



For Students

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## Purdue Fort Wayne Adding Two Sports Majors for Fall 2026 Semester

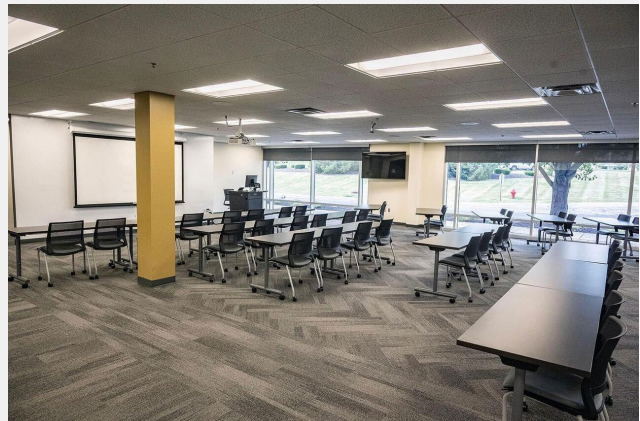
Just as Purdue University Fort Wayne's expanded club sports initiative begins to hit full stride next year, students looking to make athletics a career will see two new and exciting options in the course catalog.

Starting this spring, newly admitted students registering for classes ahead of the fall 2026 semester at Purdue Fort Wayne will be able to pursue a sports management major as one of the paths to a bachelor's in business and a sports leadership major tied to a bachelor's in organizational leadership. The sports management option will be based out of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the Doerner School of Business. Sports leadership will be offered through the Department of Organizational Leadership in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

Current PFW students interested in these options will first need to meet with their academic advisor to initiate the necessary changes.

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## Ongoing Upgrades Will Unite Business Faculty, Staff Under One Roof

Renovations totaling almost \$2 million are ongoing at Purdue University Fort Wayne's Doermer School of Business Building. The second floor has been almost completely gutted and is being rebuilt to allow all of the school's academic units to be housed in one location. The refit will include 10 classrooms and offices for 50 faculty and staff members.

"Students will benefit from having direct access to faculty offices, advising, and professional resources all in one place," said Nodir Adilov, dean of the Doermer School of Business. "The new configuration also includes the Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Engineering Nexus, where students from business and engineering work together on their innovative ideas. This space helps to prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow. For our many first-generation students, this kind of access and collaboration is especially valuable."

Currently, faculty members in the departments of economics and finance, accounting, hospitality and tourism management, and marketing and management have offices located on PFW's Main Campus. They'll be moving over to the Doermer building on the South Campus during spring break or at the conclusion of the spring semester. Many of the classes, especially upper-level courses, will be moving with the faculty during the 2026–27 fall semester.

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## Purdue University Fort Wayne Launches One-Stop Enrollment Days to Support Spring Applicants

Purdue University Fort Wayne is introducing an initiative designed to make the college admissions process faster, easier, and more accessible for prospective students. Happening right now and continuing the weeks of Dec. 15 and Jan. 5, the university will host a series of One-Stop Enrollment Days offering students a convenient, streamlined path to complete their application and take the next steps toward earning a respected Purdue degree.

Weekday sessions will take place during traditional business hours with additional availability offered until 7 p.m. on Thursday, as well as Dec. 15 and 17, and Jan. 5 and 7. To accommodate varying schedules, Purdue Fort Wayne will also provide a special Saturday session Dec. 20 from noon to 4 p.m., giving busy students and families additional flexibility. No appointment is required.

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## Mathematical Sciences Instructor and Partner Make Strong Point in Acclaimed Research Journal

When two-year-old Nunzio Stanley Selvitella visits his father's office in the Purdue University Fort Wayne Department of Mathematical Sciences, he loves to draw doodles and express his ideas with loops and lines on the whiteboard.

His parents like to make their marks in major scientific journals.

