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Welcome to the Department of Entomology! I am absolutely thrilled to have you join our community. I will be your academic advisor, and I am genuinely excited to support you throughout your journey at Purdue.

Starting a new chapter can be both exhilarating and a bit overwhelming, but rest assured, I'm here to help you every step of the way. The information below will assist you in planning and preparing for our first academic advising meeting, ensuring you have everything you need for a smooth transition into your first semester at Purdue!

In preparation for your advising appointment, PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL WITH THE DETAILS BELOW.

1. Please confirm that you are in the correct major – **INSECT BIOLOGY**- If this is incorrect, we need to get you switched before we meet.
2. **I need to know about any college credits earned before your first semester at Purdue.** Please email me any unofficial transcripts (or let me know what to expect)– but send official transcripts to admissions@purdue.edu. Any dual credit courses must have transcripts from the University in which they were received – **High School transcripts will not be accepted for dual credit.**

Think about AP courses, dual credit courses, or any other college courses you have taken. **Please send transcripts to admissions@purdue.edu ASAP!** Some of these courses may exempt you from taking the required course at Purdue. I can't go by your word; Purdue must have the official grade/transcript on record, and it takes a few weeks for them to be processed. You can find instructions on how to submit transcripts to Purdue [here](#).

3. To register for a Math course, you will need to either have a high enough SAT or ACT Math score for your required course (MA 16010) or you must complete the ALEKS assessment prior to your advising appointment so we can place you in the correct Math course. Please see the following link with the guidelines and, if needed, take the ALEKS assessment before your advising appointment.

Note: There are learning modules to help you study and you may retake the assessment up to 5 times (you must wait 24 hrs. between assessments). Only the highest placement score is used for placement.

<https://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/undergrad/placement>

Course	Description	SAT Math	ACT Math	ALEKS
MA 15800	Precalculus	570	24	60
MA 16010	Applied Calculus I	620	26	75

4. Let me know if you are in a **Learning community, Honors Program, Dean's Scholars, Purdue Promise, Band, an Athletic Team or other organization.**
5. Let me know if you have a Disability and would like to meet with someone from the Disability Resource Center.
6. Please check your Purdue email **DAILY** – DO NOT forward your Purdue email to any other email service providers. Any communication between us should be from your Purdue Account.

Check your login to your myPurdue page. If you have problems with the login process, please contact information Technology at Purdue (ITAP) at (765) 494-4000.

Once I receive notice that you've completed your PUR 101, an email from boiler connect, with a link to schedule your academic advising appointment will be sent to your Purdue email. Use this link to schedule our virtual zoom meeting. Advising appointments will begin June 2nd.

I encourage you to find a quiet and private space for our zoom appointment. You will want to be on your computer and logged into your mypurdue, as you will be submitting your Fall course request form during our meeting. Parents are welcome to join and use the last few minutes of the meeting to ask any questions they might have.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

I look forward to receiving an email from you soon with the above-mentioned details and seeing you in June, via Zoom, for our advising meeting.

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