Everything you need to know about transferring to IU Bloomington
Getting Started

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?

Indiana University Bloomington is committed to supporting students in their academic journey and pursuit of a bachelor’s degree. Students who are enrolled at an accredited, two- or four-year college or university and meet published IU Bloomington eligibility requirements will be guaranteed admission to the IU Bloomington campus. Once admitted, students have the opportunity to pursue and complete the admission requirements for their preferred academic program.

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.

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 or another Guaranteed Admission Agreement with Ivy Tech Community College prior to enrolling at Indiana University, you may wish to apply to the corresponding degree program at IU Bloomington. To learn more about the Guaranteed Admission Agreements, 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 can apply to IU Bloomington using the Apply IU Application. 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 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.
• SAT/ACT scores are not required for transfer students. However, you may submit test scores if you would like to have them considered as a part of your admissions review.

I have 26 transferable credits or more.

• 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.

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 (64 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 cts.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 cts.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**
eskenazi.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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering**
luddy.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.

**O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs**
oneill.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 Social Work**
socialwork.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 Public Health**
publichealth.indiana.edu

Transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington are interested in pursuing majors in The Media School, based on an evaluation of application materials. Requirements for program admission can be found on the school’s website.

**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.

**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.

**The Media School**
mediaschool.indiana.edu

Transfer students who are 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.
Lucas Chin wanted to try new things.

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 tae kwon do to weekly dinners together. “You won’t regret coming here,” Lucas said.
Viewing Your Transfer Credit Report

If you are admitted, you will be able to access your detailed Transfer Credit Report approximately two to three weeks after admission. This report will list all courses taken at other institutions, indicate whether each course will transfer, and note the equivalent course at IU Bloomington for which you’ll receive credit.

To view your Transfer Credit Report:
- Log in to One.IU at one.iu.edu.
- Enter “transfer credits” into the search box at the top and select the “Transfer Credits” app box.
- Log in using your IU username and passphrase to see how your coursework from another college or university transferred to IU.

If you have general questions about transferring credits, please visit the Credit Transfer Service site at cts.admissions.indiana.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at 812-855-0661 or admissions@indiana.edu. If you have questions about a specific course equivalency or how your credits may count toward an IU degree, please contact the school or college in which you plan to enroll.

How do credits count toward my major and degree?

When credits are accepted for transfer to IU Bloomington, there are several ways that they may count in relation to specific major and degree requirements. Courses may transfer to IU as:

Distributed credit: You receive credit for a specific IU Bloomington course. Distributed credits may fulfill General Education (GenEd) credits and/or major requirements.

Undistributed credit: If you’ve taken a course that isn’t equivalent to a specific IU course, we may be able to grant you credits in the corresponding IU department. The credits you get are called “undistributed” (UNDI) credits because they don’t count as specific courses. But, they do count toward your total credit count. How your undistributed credits fulfill degree requirements will vary by degree. You can have your course syllabus reviewed to potentially have your undistributed credit updated to a specific IU course number.

All degree-seeking students at IU Bloomington are required to complete the campuswide GenEd program prior to graduating with a bachelor’s degree. You can see a list of all IU courses that count toward the GenEd requirement at gened.indiana.edu.

To determine which courses at your current institution are equivalents of IU GenEd courses, use the Credit Transfer Service website at cts.admissions.indiana.edu.

In addition to GenEd requirements, students must complete all required courses for their degree programs in order to graduate with a bachelor’s degree. Each school publishes a bulletin that lists these requirements—you can find the most up-to-date bulletin for your school at bulletins.iu.edu/iub.

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).”

Enrolling at IU Bloomington

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
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.”
Maximizing Your Success

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. And don’t forget to visit admissions.indiana.edu/life to learn about student involvement, campus traditions, and more.

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.

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.

Career Development Services
career.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.

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.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
healthcenter.indiana.edu/counseling

Located in the IU Health Center, CAPS provides mental health services for students and workshops on topics such as stress management. Services range from assistance with serious mental health crises to support for students who just want to discuss their problems with someone they can trust.

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.

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.

Health Services
healthcenter.indiana.edu

The Indiana University Health Center is centrally located on the IU Bloomington campus. The center is equipped with a medical clinic, lab, and X-ray facility, women’s clinic, pharmacy, and mental health and wellness center.

Housing
studentaffairs.indiana.edu/student-support/off-campus-living/index.html

IU offers a list of resources to support transfer students in off-campus living, including links to Bloomington’s utility services that allow you to pay online.

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.

Supplemental 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.
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

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