

Indiana University South Bend
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PURPOSE

Indiana University South Bend, the only public, comprehensive, undergraduate and graduate degree-granting institution of higher education in north central Indiana, is committed to serving a diverse population of residential and nonresidential students by providing quality technology-enhanced educational programming based on a strong liberal arts and sciences foundation and to promoting the economic, social and cultural well-being of the region.

IU South Bend is dedicated to a comprehensive general education curriculum that fosters verbal, mathematical and visual literacies; disciplined inquiry; and critical thinking across all disciplines.

IU South Bend is committed to enhancing economic development in north central Indiana by providing academic programs that meet the needs of students and by responding to unique regional economic trends and service/manufacturing employment needs. IU South Bend also serves and enriches the region as a forum for discussion and civic engagement, as a showcase for the arts and through community partnerships and consultancies.

The university strives to respond decisively to the growing demand for graduate degree programs and to assure statewide access to IU South Bend distinctions in faculty/student collaboration, programs that enhance diversity and provide a global perspective, the arts and in the nursing and health professions.

PROGRAMS

The university offers a wide variety of liberal arts and science, fine and performing arts and accredited professional undergraduate and graduate degree programs each characterized by a strong liberal arts and science foundation.

IU South Bend offers associate degrees that are embedded in bachelor's degree programs and a few select associate degree programs that respond to specific community needs. IU South Bend has few remedial courses, reflecting its intention to seek and admit a student body well-prepared for collegiate study.

Additional graduate degree programs, professional school doctoral programs, expanded distance learning opportunities and inter-institutional degree offerings are driven by community need and faculty expertise.

ADMISSIONS

IU South Bend follows moderately selective admissions policies. At the undergraduate level, completion of the CORE 40 degree with at least a C average in CORE 40 courses is a required admissions criterion for recent high school graduates. Applicants who have been out of high school for more than three years must have graduated from high school with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Admission to graduate programs is degree-specific.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

IU South Bend supports development of campus residential and student life programs and activities that promote a university community where students, living and learning together, have a wide range of opportunities to experience academic, cultural and social growth. Students are also encouraged to reach beyond campus boundaries to become engaged in internships, civic programs, volunteer services and classroom consultation projects.

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH

To fully realize its teaching and learning mission, to support its standards of teaching excellence and to provide students with a high quality undergraduate experience, IU South Bend maintains high expectations for faculty research, scholarship and/or creative activity.

The IU South Bend faculty is committed to teaching that engages students in the joy of researching and expanding the knowledge base of their academic area. The university especially values research activity as a vehicle for “active learning.” IU South Bend students are actively involved in group and individual research projects and field studies, collaborative faculty/student research, faculty guided independent study, and experiential, service learning projects and internships.

AREAS OF DISTINCTION

Distinctiveness in Faculty/Student Collaboration

Because of its faculty-to-student ratio and small class size, IU South Bend is uniquely able to provide active and collaborative partnerships between students and faculty in the classroom, in the laboratory and in the field.

Distinctiveness in Enhancing Diversity and a Global Perspective

A growing population of underrepresented and international students, supported by a wide array of programs, provides an important dimension to a campus community committed to understanding diversity and world cultures.

Distinctiveness in the Arts

The Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts is home to acclaimed programs in music, sculpture, and the fine and performing arts that attract world-class faculty and talented students.

Distinctiveness in Nursing and Health Professions

The present and future quality and growth of health care in north central Indiana is intimately linked to IU South Bend. The combination of cutting-edge clinical facilities, faculty preparation and unique curricular offerings at Indiana University South Bend offer opportunities for students of nursing from across the state to access a distinct educational experience.