Welcome to State! We are so excited for you to be a Sycamore! This resource guide will provide you with important information and links that will help you have a successful transition to Indiana State University.
INDIANA STATE LINGO AND TRADITIONS

Here are a list of vocabulary words and traditions that make Indiana State University unique. You will often hear these terms used on campus and we want you to be prepared!

**AACC**
Located off 8th Street, the Charles E. Brown African American Cultural Center strives to engage students whose educational, intellectual, and personal interests include issues of race, ethnicity, and varied social, cultural, and political histories of Africans across the Diaspora.

**THE BIRD CAGE**
This is the structure between Parsons Hall and Tirey Hall, it is also by the “Sticky Ball”.

**BLUE AND WHITE**
In 1899, it was announced that Yale Blue and White would replace the colors of Salmon Pink and White. The colors are also applied to the Blue and White Parade and the Blue and White Dance held during Homecoming each fall.

**BURSAR**
The Bursar is located in Parsons Hall. The Bursar is where students are able to pay their bills.

**CCE**
This stands for the Center for Community Engagement. Located in Tirey Hall under the “Bird Cage”, CCE’s main goal is to assist area nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and private industries and businesses to develop links with Indiana State University students and faculty; create out-of-class learning experiences, including internships and service-learning, for ISU’s students and faculty; and encourage and coordinate student, faculty, and employee volunteerism and service to the Wabash Valley.

**CFSS**
Center for student success, the tutoring center on the first floor of Normal Hall.

**CGE**
The Center for Global Engagement is located in Gillum Hall. CGE offers three different areas of focus: International Students/Scholar Services, Study Abroad Programs, and Faculty-Led Programs.

**THE COMMONS**
The Commons is the term often used by students to describe the food court area in the Hulman Memorial Student Union near the fountain.

**DEDE I, II, III**
The Dedes are a collection of large rooms located in the Hulman Memorial Student Union. Students are often able to find an event going on in the Dedes.

**DONAGHY DAY**
Each year, days are set aside in the spring and fall semesters for all students to participate in a day of service on campus and in the community. The event is named after Fred Donaghy, who graduated from the Normal School in 1912 and served as a professor of life sciences.

**FOUNDERS DAY**
January 6 commemorates the opening of the institution in 1870 when 23 students presented themselves to a faculty of three on the first day of classes at the Indiana State Normal School.

**THE FOUNTAIN**
This is considered the heart of campus. The Fountain is located near the Hulman Memorial Student Union and the John W. Moore Welcome Center.

**FSL**
FSL stands for Fraternity & Sorority Life. At Indiana State University, there are three governing councils which include Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Association (PA). Another term for FSL is Greek Life.

**HMSU**
The Hulman Memorial Student Union houses restaurants on campus, the Commuter Connections Lounge, Starbucks, Dede I, II, III; as well as various campus department offices.

**HOMECOMING**
This term was first used in 1916 for the Alumni-Varsity Basketball Game. It became known as Blue and White Day by 1919 and featured activities for alumni of the Normal School. In 1912, events were held around a football game in the fall. A bonfire and pep rally were added in 1922, and the Blue and White Parade in 1923.

**HULMAN CENTER**
The Hulman Center is located on the east side of campus near the parking garage. The Hulman Center is where basketball games are played and other large scale events, such as Commencement, are hosted.
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

NAMES
- Indiana State Normal School (1865-1929)
- Indiana State Teachers College (1929-1961)
- Indiana State College (1961-1965)
- Indiana State University (1965-present)

LINCOLN QUADS
The Lincoln Quadrangle is a residence hall near the northwest end of campus and is normally in reference to the dining hall connected to the residence hall. Also known as “The Quads”.

MASCOTS
In 1969, Chief Quabachi (Wa-ba-shi-ki) was created as a mascot for the school. This Indian Chief was used as a mascot until 1989. In 1995, the University welcomed Sycamore Sam to the ISU family. The blue and white, furry woodland creature is a favorite among young and old alike.

