



SOUTH BEND

THE TITAN BUZZ

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS



Students pose on the Intramural Fields after Titan Splash

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FEE ELIMINATED

Applying to any Indiana University regional campus is now free! It's part of ongoing efforts to make higher education more accessible at our regional campuses.

*Please note - applicants will be charged a \$65 fee if they choose to send their Apply IU application to IU Bloomington or IUPUI.

TEST-OPTIONAL ADMISSION

IU South Bend has adopted a test-optional admissions policy. Students applying for undergraduate admission can choose at the point of application whether to have SAT or ACT test scores considered as part of the application. This is because some students may feel their test scores do not accurately represent their academic abilities. IU South Bend will review applications without test scores based on secondary education curriculum and academic performance. Certain scholarships will still require a standardized test score for eligibility.

Free Parking at IU South Bend

Due to the high cost of gas and ongoing inflation, and IU South Bend's commitment to lowering financial hurdles in education, we are eliminating parking permit fees for students during the 2022-2023 academic year. Vehicles must still be registered and hang tags must be displayed while on campus. Parking rules and regulations remain unchanged.



Celebrate College Go! Week with IU South Bend

College Go! Week is Sept. 26-30 and IU South Bend is kicking off the week of events on Friday, Sept. 23 with a special College Go! Week OnSite Admissions day. Eligible students will be offered our Titan Onsite Scholarship. Learn more here: <https://go.iu.edu/4zU1> or scan the QR code.



FALL VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

To register for events below, visit our webpage: visit.iusb.edu



Titan Tours: Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM

(Registration is required as each tour is capped at 15 participants. Tours are approximately one hour.)

Saturday Tours: For those who cannot make our weekday tours, we offer select Saturday Tours during the fall semester. This tour option includes a short presentation about the application process. *(Registration is required as each tour is capped at 65 participants. Tours are approximately 90 minutes.)*

* October 15 * November 19 * December 10

Self-Guided Tours: If students want to experience campus in-person but can't make one of the above guided tours or prefer to not be in a group at this time, they can take a self-guided tour of the University. Participants can use a mobile device to access the tour map and follow along with the text as they make their way around campus. We also have printed versions of the self-guided tour available for pick-up during office hours for those that need them.

Virtual 360° Campus Tour: While learning about campus and our offerings, students can interact with the panoramas by using their mouse to click and drag around the scene. The mouse's scroll wheel can be used to zoom in and out as well.

**Register online for a
Fall date:**

- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

SHOWCASE DAYS

Tour campus & learn about:

- academic programs
- admissions
- financial aid
- student life



ONSITES & MAKE-UP DAYS

Admission Counselors from IU South Bend are working with high schools in the Michiana area to make on-site admission decisions for students either virtually or in person. Participating students will be able to apply and receive a decision on-the-spot. Eligible students with a 3.0+ GPA will be offered an exclusive \$500 Titan OnSite Scholarship.

OnSite Make-Up Days:

- September 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- October 21, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- November 18, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- December 9, 9:00 AM - 4:00

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Administration Bldg.**

Admissions on the Road Event Calendar

IU South Bend will be on the road looking for students! Our admissions counselors are available both virtually and in person around the Michiana area for:

- College and career fairs
- Classroom presentations
- OnSite admissions decisions at local high schools
- Events for transfer and international students

Webpage: <https://go.iu.edu/4iaG>



Indiana College Core

We are excited to announce that IU South Bend is now offering an Indiana College Core certificate to high school students who complete 30 hours of coursework that includes specific competencies and learning outcomes found in the IU South Bend Common Core. To complete the ICC certificate, students must complete at least 15 credits of courses offered through IU.

Students can earn ICC credits in a variety of ways:

- in their high schools through IU's Advance College Project
- on campus
- online courses
- credits offered through partner institutions (Ivy Tech, Purdue, and more)
- through credits earned on exams including AP, IB, CLEP, and Cambridge

Please contact
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College Core Program
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Once they have completed the certificate, students will not only start their college career with a head start on their general education coursework but will also have guaranteed admission to each IU regional campus. Additionally, the ICC transfers as a block of credits between Indiana public colleges and universities.

