2025 GSC will be held Friday in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

The celebration is PFW's opportunity to further support its international students and honor their cultures through delicious food, a colorful parade of nations, and captivating student performances. It is open to all students, staff, faculty, and the Fort Wayne community.

Student entry is free. For all other attendees, one nonperishable food item is requested as a donation to the FRIENDS of the University Pantry.

Food will start being served at 5:45 p.m., followed by the parade of nations and performances at 7.

The GSC is the culmination of International Education Week, which is a joint venture between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. It kicked off Monday. The week is intended to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and to attract future leaders from abroad to study in the U.S.

Participants Wanted for Dons on the Mic Lip Sync Battle

Fans of karaoke, organized dance, or singing in the car are welcome to participate in the Dons on the Mic Lip Sync Battle. The event is scheduled for Jan. 30 in the Rhinehart Recital Hall at the PFW Music Center. It will consist of teams performing for up to two minutes while lip-syncing and dancing to one song or a mix of songs. The winner will take home a trophy and Fresh Ideas vouchers.

Find a favorite song, grab some friends or members of a student org, and start practicing! **Sign up here.**

Informational meetings will take place today from 3 to 4 p.m. and Dec. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library. At least one person from each team is required to attend a meeting.

Direct questions to ssi@pfw.edu.



Recently Formed Archery Club Moving Inside for the Winter

Proving a student can follow almost any dream at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Cadd Amsler

was sharing details about his hobby with others in his Latin class one day. Amsler, a sophomore who also works as a custodian on campus, has been participating in archery for about 15 years.

As the discussion grew, Mevi McClure, a senior majoring in history, said she had always had a fascination with archery, and Cully O'Meara, another senior studying astrophysics, said he's always wanted to give it a try. Even their instructor, Damian Fleming, jumped in with his words of encouragement.

Pretty soon, PFW's Archery Club was applying to become one of 104 student organizations recognized through Student Life. Amsler is the president, Tien Price is the vice president, O'Meara serves as treasurer, and McClure as secretary.

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Good to Know

Fall 2025 Honors Program Showcase

The Fall 2025 Honors Program Showcase, will be held on Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Honors Center classroom at Helmke Library, Room 211. A live stream will be available **via WebEx** for those who are unable to attend in person. Honors students representing departments from across the university will speak on their specialized subjects from a variety of majors. Check out the full **[schedule of presentations](#)**.

Eventful

*There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full **[events calendar](#)** often to see what's happening on campus.*

NOVEMBER

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Thurs., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

ETCS Next Generation Networking

This drop-in event is to informally network with the local companies interested in learning more about you and your major. Feel free to ask questions about the company, job opportunities, or the industry...

NOVEMBER

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Mon., 7:30–9 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble Concert

PFW percussion students perform chamber music works by the leading composers of our time. Prepared with the nuance and precision of classical music and the expression and aesthetic of popular styles, this music offers an exhilarating experience for audiences of all types...

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Mattel toy dinosaur named after Purdue Fort Wayne professor

21Alive | Monday

Purdue Fort Wayne Displays 'U Can Do' Spirit in Fight Against Hunger

Fort Wayne-area media | Nov. 11–12

Mastodon Moments

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



Students enjoy one of the best meals of the semester at the ThanksStudentsGiving feast. The annual event was held in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union on Thursday.

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