MSP
Stands for the Office of Multicultural Services and Programs. MSP’s focus is to support students in marginalized communities, promote safe spaces for dialog about student experiences, and provide resources that support multicultural students in their academics.

OIT
The Office of Information Technology provides technology-based solutions and services that support the academic, service, and administrative activities of Indiana State University. They are located in the basement of Stalker Hall.

ORR
Office of Registration and Records. ORR is responsible for handling all student academic records.

QUAD
The Quad is a grassy area where students hang out when the weather is nice. During the warmer days on Indiana State University’s campus, many organizations can be found hosting events on the Quad. The Quad is located on the southeast side of campus, surrounded by Dreiser Hall, Gillum Hall, and the Condit House (where the University President lives).

REC EAST
Recreation East is an outdoor track that hosts the Trike and Tandem races.

SCOB
More formally known as the Scott College of Business. Located in Federal Hall across Cherry Street.

SI
SI stands for Supplemental Instruction. These are students who are leaders in the classroom. They are trained as peer facilitators who lead study sessions to go over core concepts in courses. SI is provided by the Center for Student Success.

SPRING WEEK
This is held annually in April. It is a week full of student activities, including the Tandem race.

SSS
Student Support Services is located on the first floor of Normal Hall. Student Support Services coordinates services for students with disabilities by providing resources, accommodations, and assistive technology.

STATE WELCOME
State Welcome is the time during your first semester at Indiana State. This is a time with plenty of activities for meeting new friends and connecting with campus services. To see what to expect, check out: indstate.edu/welcome

STICKY BALL
Students often call The Chorus of Trumpets structure the “Sticky Ball” because it looks like a childhood toy. It’s a great way to find Financial Aid right next door.

TANDEM
This is a student-organized race that was first held during Spring Week in 1970. Teams are composed of coed pairs, who compete on tandem bicycles.

THE TOWERS
Students often refer to the residence halls Blumberg, Cromwell, Rhoads, and Mills as the Towers. The Towers also house Sycamore Dining, the main dining hall on campus.

TRIKE
This was first run in 1963 as a 10-lap race around The Quads on children’s tricycles. The race now features men’s and women’s teams racing on specialty-built tricycles at Recreation East.

UNIVERSITY SEAL
The current seal includes the symbols of the book and torch and the founding date of 1865. It was approved by the board of Trustees in 1929, the year that the Normal School became the Indiana State Teachers College.

WOLF FIELD
Located on the west side of campus near Rhoads and Cromwell Hall. This outdoor area contains two sand volleyball courts, two basketball hoops, a picnic shelter, and a large grassy area.
ACADEMICS | AREAS OF STUDY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
• Anthropology
• African/African American Studies
• Art and Design
• Art Education
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Communication
• Computer Science
• Criminology and Criminal Justice
• Cybercriminology & Security Studies
• Economics
• English
• English Teaching
• Environmental Geoscience
• Fine Arts
• Gender Studies (See Multidisciplinary Studies)
• Geography and Sustainability
• Geology
• Graphic Design (see Art and Design)
• History
• Intelligence Analysis
• Journalism (See Communication)
• Language, Literatures, and Linguistics
• Language Studies Teaching Major
• Legal Studies
• Mathematics
• Mathematics Teaching
• Media Studies (See Communication)
• Medical Laboratory Science (See Biology)
• Multidisciplinary Studies
• Music Composition
• Music Education
• Music Liberal Arts
• Music with Concentrations in Merchandising & Business Administration
• Music Performance
• Philosophy
• Physics
• Political Science
• Pre-Dentistry
• Pre-Law
• Pre-Medicine
• Pre-Optometry
• Pre-Pharmacy
• Pre-Veterinary
• Psychology
• Public Relations (See Communication)
• Science Education
• Social Justice & Sociology
• (See Multidisciplinary Studies)
• Social Science Education
• Theater
• Visual Arts Administration
• (See Multidisciplinary Studies)