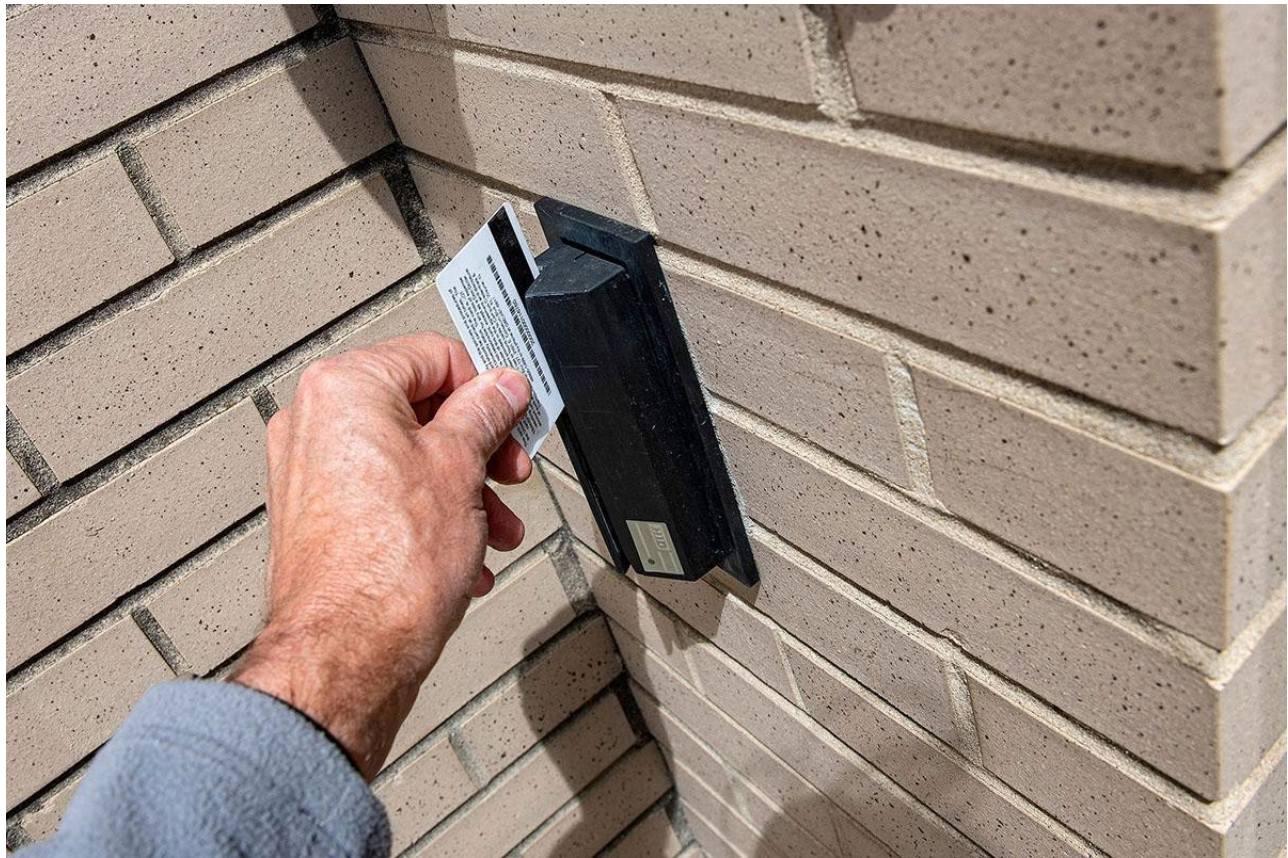
Alessandro Selvitella, assistant professor of data science and applied statistics, and his partner, Kathleen Foster, assistant professor of biology at Ball State University, recently had a unique idea published in the Oct. 2 print edition of *Nature*, a weekly international journal devoted to the finest-peer reviewed research in all fields of science and technology.

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## Building Access during Winter Recess

Throughout the upcoming winter break, all campus buildings will be locked from Dec. 23 at 9 p.m. to Jan. 3 at 7 a.m. View the full winter recess campus access calendar [here](#).

Members of the campus community who need access during this time—and don't already possess it—will need to fill out and submit a **Door Access Request Form prior** to Dec. 23 to have clearances added to their Mastodon ID card.

Student and student-employee door access is valid only for the current semester. If students or student-employees need access during winter break, their supervisors must submit a Door Access Request Form on their behalf as soon as possible.

Access to buildings during the recess will not be allowed without an ID card. Those who don't have a card, or have an older IPFW card, may stop by the Campus Credentials and Transportation office in Walb Student Union, Room 127, to obtain a new one. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Fitness Center and Pantry Finalize Adjusted Schedules

Over the next few weeks, the Fitness Center and both FRIENDS of the University Pantry locations will be operating under different hours and/or closed on specific dates.

#### Fitness Center

Dec. 20 | 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Dec. 21 | noon–8 p.m.  
Dec. 22–Jan. 4 | closed  
Jan. 5 | normal hours resume

#### FRIENDS of the University Pantry

Walb Student Union, Room G36

Dec. 23 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Dec. 24–Jan. 7 | closed  
Jan. 8 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Kettler Hall, Room G02

Dec. 24–Jan. 4 | closed  
Jan. 5 and 6 | open by appointment; to  
schedule, contact [wellbeing@pfw.edu](mailto:wellbeing@pfw.edu)

## PFW Day of Giving 2026: Calling All Student Leaders

PFW Day of Giving returns on April 29, and the development and alumni engagement team is beginning its preparations.

Student organizations that are interested in participating in this year's campaign are invited to express their interest now. This is a great opportunity for orgs to fundraise for any big upcoming projects or initiatives.

Any that would like to be considered for inclusion in the 2026 campaign or those with questions should reach out to Av Gehlhausen, assistant director of annual giving and stewardship, at [av.gelhausen@pfw.edu](mailto:av.gelhausen@pfw.edu).

## 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.*

DECEMBER

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Thurs., 11 a.m.–1  
p.m.

### Paws and Relax: Therapy Dog Visit

Finals got you feeling ruff? Come take a study break and de-stress with therapy dogs from Three Rivers Visiting Dogs! Stop by for some tail wags, puppy snuggles, and instant calm—just what you need to reset your brain before hitting the books again...

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DECEMBER

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Thurs., 2–4 p.m.

## End-of-Semester Celebration Table

You've survived another semester, so you deserve a little somethin'! Stop by our table for free energy drinks and grab-and-go snacks. Located on the second floor of Walb outside the Mastodon Campus Store...

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DECEMBER

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Fri., noon–3 p.m.

## Biology Senior Seminar Poster Symposium

Biology seniors have been hard at work this semester—in the classroom, in the lab, and in the field. See what they've been working on; they would love to share their work with you...

## News Spotlight

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

### The day of the big show: Goldstock 2025

WANE 15 | Dec. 4

### One-Stop Enrollment Days at Purdue Fort Wayne start Monday (12.8)

FOX 55 | Dec. 4

### Allen County group travels to Statehouse to join redistricting protest

21Alive | Dec. 1



# Mastodon Moments

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



Concertgoers immerse themselves in the sounds of the season at the School of Music's Home for the Holidays concert Monday night. The grand performance showcased the University and Community Orchestra, University Jazz Band, Choral Union, University Singers, Chamber Treble Singers, and student chamber ensembles.

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