LET'S PARTNER ON STUDENT LEARNING

IU South Bend is committed to fostering relationships between the campus and community that enhance student learning and enrich our region. Our faculty and staff would be delighted to collaborate in building a classroom experience or presentation that supports your instructional and programmatic goals.

You can find a list of speakers and their areas of expertise here: <https://go.iu.edu/4i9z>



21st Century Scholar Resources

Questions? Get in touch!

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IU South Bend offers several resources to keep 21st Century Scholars on track:

- a dedicated success coach to help Scholars succeed
- scholarship opportunities, including some specifically for Scholars
- peer mentors with experience in navigating the college transition
- financial aid assistance to sort out the details of funding their education

NEW FACES: ADMISSIONS & OISS

Kathryn Hans | Assistant Director, Admissions & OISS | knmathew@iu.edu



Hello! I look forward to working with you in my new role as Assistant Director of Admissions and International Student Services! Last year, I had the opportunity to get to know students in the Michiana area in my previous role as an Admissions Counselor for First Year Students. I have been a member of the Admissions and International student services team here at IU South Bend for 3 years.

I am passionate about international education and working with students from diverse cultural backgrounds. I developed this interest after experiencing life as an international student in Tokyo, Japan and Rome, Italy. I am happy to be a resource for international students, asylee, refugee, DACA, and undocumented students in the community.

Grecia Guapillo (GG) | Diversity Coordinator & Admissions Counselor - First Year Students | gguapillo@iu.edu

Hola! I'm thrilled to be working as the new Diversity Coordinator and Admissions Counselor for Indiana University South Bend this year. I graduated from St. Mary's College with a Bachelors in Economics and Global Studies with a concentration in Intercultural Studies. I speak four languages and I am very passionate about traveling. Originally from Mexico, I know first-hand the many struggles and sacrifices first-generation students face on a day-to-day basis. That's why my mission here is to assist students and their families to overcome any adversity they may face, receive fundamental information they may need, and provide the right resources for a smooth transition into their college journey. I am a strong advocate for all minorities to achieve great things through higher education. Being in those shoes myself, I know the college process can seem overwhelming, but if I did it, so can you!



Leah Alburtus | Admissions Counselor - First Year Students | lalburtu@iu.edu



Hi there! I am an admissions counselor at Indiana University South Bend. I grew up in Portage, Michigan and earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies with a minor in Creative Writing from Western Michigan University. I also spent many evenings during undergrad both seeing and performing in theatrical productions. Before joining the admissions team, I worked as a news producer at NBC 24 News serving the market of Toledo, Ohio and the surrounding counties covering a range of topics. I've also spent many summers working with children at a theater camp in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I'm passionate about helping students find communities where they can thrive and explore all of the opportunities ahead of them. I look forward to working with prospective students and helping them see their future here at IU South Bend!

NEW FACES: ADMISSIONS & OISS

Michael McMillion | Admissions Counselor - Transfer Specialist | mcmillim@iu.edu



I am excited to step into my new role as an Admissions Counselor! My previous experience as a credential analyst has helped to inform me of our transfer practices here at IU South Bend, and I look forward to applying what I've learned to better help transfer students. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a minor in dance here at Indiana University South Bend. After graduating, I worked as a Program Assistant at The LGBTQ Center. During my time there, I expanded the Center's educational offerings by designing and facilitating new workshops and diversity training sessions. I've used this experience in my current role to facilitate Campus Ally Network training sessions for faculty, staff, and students. I am excited to continue to serve our students, our campus and community, and to support transfer students on their academic journeys!

Chris Brooks | Credential Analyst | cb42@iu.edu

I was born, raised, and homeschooled in South Bend. Due to early childhood learning difficulties, I earned my TASC/GED equivalency as a young adult and later participated in the ABC Program as a prospective transfer student. I graduated from Ivy Tech Community College with an A.S. in General Studies. I then transferred to Indiana University South Bend and graduated with a B.A. in Communication Studies with a concentration in public relations and a minor in media culture and society. I am currently a graduate student here in Communication Studies.

