

**Memorandum of Agreement Between
Purdue University - West Lafayette College of Agriculture and
Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette
For the Pathway to Purdue Agriculture (Co-enrollment) Program**

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(Agreement to be updated at least every 5 years)

Program Description

The Purdue University West Lafayette College of Agriculture/Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette (Ivy Tech) Pathway to Purdue Agriculture Program (Ag Pathway) is a partnership between Purdue University West Lafayette College of Agriculture (Purdue) and Ivy Tech Community College - Lafayette (Ivy Tech) designed to increase access to and completion of a B.S. degree in the College of Agriculture for Indiana residents. The goals of the Ag Pathway Program are to:

- Increase access to a Purdue College of Agriculture B.S. degree,
- Increase readiness for successful completion of an A.S. and B.S. degree, and
- Engage the students in the university community and academic culture of Purdue as freshmen - again to increase the probability of successful graduation.

The metrics of success for students beginning in the Ag Pathway Program will be the 3-year completion rate of the Ivy Tech A.S. degree and the 6-year completion rate of the Purdue B.S. degree.

Ag Pathway students will be co-enrolled at Purdue and Ivy Tech. They will take the majority of their general education courses at Ivy Tech. Concurrently, each Ag Pathway student will enroll in at least one course each fall and spring semester at Purdue with the intent of remaining in-step with the cohort of students admitted directly to the degree program in the College of Agriculture at Purdue. They will have access to Purdue and Ivy Tech services similar to full-time students at each institution, including rec-sports, library, computer access, student organization participation, and housing based upon availability.

Upon admission to the program, students will participate in an orientation session conducted at each institution. For the first semester, students will enroll in Purdue's 0.5 credit eight-week AGR 10100 course, along with the other 0.5 credit eight-week course based on their intended Purdue major. Students will also enroll in Purdue's 1 credit AGR 10700 class for the first semester. Each student will enroll in required agriculture courses in their chosen major at Purdue when possible. A mixture of agriculture and general education courses are encouraged each semester. Course prerequisites must be met prior to enrolling in a course at either institution. While enrolled in the program, students will meet with an Ivy Tech faculty advisor and a Purdue College of Agriculture advisor each semester.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in each course taken at any college or university must be achieved in order for the course credit to be accepted for transfer to Purdue; selected majors may require higher GPAs for admission to those majors. In order to meet the GPA requirement for transfer admission to Purdue, students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 from all colleges attended, including courses completed while enrolled in the Ag Pathway Program at Purdue.

Terms of the Agreement

An Ag Pathway student must be a high school graduate or have earned an equivalent certificate and must not have completed more than 15 earned credit hours from any college or university after graduating from high school. A student must be deemed "program ready" at Ivy Tech (as defined below) before taking a course at Purdue. Enrollment in the program will occur only for the Fall semester of the new academic year, and will be approximately 50 students per cohort.

The primary pool of undergraduate students for the Ag Pathway Program will be Indiana residents who have applied to the Purdue West Lafayette College of Agriculture, but who are not academically prepared or competitive for immediate degree-seeking admission to the West Lafayette campus. Ivy Tech may also identify students for this program.

Such students whom the Purdue Office of Admissions deems would benefit from the resources available to them at Ivy Tech and therefore have potential to transfer to Purdue after completion of the Associate's Degree will be invited to apply to the program at the time of their initial denial to Purdue-West Lafayette. The College of Agriculture is encouraged to provide additional outreach to these students until the end of the first week of April for possible fall admission.

These students must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Indiana resident, as determined by Purdue Admissions
- High school diploma or GED
- "Program Ready" at Ivy Tech (placed above English and Math college preparatory courses)
- Meets high school subject matter requirements as determined by Purdue Admissions
- Earned no more than 15 college credits post high school graduation

A student who is interested in the Ag Pathway Program must formally apply to the program by completing the online Enrollment Request Form (and complete all placement testing, if needed) no later than the end of the first week of April for fall entrance. If admitted, Purdue's Office of Admissions will then create a non-degree application in Banner and put the student in "admit" status and add a "cohort" designation in Banner specific to this program. The student will also be instructed to apply to Ivy Tech as soon as possible, both for admission and financial aid. The College of Agriculture will be able to produce reports on the students and will, along with Ivy Tech, follow up with the students.

When a student is ready to apply to Purdue as degree-seeking, he or she must complete a new online application for the degree program and ensure that all of the following is provided:

- Final high school transcript
- Official Ivy Tech transcript
- Transcripts from any other educational institution attended

Typically, a student who transfers to Purdue University from another institution of higher education through an approved Articulation Agreement may enter Purdue with the same catalog term that was in effect when the student first enrolled at the institution from which the student transferred. Students must complete the coursework at the transfer institution agreed to in the Articulation Agreement for the original catalog term to be effective. For the original catalog term of enrollment at the transfer institution to apply, students must transfer to Purdue within four years (eight semesters) of initial enrollment at the transfer institution. Additionally, for the original catalog term to apply, a student must not have a break of more than two consecutive semesters between transferring to Purdue from the transfer institution. For more information go to the Purdue University catalog: <http://catalog.purdue.edu/index.php?catoid=10>

Eligibility for Continuation

While in the Ag Pathway Program, each student will be expected to participate in community-building and academic support activities. A list of approved activities, including field trips and participation in agriculture-related student organizations, will be provided. Appropriate activities will be chosen by the student and approved by the academic advisors.

