

# Academic Expectations

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## MyISU Portal and MySAM

Your student will use their ISU portal for many things, such as registering for classes, viewing their class schedule, viewing their interim and final grades. Their portal also lists their advisor's name.

One of the tools that your student will be using is MySAM which stands for My Student Academic Map. Your student can access his or her MySAM through their MyISU portal. MySAM includes multiple components including a worksheet that shows all requirements for your student's degree. The worksheet indicates completed coursework with a green box, courses for which your student is currently enrolled with a blue box, and remaining requirements with an empty box.

To earn a degree from Indiana State University, students must successfully complete the Foundational Studies Program which is the name of ISU's general education program. Students must also successfully complete the courses for their intended major as well as any required electives. If this sounds confusing, don't be worried. In addition to the courses being listed in the MySAM worksheet, your student's MySAM includes a degree plan listing how their degree will be completed with a semester-by-semester list of classes.

To complete their degree, students must earn 120 credits. This means that students should register for and successfully complete 15 credits each semester to graduate in four years.

Your student's MySAM includes a lot of important information such as their advisor's name, the number of Transfer Hours they have earned (if courses were taken through another college and their official transcript has been received by the ISU Office of Admissions), ISU Earned Credits, Academic Standing, and any Holds on their record. All first-year students will have a UC Advisor hold. This hold is to make sure that students speak with their advisor before making any schedule changes that could jeopardize their academic progress or their financial aid.

## Campus Resources

Indiana State University offers several campus resources to scaffold students starting with their first semester. Students can find many of these resources in the lower level of Normal Hall.

1. [Tutoring](#) is offered free of charge and is offered both one-on-one and small group sessions for many courses. Tutoring may be long-term, short-term, or a single visit depending upon the needs the student. Tutoring is by appointment.
2. [Supplemental instruction](#) is an academic support program offering free, regularly scheduled out-of-class review sessions for historically difficult classes. The SI study sessions are informal seminars facilitated by SI Leaders, students who have not only demonstrated proficiency in their courses but who act as a model student by attending the class and taking notes.
3. Peer mentoring is available in the [Mentoring Center](#) to any ISU student. The University College also offers peer mentor support to students on academic probation. ISU also has a wide variety of more specialized mentoring programs. Mentoring provides individualized support to help students navigate whatever situation they may be experiencing.
4. [21st Century Scholar](#) support is offered through academic and financial aid workshops, career events, and freshman seminar courses.
5. [Accessibility Resource Office](#) provides assistance to students with disabilities and special needs by providing academic and residential accommodations. Documentation in support of the request is required.