I have experienced culture shock, the scary transfer process, and the disappointment of a pandemic canceling a bicentennial commencement ceremony. I also know that Indiana University has the resources to make every student succeed in life. I enjoy baking, hiking, learning German, and finding new recipes.



Christina Gibson | Indiana College Core Program Manager | chgibs@iu.edu



I am delighted to join the IU South Bend team as the new Indiana College Core Program Manager.

As a public school music educator for over 25 years, I have taught students from kindergarten through the post-graduate level. Prior to my appointment at IU South Bend, I taught in the Brandywine (MI), and Niles (MI) community school districts as well as served as adjunct faculty at Southwestern Michigan College, Lake Michigan College and Andrews University. I also had the great pleasure of working for the South Bend Symphony Orchestra as the Director of Education for nine years.

I earned my bachelor's degree from Ball State University and my master's degree from Southern Oregon University.

I look forward to assisting high school students and staff in their journey with the new Indiana College Core Program!

IU South Bend Celebrates First McKinney Climate Fellow



Katherine Couch, McKinney Climate Fellow and Sustainability Studies Graduate Student

In 2021, Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute announced plans for a new initiative called the McKinney Midwest Climate Project. Structurally, it merges two previous entities into one. The membership of ERI's Resilience Cohort program and Sustain IU's Indiana Climate Fellows are now combined, and renamed the McKinney Climate Fellows. Among the roughly 40 students participating is IU South Bend graduate student Katherine Couch.

After teaching for six years, a steadily growing commitment to environmental justice and sustainability sent Couch back to IU South Bend. "I realized that it's all so much bigger than just me, and that I was going to need a lot more knowledge if I was going to live more sustainably, and hopefully make communities more sustainable as well," Couch said.

Couch spent her first summer as a McKinney Climate Fellow operating logistics at the Patachou Foundation in Indianapolis. Patachou operates a multifaceted series of programs which aim to combat food insecurity among Indianapolis' youth. High school students learn culinary skills and urban farming techniques, and are mentored in resume-building and financial literacy. There's also a lot of fun to be had: some students train as baristas in Patachou's coffee shop.

"That's one of their favorite things," Couch said. "They are so excited and they are so proud of their latte art."

Data Over Dreams: an IU South Bend Grad's New Approach to Real Estate

There's a new name in the South Bend real estate market, and it's getting more prominent with every project: Property Bros LLC. The company's proprietor, Jordan Richardson, bases his activities on data-crunching, not dream-chasing.

Richardson matriculated at IU South Bend in 2009 to pursue his bachelor's degree in finance and financial management services. Upon graduating in 2014, he explored some business ventures and worked as a credit analyst at 1st Source Bank. By June of 2021, his own Property Bros company was converting its first run-down house into an attractive and valuable property. He does not "fall in love" with a project. He starts with an Excel sheet. "It all comes down to data and numbers," Richardson said. "This is where a lot of first-time investors go wrong. People will think a certain project is just so cool, but the numbers and the data are not there to support it."

In only a year, Property Bros has already completed the transformation of 13 units. The pattern has been to investigate a neighborhood, benchmark the highest and lowest values in the area, and then bring in plumbers, carpenters and electricians to turn the worst house on the block into one of the best.

"We know, in general, what it takes to remodel a 1300 square-foot house with two bathrooms and three bedrooms. It's a series of data points," Richardson said. "I have X amount of money to put in, and if it doesn't hit certain metrics, I don't buy it."



Jordan Richardson,
Business Development Manager,
Property Bros LLC

To read full articles and more, please visit:
<https://www.iusb.edu/news/>





To kick off the new semester, International Student Organization (ISO) took a trip to Downtown South Bend to explore the area and attend Art Beat. Some of our new international students had the chance to walk the South Bend River Walk, try local restaurants, and learn how to use our public transit. Art Beat was a great way for our international students to connect with each other and learn from all kinds of local artists.



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