BAYH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
• Elementary Education
• Special Education
• Speech-Language Pathology

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
• Applied Medicine
• Dietetics
• Food Service Management
• Health Sciences
• Human Development and Family Studies
• Nursing
• Physical Education - all grades
• Physical Education - Exercise Science
• Recreation and Sport Management
• Social Work

SCOTT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
• Accounting
• Business Administration
• Business Education
• Finance
• Financial Services
• Insurance and Risk Management
• Management
• Management Information Systems
• Marketing
• Operations and Supply Chain Management

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
• Adult and Career Education
• Architectural Engineering Technology
• Automation and Control Engineering Technology
• Automotive Engineering Technology
• Aviation Management
• Civil Engineering Technology
• Construction Management
• Electronics Engineering Technology
• Engineering
• Engineering Technology
• Engineering Technology Management
• Human Resource Development
• Information Technology
• Interior Architecture Design
• Manufacturing Engineering Technology
• Mechanical Engineering Technology
• Packaging Engineering Technology
• Professional Aviation Flight Technology
• Safety Management
• Technology and Engineering Education
• Technology
• Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising
• Unmanned Systems
BARNES & NOBLE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE
When it comes to buying textbooks, our Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore makes it super easy! You can always be sure that you are getting exactly what you need. You can also ensure you are getting the best price with their price match. They will price match Amazon, bn.com, and local competitors. There are lots of different buying options:
• Rentals: save you up to 80%
• Used books: save you up to 25%
• eTextbooks: save you up to 60%
• New books are also available.
For more information, go to indiana-state.bncollege.com.

CAREER CENTER
The Career Center offers resources to make sure that you are career ready! This includes a clothing closet, mock interviews, and résumé workshops. To learn more about what the Career Center has to offer, visit indstate.edu/career-center.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Center for Community Engagement (CCE) is located in Tirey Hall. CCE’s goal is to build connections between ISU students and local organizations, agencies, and businesses. If you are looking to get involved in volunteer and community work, or would like service-learning or internship experience during your time at State, then visit with a staff member in the CCE. For more information on CCE, please visit their website at indstate.edu/community-engagement.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) is located in Gillum Hall. CGE offers International Student/Scholar Services and Study Abroad Programs. More information can be found at indstate.edu/global.

COMMUTER LIFE
Commuter Life is here to assist you in finding your home while on campus. If you are a commuter, we will work to provide you with resources and information so that you can feel part of the Sycamore family! For more information on all that Commuter Life offers, visit indstate.edu/commuter.

COUNSELING CENTER
The Counseling Center is a resource that all Sycamores can use during their time at State. The Counseling Center costs $30 per semester, which is charged to your student account. The Center provides mental health services that allow students to maintain their mental well-being. It focuses on assisting students who need support surrounding homesickness, test anxiety, and other mental health needs. To learn more, go to indstate.edu/cns.

CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY
The library offers a variety of print and electronic resources, including books, magazines, research journals, DVDs, CDs, and librarians to help you with your research projects. You can also reserve individual or group study spaces. The library is home to the Cup & Chaucer café- their quesadillas are a campus favorite! To explore all the services the library has to offer, visit library.indstate.edu.
HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College is composed of classes and experiences designed to enrich and maximize your education. Benefits of being in the Honors College include supportive faculty members and peer community, high-powered experiential learning, and priority registration. To learn more and apply to join, visit indstate.edu/honors.

MEAL PLANS

Whether you live on campus or commute from home, Indiana State offers a variety of meal plans to best fit your needs! To learn more, visit indstate.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) provides technology support and resources for students, faculty, and staff at Indiana State. OIT is available to help with password assistance, anti-virus installation or virus removal, student printing, Blackboard, hardware repair (for covered computers), and more! OIT is located in the basement of Stalker Hall.