Each fall and spring semester, Ag Pathway students must maintain registration in a minimum of 12 credits at Ivy Tech and Purdue. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credits at Purdue each semester. However, a student may not register for more than 7 credits at Purdue each semester. To continue in the program, a student must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA at each institution. A student who falls below a 2.5 GPA at either campus will be required to develop an academic success plan in consultation with and approved by the Purdue and Ivy Tech advisors.

Agreements between Ivy Tech and Purdue for students in the Ag Pathway Program

1. Each separate institution will be responsible for the assessment, billing, and collection of tuition and fees, based on each institution's approved tuition & fee schedules and the number of credit hours registered for at each institution. Each institution shall retain the associated revenue with respect to the tuition and fees assessed at that institution.
2. Each institution will adhere to its established and published refund policies.
3. Due to the later financial aid disbursement schedule at Ivy Tech, Purdue will put into place an arrangement with the student to defer payment of fees until after the Ivy Tech financial aid disburses.

4. Upon notice from Purdue of the registered classes and number of enrollees for each class, the Ivy Tech bookstore manager will coordinate the delivery of the required books to their campus bookstore. This arrangement will allow Ag Pathway students to purchase their required textbooks using their Ivy Tech financial aid voucher, if they so choose.
5. An Ag Pathway student initially admitted to Ivy Tech as a participating degree-seeking student shall be registered as a non-degree student for any coursework required at Purdue until the Ivy Tech degree has been conferred.
6. After completion of the degree at Ivy Tech, Ag Pathway students will be able to apply for Purdue admission; once admitted, students will be assessed fees as regular degree seeking students on the Purdue campus.
7. Non-instructional fees for services provided to students shall be assessed as approved by either campus, including contracted housing or dining charges.
8. Purdue will notify University Housing when any Ag Pathway student living in University Residences drops all of their Ivy Tech or Purdue classes for a fall or spring semester, as the student would no longer be eligible to remain in Purdue University housing.
9. Ivy Tech will specify the enrollment period beginning and ending dates for Title IV student aid purposes.
10. Ivy Tech will define enrollment status (e.g. full-time, half-time, less than half-time) for Title IV student aid purposes.
11. Ivy Tech will process and disburse all financial aid under federal, state, and institutional guidelines.
12. Ivy Tech will process external enrollment verification requests and include the non-degree enrollment at Purdue; conversely, Purdue will not process external enrollment verification requests for students in the program.
13. Ivy Tech will report enrollment information to the National Student Loan Data System through the Clearinghouse or other mechanism.
14. Upon request, both Ivy Tech and Purdue will report enrollment information to the Indiana Commission on Higher Education.
15. Ivy Tech will establish Cost of Attendance per Title IV guidelines.
16. Ivy Tech will secure authorizations relating to cash management regulations 34CFR 668.165.
17. Ivy Tech agrees to include the student on the federal FISAP report.
18. Ivy Tech agrees to make available required student consumer information, including satisfactory academic progress policy requirements and applicable refund and repayment policy.
19. Ivy Tech will consider Purdue enrollment for financial aid consideration only if the coursework taken is applicable to degree requirements at Ivy Tech as determined by the appropriate academic advisors.
20. Each institution will only accept the credits for each class a student completes in the program with a grade of 2.0 or better.
21. Ivy Tech will monitor Satisfactory Academic Progress using all courses taken both at Ivy Tech and Purdue.

22. Ivy Tech will define the refund and repayment policy for Return to Title IV refund calculation, though each institution will follow its own tuition refund policy.
23. Purdue will provide enrollment documentation to Ivy Tech upon request to insure appropriate disbursement of any student financial assistance.
24. Purdue agrees it will not process financial aid for a student in program; if the student has tuition and fees that are discounted by statute or a remission of fees, Purdue agrees to report that information to Ivy Tech.
25. Ivy Tech and Purdue will seek scholarship support for Ag Pathway students.
26. Purdue agrees to notify Ivy Tech of any changes in enrollment and/or non-attendance.
27. An Ag Pathway student must request their official Purdue transcript to be submitted to Ivy Tech each semester after final grades are posted.
28. Ivy Tech will provide an Official Transcript to Purdue for each Ag Pathway student after final grades are posted each fall and spring semester at no cost to the student.
29. Purdue will notify any successful transfer students from the program who are currently enrolled at Purdue, but have not yet earned an Ivy Tech A.S. degree, to submit their official Purdue transcripts for Reverse Transfer credit evaluation back to Ivy Tech.
30. Purdue will provide a last date of attendance to Ivy Tech in cases of official or unofficial withdrawal.
31. Purdue agrees to forward information about cost of attendance components to Ivy Tech upon request.
32. Admission application fees shall be waived for a student registering for courses as a nondegree student at Purdue.
33. Prior to each fall semester, both Ivy Tech and Purdue will meet to review dates/deadlines/parameters for the upcoming academic year.

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