

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.

IU Indianapolis core values

- **Collaborative and excellent:** Prioritizing collaboration and boundary-spanning actions that will achieve the highest levels of performance and prominence across all areas of activity.
- **Equity-minded:** Adopting an equity lens when engaging in planning and decision making and striving to eliminate inequities.
- **Future-focused:** Forming a sustainable and resilient next-generation urban research campus to meet the needs of students, the city, and the state through talent generation, research, creative activity, and community-engaged service.
- **Inclusive:** Fostering inclusion and ensuring the voices and ideas of stakeholders and constituent

groups are heard and understood and striving to ensure a sense of belonging.

- **Innovative:** Creating conditions under which new, creative, and cutting-edge ideas can flourish.
- **Strengths-based:** Leveraging prior investments and sources of distinction and differentiation when identifying strategic priorities.
- **Transparent and evidence-informed:** Ensuring that robust data and metrics are widely available to inform strategic decision making.
- **Urban-centric:** Recognizing and strengthening the unique context to enhance the quality of life for all citizens through research and creative activity, economic impact, and talent generation.

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.

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.