PARKING PERMIT

In order to park on campus, you need to have a parking permit. There are different parking permit options, so it’s easy to find the one that works best for you. Permits can be purchased at Public Safety, or online for a $15 discount. For more information and to purchase your permit, visit indstate.edu/parking.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The first-year on campus living requirement comes with many benefits—such as living in an academically-supportive environment; the ability to stay connected to campus through activities that foster educational, social, and leadership development; and engaging with students from a variety of cultures, backgrounds, and lifestyles. For further information, visit indstate.edu/reslife.
STUDENT SUCCESS

Indiana State is dedicated to the success of all its students! The Center for Student Success strives to help you strengthen your study skills, become an independent learner, and learn how to advocate for yourself during your time on campus. Some of their services include:

TUTORING

We offer a variety of tutoring to help you succeed inside the classroom! Most of our tutoring takes place in the Center for Student Success in Normal Hall. Our math tutors are located in Root Hall and our writing tutors are located in the library. The best part – tutoring comes at no additional cost! To learn more about tutoring services on campus, visit [indstate.edu/services/student-success/cfss/tutoring-services/tutorial-services](http://indstate.edu/services/student-success/cfss/tutoring-services/tutorial-services)

DISABILITY SERVICES

Student Support Services coordinates support services for ISU students with disabilities. Accommodations may include: note taking services, registration assistance, reading services, and test accommodations. You can request special accommodations by visiting: [indstate.edu/webform/disability-services-request](http://indstate.edu/webform/disability-services-request)

CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility guides are available at Public Safety. Almost all buildings and classrooms are accessible to students with physical disabilities. ISU also provides parking permits for disabled students (medical documentation must be provided). In addition, accessible residence halls and apartments are also available. For more information, please visit: [indstate.edu/cfss](http://indstate.edu/cfss)

SYCAMORES CARE

If you feel like you need a little more support adjusting to Indiana State, Sycamores Care is a great resource. They offer assistance in areas such as homesickness, financial issues, health issues, and more. To learn more about their resources, visit [indstate.edu/sycamores-care](http://indstate.edu/sycamores-care).

SYCAMORE ID CARD

Your first Sycamore ID card is free of charge - replacement cards are $15 each. You can get your Sycamore ID card at Public Safety. This card will serve as your access to university services, facilities, the library, and events such as athletics, recreation, and theater. You will also use your ID for food purchases around campus. Your ID is pretty much your ticket to everything, so don’t lose it! If your card does get lost or stolen, call Dining Services at 812-237-4138 to put a hold on the card.

TITLE IX & VICTIM ADVOCACY

You will be required to complete It’s on BLUE training, which discusses victim advocacy and Title IX issues. If you would like more information on this, visit [indstate.edu/student-affairs/dean/assistant-dean](http://indstate.edu/student-affairs/dean/assistant-dean) and [indstate.edu/sites/default/files/media/equal-opportunity/pdfs/reporting-operations-and-support-services.pdf](http://indstate.edu/sites/default/files/media/equal-opportunity/pdfs/reporting-operations-and-support-services.pdf).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

As a first-year student, you will be a part of the University College (UC). You will be assigned a UC advisor, who can help you with advising, instruction, and registering for the appropriate classes. You will be able to see who your advisor is on your Student Self Service badge (in your myISU Portal) a few days after orientation. The UC is located in Normal Hall, which is also a great (and quiet) study space! For more information on the University College, visit [indstate.edu/uc](http://indstate.edu/uc).

VETERAN’S RESOURCE CENTER

The Veteran’s Resource Center provides student veterans with a central place to learn about benefits and resources available, as well as a place to hang out between classes. For more information, visit [indstate.edu/veterans](http://indstate.edu/veterans).
GETTING INVOLVED

CAMPUS LIFE
The mission of Campus Life is to provide co-curricular learning opportunities that foster a commitment to excellence in leadership, inclusion, pride, and civility in our communities. With over 270 student organizations, it’s easy to find a place to call home! Check out all of our student organizations at indstate.edu/treehouse. Don’t see one you love? You can start your own!

