

## History

IUPUI can trace its roots back to 1891, when Indiana University offered classes in Indianapolis for the very first time.

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.

However, the two universities operated independently until then mayor Richard Lugar called for "a great state university in Indianapolis" in 1968.

As a result, Indiana University and Purdue University merged their many programs and schools to create Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis in 1969.

Since then, IUPUI has come into its own, becoming Indiana's premier urban research university.

To view a more detailed history of IUPUI visit the [IUPUI Timeline](#).

## Overview

### IUPUI Vision

Our vision: To be a leading urban research institution recognized for the success of its students, its advances in health and life sciences, and its intellectual, economic, and cultural contributions to the well-being of the citizens of Indianapolis, the state of Indiana, and beyond.

### IUPUI Mission

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), a partnership between Indiana and Purdue universities, is Indiana's urban research and academic health sciences campus.

IUPUI's mission is to advance the state of Indiana and the intellectual growth of its citizens 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, IUPUI promotes the educational, cultural, and economic development of central Indiana and beyond through innovative collaborations, external partnerships, and a strong commitment to diversity.

## A Distinctive Structure

### A Foundation of Excellence

IUPUI has emerged as the state's urban research and academic health sciences campus. It fills a vital role in understanding the city's unique advantages and challenges, and works closely with civic leaders to develop strategies to help Indianapolis improve the quality of life for its citizens.

IUPUI's focus on research in a wide range of fields has helped the campus and the community build a solid infrastructure in fields such as health science, in law, in

higher education, in governance, and civic engagement and more, all through the ability to understand these fields, and to make informed decisions about what matters, where it matters, and how we can collectively shape our shared future.

### A Community Commitment

In 1891, we made a commitment to offer courses in Indianapolis that would prepare our neighbors for a lifetime of success.

Later, we promised to provide educational opportunities that transform the lives of our students. And to grow along with the city that surrounds us, evolving to meet the needs of our changing community.

We are now Indiana's premier urban public research institution, offering degrees from both Indiana University and Purdue University right here in Indianapolis.

We are fulfilling the promises we made every day. Find out what [Fulfilling The Promise](#) means to IUPUI.

### University College

Entering IUPUI students are granted admission to [University College](#) (either full admission or dual admission with a degree-granting school). Students remain in University College until they meet admission requirements for their fields of study. University College guides students in the development and implementation of meaningful pathways to student success. Students build a firm foundation for college and career success through many programs and services, including academic advising, academic support programs, career planning, peer mentoring, orientation, and scholar support.

### The Schools

Fields of study or disciplines are housed in schools at IUPUI. School policies and procedures govern all the students within each school. Most fields of study are housed in departments within the schools, but in some schools they may be called by other names, such as divisions. The departments and schools themselves determine degree requirements and whether students are eligible to receive a degree. Students must be in a school and take a specific number of courses at IUPUI (residence requirements) to be eligible for a degree. A current list of degree programs appears online at [www.iupui.edu/academic/schoolsdepts.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/academic/schoolsdepts.htm).

## Accreditation

Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the [North Central Association](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org) (NCA), [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org); (312)263-0456.

Separate accreditations of individual schools and academic programs appear within the schools' portions of the bulletin, as appropriate.

### [IUPUI Accredited Programs](#)