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TRANSFER GUIDE

YOUR IU Everything you need to know about transferring to IU Bloomington
You’re ready to take the next step on your educational path—to find a place where you can explore your passions, pursue what you love, and become your best. You’re ready for a school where you can find your calling and never look back.

You’re ready for Indiana University Bloomington.

What is a transfer student?
If you’ve completed at least 12 semester hours of college coursework after graduating from high school, you’re eligible to apply to IU Bloomington as a transfer student.

Please note that admission information in this brochure pertains to students who are planning to transfer to IU Bloomington from a college or university that is not in the IU system (in other words, not IUPUI or an IU regional campus). If you are interested in transferring to IU Bloomington from IUPUI or an IU regional campus, please review the information on the Office of Admissions website specifically for intercampus transfers: go.iu.edu/intercampus.

What are the requirements for admission to IU Bloomington?
Transfer applicants are evaluated based on a number of factors. Please see the information below and visit the Admissions website at go.iu.edu/transfer-start for additional information about transfer admission standards.

Cumulative grade point average (GPA)
Indiana residents should have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.3 on a 4.0 scale. Nonresidents should have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Grade trends
We look for students who have maintained a record of strong academic performance or who show steady improvement in a challenging academic program.

Because of the competitive nature of the applicant pool, few transfers (Indiana residents or nonresidents) with a GPA below 2.5 are admitted.

Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAP)
If you have completed or will complete one of the Transfer Single Articulation Pathway (TSAP) degrees at either Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University prior to enrolling at Indiana University, you may wish to apply to the corresponding degree program at IU Bloomington. To learn more about the TSAP program and admission requirements, visit tsap.indiana.edu.

Military transcript
If you’re a veteran or military student, your military training may equate to academic credit at IU. If you’re using VA Education Benefits, you’re required to provide a copy of your Joint Services Transcript to the Office of Admissions.
Applying for Admission

How do I apply?

You have two options for applying to IU Bloomington: the Coalition Application or Apply IU (but you should submit only one application for admission). Additional information regarding materials required to complete your application are outlined below.

If you’re applying to the IU Jacobs School of Music, there are some additional application requirements you’ll need to fulfill, including a prescreening, audition, and interview. Visit the school’s website at music.indiana.edu for more information.

The application process varies depending on how many transferable credits you have at the point you would enroll:

I have at least 26 transferable credits.

• Submit your application (including the IU-specific essay and the non-refundable application fee) at go.iu.edu/transfer-apply.
• Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended.

I have fewer than 26 transferable credits.

• Submit your application (including the IU-specific essay and the non-refundable application fee) at go.iu.edu/transfer-apply.
• Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended.
• Submit your official high school transcript.
• If you choose to have your SAT/ACT scores considered as a part of your admissions review, you will have the opportunity to self-report them. If you are at least 21 years old or have been out of high school three or more years, you do not need to send SAT/ACT scores.

What are the application deadlines?

If you’re applying for the fall semester, submit your complete application for admission (including supporting materials) by June 1.

If you’re applying for the spring semester, submit your complete application for admission (including supporting materials) by November 1.

If you’re applying for a summer session, submit your complete application for admission (including supporting materials) by March 1.

You’ll receive a decision within four to eight weeks after we receive all your application documents.

Transferring Credits

What are the general guidelines for transferring credits?

Below are some general guidelines related to transfer credit, but keep in mind that a final determination as to whether your credits will transfer cannot be made until you’ve been admitted to the university.

• Only courses in which you receive a grade of C or higher will transfer. (You may transfer credits to IU, but the grades you earned at your other school(s) will not be counted in your IU GPA.)
• Only coursework completed at a regionally accredited institution will transfer.
• If you attended a junior or community college, we can apply up to two years (60 semester hours) of transfer credit from that school.
• Individual schools and departments at IU determine if and how transfer credits will apply toward your degree requirements.
• Veterans may earn college credit for educational experiences in the armed services.

Additional information about transferring credit can be found on the Credit Transfer Service (CTS) website at ets.admissions.indiana.edu. If you are an international student or have international credit documents, please visit the CTS website or contact the Office of International Services.

How do I know if a specific course might transfer?

You can use IU Bloomington’s Credit Transfer Service (CTS) to search our transfer credit database and determine whether your credits will transfer to IU. To use CTS, visit ets.admissions.indiana.edu and search by the name of the college or university you are currently attending.