CHARLES E. BROWN AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
The Charles E. Brown African American Cultural Center (AACC) develops, supports and provides opportunities for students of African descent to involve themselves in co-curricular and academic programming that fosters cultural identity development, community engagement, and a sense of belonging. To learn more about their programs, visit indstate.edu/aacc.

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
Multicultural Services and Programs (MSP) located on the 7th floor of Hulman Memorial Student Union advocates across campus to help build a climate of inclusion and community. MSP has three resource centers:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
This center will support and promote the success and personal growth of international students through inter-cultural programming and advocacy.
indstate.edu/student-affairs/msp/resource-centers/international-student-resource-center/about

LGBTQ STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
The center provides resources, services, and programs for students that may have questions pertaining to the lives of LGBTQ students or students that already identify as LGBTQ and are looking for a safe space.
indstate.edu/student-affairs/msp/lgbtq-resource-center

LA CASITA STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
This center was developed to give voice to the rich heritage of the Hispanic/Latin student populations. It is a space for those interested in learning more about the Hispanic and Latin cultures.
indstate.edu/student-affairs/msp/la-casita-student-resource-center

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER
The Student Recreation Center (SRC) offers classes, a weight room, an indoor track, exercise equipment, free weights, a pool, hot tub, sauna, and more. The Student Recreation Center is also home to intramural and club sports. To learn more about all they have to offer, visit indstate.edu/campus-rec.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER
The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) strives to empower, educate, and create a safe space for people of all gender identities and expressions. For more information on the Women’s Resource Center, visit indstate.edu/student-affairs/wrc.
POST ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

ORIENTATION IS OVER, NOW WHAT?

☐ Turn in missing documents
  • Immunization records
    • Immunization records can be submitted to the Office of Registration and Records by any of the following methods: mail, email, fax, in-person or online: indstate.edu/immunizations. ORR is located in the basement of Parsons Hall.
  • Official Final Transcripts
    • To be official, transcripts must be sent directly to ISU from your high school (or college if applicable) either electronically to admissions@indstate.edu or via mail to Office of Admissions, 318 North Sixth Street, Terre Haute, IN 47809.
  • SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

☐ Review your financial aid offer and accept package
  • If chosen for financial aid verification, make sure it’s completed!
  • If you have questions about your financial aid, you can contact the Financial Aid office at 812.237.2215 or ISU-finaid@mail.indstate.edu. Financial Aid is located on the first floor of Tirey Hall.
  • If you have a question about how or where to pay your bill, you will need to contact the Bursar’s Office. They are located on the first floor of Parsons Hall. They can also be reached at 812.237.3511.

☐ Make sure your housing application is complete and submitted
  • If you have questions regarding your housing for the upcoming semester, contact the Residential Life Office. The housing application can be found in your MyISU portal by choosing the “Your Spot” ISU Housing tile. The Residential Life Office is located in Erickson Hall. You can also contact them at 812.238.8525 or ResLife@indstate.edu.

☐ Complete the It’s on Blue training module

☐ Check your university email often

☐ Order your textbooks!
  • You can order your books online at: indiana-state.bncollege.com. Choose the “Textbooks” link at the top of the page, and all you will need is the department (ex: ENG) course number (ex: 101), and section number (ex: 001).

☐ Buy a parking permit if you will have a car on campus
  • Permits can be purchased in person at Public Safety or online at: indstate.edu/parking/parking-permits. Order your permit online and save $15! Public Safety is located in between Erickson Hall and Pickerl Hall.

☐ Follow us on social media:
  - Facebook: ISU New Student Transition Programs
  - Twitter: @ISU_NSTP
  - Instagram: @ISU_NSTP

☐ Get excited for State Welcome! Take a look at the schedule at indstate.edu/welcome
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