Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs

Happy half-way point! As the fall semester flies by, be sure to take the time for reflection. As a transfer student, you already know - your academics, your physical and mental health, your social involvement and connections – all of these are important to your overall balance. Planning for your future and making the most of the moment isn’t always easy, but there is a lot of support here at IU, including the FYE office and staff. Know your resources and support options. Reach out. Connect. Engage. Your IU experience will be richer for it.

See Your Advisor - Register for Spring Semester

Each term, you’re assigned a personal registration appointment based on your class standing and the total number of credits you’ve earned. The more credits you’ve earned, the earlier your appointment. This appointed window of time is referred to as Early Enrollment. Students who are eligible to enroll, but do not have a registration appointment, may do so during Open Registration. This includes all new undergraduate students, new graduate students, and intercampus transfer students.

Make an appointment with your academic advisor prior to registering for spring semester to discuss your interests and options and to ensure you are on track. You can see more details and timelines of registration at Student Central on Union.
Trading Laces: Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes

Are you curious about the experiences of people from different backgrounds? We challenge you to gain a better perspective on what other people’s lives are like. Take the Trading Laces challenge and get ready to walk in someone else’s shoes. Participate in activities and reflection exercises in each of these five identity areas: ability, gender, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status. You can choose “solo” or “social” activities – mix it up however you like! Check out some ideas for getting started on FYE’s Trading Laces page.

Hungry for Success? 5 Steps to Finding a Career You'll Love!

Wednesday, November 5. Tree Suites, Indiana Memorial Union. 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Do you have questions regarding your major or career path? Are you interested in getting a leg up on your future? Enjoy an evening with free food & t-shirts, hear from student leaders, gain tools and information regarding your degree requirements, and get 5 steps closer to determining a major and/or career path.

What should you say when someone asks you what you’re doing on November 5th? Tell them you’ll be figuring out your future with the help of fellow students, professionals from the field, University Division, First Year Experience, and the Career Development Center. Use your myJobs account (at http://cdc.indiana.edu/) to RSVP if possible. If not- just stop by!

Choosing Courses: Your Planning Tools

Choosing the courses you take with care contributes to academic success. If you are interested in the material covered in your classes, you’re more likely to do well in them. When you meet with your advisor regularly, discuss how your courses at your previous institution fit with your current plan, and look ahead to the next semester and beyond. There are also helpful online tools to aid you in your planning, such as:

The Schedule of Classes: provides a full list of the classes being offered at IU Bloomington each term, including class meeting times and locations, the instructor’s name, and other important class notes.
Academic Bulletins: include basic descriptions for all courses taught by each school or academic unit. Note: Not all courses appearing in the bulletins are taught each term.
Program/Degree Planning Guides: provide a brief overview of the requirements for a particular undergraduate degree or program.
Advisement Report: shows how your courses and your transfer, testing, or other special credits apply toward the academic requirements of your major.

See all of these, and other usual information and tools, on the University Division website.
The IU Bucket List: Your "Must Do at IU" List

What have you accomplished on the official IU Bucket list so far? You can see the official list – suggested by students like you – at this link. Look for items such as:

- Go bowling or see free movie in the IMU
- Connect with a professor outside the classroom
- Hike around Griffy Lake

This month’s featured Bucket List item: Play a game of bags at a football tailgate. There are still two opportunities on campus to do this: November 8 when the Hoosiers take on the Nittany Lions of Penn State, and November 29 when the Purdue Boilermakers come to Memorial Stadium. See the complete IU Football Schedule here.

IU Health Center: Free Prescription Delivery Service

You can now have prescriptions delivered to you and avoid the hassle of having to go pick them up! The Indiana University Health Center is now delivering prescription medications to residence centers. If you are on a medication that is refilled monthly, you may now have it delivered directly to your residence hall at no additional charge. Interested? Click here to enroll.

Additional Resources

Visit the FYE events calendar for upcoming programs on campus and around Bloomington.

Still have questions about IU offices, policies, and procedures? Want to learn more about living in Bloomington, achieving academic success, getting involved and staying connected? Check out the Online IU Resource Guide, a tool to help you sort through the many questions you may have throughout your time at IU that will provide you helpful information related to academic life, campus involvement, housing, health and wellness, transportation, and more.

And, as always, connect with us on Facebook and Twitter for announcements, ideas for getting involved, and insights from students who have been in your shoes.