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 Statement

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 Statement

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.

In pursuing its mission and vision, IUPUI provides for its constituents excellence in:

- Teaching and Learning
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity
- Civic Engagement, Locally, Nationally, and Globally

With each of these core activities characterized by:

- Collaboration within and across disciplines and with the community,
- A commitment to ensuring diversity, and
- Pursuit of best practices

Statement of Values

IUPUI values the commitment of students to learning; of faculty to the highest standards of teaching, scholarship, and service; and of staff to the highest standards of service.

IUPUI recognizes students as partners in learning. We value the opportunities afforded by our location in Indiana's capital city and are committed to serving the needs of our community. Our students, faculty, and staff are involved in the community, providing educational programs, working with a wide array of community partners who serve Indianapolis and Central Indiana, offering expert care and assistance to patients and clients, and engaging in field research spanning virtually every academic discipline.

As a leader in fostering collaborative relationships, IUPUI values collegiality, cooperation, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship as well as honesty, integrity, and support for open inquiry and dissemination of findings. IUPUI is committed to the personal and professional development of a diverse campus community of students, faculty, and staff; to continuous improvement of its programs and services; and to building a strong, welcoming campus community for all.

Diversity

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

Guided by theoretical frameworks of student development, the university contributes to an intentionally inclusive, accessible campus community and inspires educational, personal, social and professional achievement.

More information about IUPUI's commitment to diversity is available through the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

A Distinctive Structure
Changing lives daily in Indianapolis

As Indiana's premier urban public research university, IUPUI believes in the power of transformation. We are committed to providing educational opportunities that transform the lives of our students, our community, and the changing world around us.

Read about IUPUI's commitment to the community in the 2020 community report.

Home to two of Indiana's top universities

It was this commitment that was behind the merger of the Indianapolis campuses and programs of IUPUI —some of which are more than 100 years old—that won accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission in 1969, creating IUPUI.

And it's what binds us together today. We're now Indiana's premier urban research university offering more than 550 undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs from Indiana University and Purdue University.

Accreditation

Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis is accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](#) and a member of the North Central Association of College and Schools (NCA); (312)263-0456.

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