History

1891: IU Indianapolis can trace its roots back to this year when IU began offering classes and lectures in Indianapolis following intense community demand.

1916: IU opened an extension campus in Indianapolis.

In the decades that followed, both IU and Purdue proved themselves dedicated to providing higher education opportunities in Indianapolis, offering programs in the liberal arts, medicine, and more. The two universities operated independently until then Mayor Richard Lugar, in 1968, called for “a great state university in Indianapolis.”

1969: Indiana University and Purdue University merged their programs and schools to create Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis and was granted accreditation status by the Higher Learning Commission.

2023: The IU and Purdue University board of trustees approved a definitive agreement to formalize separation and realignment of the campus into two distinct entities: IU Indianapolis and Purdue University in Indianapolis effective July 1, 2024.

Overview

IU Indianapolis Vision Statement

To be recognized as one of the nation’s premier urban research universities, celebrated for the success of its students, breakthroughs in health and life sciences, innovative research and creativity, as well as its significant intellectual, economic, and cultural contributions to the city of Indianapolis, the state of Indiana, and beyond.

IU Indianapolis Mission Statement

IU Indianapolis is the state’s urban research and academic health sciences campus whose mission is to advance the state of Indiana and the intellectual growth of its residents to the highest levels nationally and internationally through research and creative activity, teaching and learning, and civic engagement. By offering a distinctive range of bachelor’s, master’s, professional, and Ph.D. degrees, IU Indianapolis promotes the educational, cultural, and economic development of central Indiana and beyond through innovative collaborations, external partnerships, and a strong commitment to diversity.

Statement of Values

IU Indianapolis values the students’ dedication to learning, faculty’s commitment to maintaining the highest standards in teaching, scholarship, and service, as well as staff’s dedication to delivering exceptional service.

IU Indianapolis recognizes students as collaborative partners in learning, values the unique opportunities afforded by its location in the state’s capital city, and is dedicated to addressing the needs of its community.

As a leader in cultivating collaborative relationships, IU Indianapolis prioritizes collegiality, cooperation, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Additionally, it upholds values of honesty, integrity, and support for open inquiry and the dissemination of findings. IU Indianapolis is dedicated to fostering the personal and professional growth of a diverse campus community comprising students, faculty, and staff, and is also committed to the ongoing enhancement of its programs and services and to cultivate a strong, inclusive, and welcoming campus environment for all.

Diversity

IU Indianapolis, as educators and advocates, provides student-centered services, consulting, facilities, learning experiences, and programs for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community.

Guided by its mission, evidence-based research and theoretical frameworks of student development, IU Indianapolis strives to create an intentionally inclusive and accessible campus community.

More information about IU Indianapolis’s commitment to diversity is available through the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Accreditation

IU Indianapolis is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Accreditations for individual schools and academic programs are listed separately within the respective sections of the bulletin for each school, as applicable.