Please note that the CTS database contains more than 30,000 transferable courses from 300+ schools. All Ivy Tech courses that transfer are listed. However, not every course may be listed for other institutions. The database provides the most commonly occurring transferable courses, so if you do not see a course listed, your credits may still transfer to IU.
Gaining Admission to Your School

Do individual schools and colleges have special admission requirements for transfer students?

Before you apply for admission to IU Bloomington as a transfer student, be sure to review the transfer information on your school’s website. Some schools have special requirements or policies for transfer students or other information you need to know before you apply.

It’s also a good idea to review this information so that you are familiar with the specific requirements for gaining admission to your school or college (courses, GPA, etc.). In most cases (but not always), students begin their studies in University Division (IU’s central advising office) to complete the general requirements needed to certify into a degree-granting school or college. You can find more information about University Division at ud.indiana.edu.

Some of IU’s schools and colleges offer direct admission for transfer students, enabling you to officially enter your school or college right away.

IU’s schools and colleges are listed below and on the facing page, along with any special requirements for transfers.

College of Arts + Sciences
college.indiana.edu
Transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington and are interested in pursuing a major in the College begin as a University Division student or a student in the College, based on an evaluation of application materials.

Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design
soaad.indiana.edu
An admitted transfer student who wishes to pursue a degree in the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design should contact the academic advisor in their intended area of study. Transfer of credit is considered on an individual basis and is not automatically guaranteed. Students may also submit a portfolio of completed art or design work to be reviewed by a faculty member and evaluated for course equivalency.

Kelley School of Business
kelley.iu.edu
Transfer students interested in the Kelley School of Business must be admitted to IU Bloomington and enrolled as a University Division student for at least one semester while taking business courses. Students will apply for admission to Kelley through the standard admission process.

School of Education
education.indiana.edu
General admission requirements for the School of Education and for degree programs are available on the school’s website.

Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies
hls.indiana.edu
Transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington and are interested in pursuing a global degree with HLS begin either as University Division students or as students in one of HLS’s four departments, based on an evaluation of application materials.

Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering
sice.indiana.edu
Most Luddy students begin their studies at IU Bloomington as University Division students. Students who are listed as Luddy pre-majors certify into the school once they have satisfied the admission requirements listed on the Luddy website.

The Media School
mediaschool.indiana.edu
Transfer students interested in the Kelley School of Business must be admitted to IU Bloomington and are interested in pursuing majors in The Media School begin as University Division students or as students in The Media School, based on an evaluation of application materials. Please check the CTS database for media, journalism, and communications course equivalencies, or email the director of undergraduate studies at mschinfo@indiana.edu.

Jacobs School of Music
music.indiana.edu
Transfer students should review the admission procedures on the Jacobs School of Music website for information about application materials, deadlines, prescreening, and the audition and interview process.

School of Nursing
nursing.indiana.edu/undergraduate/bsn/transfer.html
If you are considering transferring to IU Bloomington to apply to the School of Nursing, we strongly recommend that you meet with a School of Nursing advisor prior to applying. Please note that admission to the school is extremely competitive and seats are limited.

O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
spea.indiana.edu
Most transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington can enroll in SPEA courses during their first semester on campus and apply to the school once they’ve met the admission criteria listed on the website.

School of Public Health
publichealth.indiana.edu
Transfer students begin their studies in University Division and must meet specific criteria for admission to their major programs. Specific entrance requirements for each major/program are available on the school’s website.

School of Social Work
socialwork.indiana.edu
Students transferring to IU Bloomington enrich the School of Social Work. Contact iubssw@indiana.edu for advising as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. Requirements for program admission can be found on the school’s website.
Lucas began his college education in his home country of Malaysia, in a program designed for students who wanted to transfer to a U.S. university. He chose IU for its range of good academic programs. Here he designed an individualized major in textiles, marketing, and psychology—preparing him to work in his family’s textile business. He also joined several clubs and found a group of friends that does everything from taekwondo to weekly dinners together. “You won’t regret coming here,” Lucas said.
I’ve been admitted and plan to attend IU Bloomington. How do I enroll?

If you’ve been admitted to IU Bloomington, there are a number of things you need to do to become a Hoosier—follow the steps listed here to make sure you’ve got everything covered. You can find additional information about each step at admissions.indiana.edu/enroll.

- Set up your IU computing and email accounts by going to one.iu.edu and searching for and selecting “Create My First IU Account.”
- Declare your intent to enroll (fall and spring students only)—or you won’t be able to register for classes: intenttoenroll.indiana.edu
- Sign up for required New Student Orientation: fye.indiana.edu
- Send your final college transcript to the Office of Admissions (if you’re enrolled in classes at the time of admission): admissions.indiana.edu/contact
- Review costs and fees: studentcentral.indiana.edu
- Apply for financial aid: studentcentral.indiana.edu
- Grant third-party access for billing to parents or guardians (if applicable): studentcentral.indiana.edu/personal-information/give-access.html
- Make sure you’re immunization compliant: go.iu.edu/immune

Reviewing Your Transfer Credit Report

You can also see your iGPS degree map, which outlines a path for completing your degree, by going to one.iu.edu and searching for “degree map search (public).”
Kyle Parry wanted more opportunities.

After a year at a small, private university, Kyle transferred to IU. Even though IU felt like home—he had gone to IU sports since he was a kid—he struggled a bit until his career coach helped him get involved on campus.

Now he’s a campus tour guide and also serves as one of just five students who lead the large team that runs IU’s New Student Orientation. He’s also starting an organization for students with speech impediments. “Don’t be scared of IU’s size,” Kyle said. “With the size comes so many opportunities.”
What services are available for transfer students?

We know you have questions about what it’s like to be a student at IU Bloomington. We’ve put together a list of resources where you can get help, find answers to your questions, and learn about life on campus. Use these resources regularly to maximize your well-being and success.

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Academic Advising
www.indiana.edu/academics/advising-support.html

Your academic advisor will guide you throughout your IU journey. Your advisor is a gateway to all the resources at IU, and you should meet with them at least once per semester. Students who meet regularly with their advisors and instructors earn higher grades, find more opportunities in college, and are more likely to meet their graduation goals.

Career and Advising Services
cde.indiana.edu
The Career Development Center helps students choose the best career path for them, beginning in their first year on campus. From there, students can take advantage of the specialized career centers and advisors based in the schools and colleges.

Disability Services
studentaffairs.indiana.edu/student-support/disability-services/index.html
The Office of Disability Services for Students (DSS) specializes in helping students with various disabilities—including physical, psychological, learning, neurological, medical, vision, hearing, and temporary impairments—to achieve their goals. DSS is centrally located at the Herman B Wells Library.

Additional Academic Resources
www.indiana.edu/academics/advising-support.html
IU offers a variety of other academic services to help all students thrive, including the Assistive Technology and Accessibility Centers, the Math Learning Center, and Writing Tutorial Services.

Transportation and Parking
parking.indiana.edu
While all students can have cars on campus, both the Campus Bus and the Bloomington Transit bus service are free with an IU ID. IU also offers safety escort services and a Motorist Assistance program.

Shuttle Service
admissions.indiana.edu/visit/maps-directions-parking.html
GO Express Travel shuttle service runs between the Indianapolis International Airport and Bloomington. The shuttles operate throughout the day and pick up at a variety of locations on campus.

Child Care
childcare.indiana.edu
Early Childhood Education Services coordinates three child care centers that provide quality child care and education for children of IU faculty, staff, and students. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Center for Veteran and Military Students
studentaffairs.indiana.edu/student-support/veteran-services/
The Center for Veteran and Military Students helps support students’ academic success from day one to graduation. The center can help students use their Veterans Education Benefits and ease their transition from the military to campus life.

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Health Professions and Prelaw Center
hpplc.indiana.edu
The Health Professions and Prelaw Center works to assist students interested in pursuing careers in the medical, health, or legal fields.

Academic Support Center
academicsupport.indiana.edu
With locations across campus, the Academic Support Center provides tutoring, academic advising, and workshops to ensure students have the tools for academic success.
Connect with Admissions

Interested in finishing your degree at IU Bloomington? Take the next step and connect with us—we’re here to answer your questions and help you make a successful transition to IU.

Join our mailing list

Sign up for our mailing list to receive important information about applying and enrolling, reminders about deadlines, and more.

go.iu.edu/transfer-list

Explore our website

Learn more about our 200+ majors, see how IU can prepare you for an amazing career after graduation, and check out what life is like on campus.

admissions.indiana.edu

Attend a Transfer Tuesday

Come to IU Bloomington, tour our breathtaking campus, get help navigating the transfer process, and have your credit articulated.

go.iu.edu/transfer-tuesday