A Guide for International Students
Thank you for your interest in the University of Southern Indiana (USI)! This viewbook is designed to help you explore your major of interest, acquaint you with the beautiful, vibrant USI campus, and get you started on the next step of your educational journey.

As a student at USI, you will have the opportunity to work with your professors on undergraduate research and creative projects to gain inspired perspectives and solve real-world challenges. Our professors are accessible, engaging, and most importantly, committed to teaching. With our small classes and modern facilities, you will receive an excellent education at USI and a warm, friendly introduction to life in the United States. We hope to welcome you to our community very soon!

If you would like further information about our programs, the application process, or next steps, email us at intlprog@usi.edu.

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**Academic calendar**
The academic year is organized into two semesters. The fall semester begins in late August and runs through mid-December; the spring semester begins in January and ends in May.

From May through August, the University has two short summer sessions. Students can enroll in one or two courses during each summer session in order to complete their degree in less than four years or to take courses they could not take during the regular academic year. International students on F-1 or J-1 visas are not required to enroll in summer courses, but many students complete at least one summer term.

**Credit hours**
Most courses meet three or four hours per week and therefore earn three or four credit hours. To remain full-time each semester, an international undergraduate must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours, and a graduate student must enroll in 9 credit hours. A typical bachelor’s degree requires 124 credit hours. A master’s degree is generally 33 credit hours and can be completed in two years.

**Grade point average**
A student’s academic performance is measured by the grade point average (GPA). USI uses letter grades (A, B, C, D, and F). The letter grades a student earns are converted to numerals with A (excellent) equal to 4 and so on down to F (failing) equal to 0. The numerals representing the student’s grade in each course are added and averaged to determine the student’s GPA for that semester. A cumulative average also will be calculated.

**Core Curriculum—a broad educational foundation**
Like most American universities, the University of Southern Indiana uses a liberal arts and science curriculum as the foundation for all programs. All students pursuing bachelor’s degrees must complete the University Core Curriculum regardless of their major.

The core includes courses in composition/speech, mathematics, ethics, the arts, health/fitness, history, individual development/social behavior, science, western culture, language, and other topics.

Most students complete a bachelor’s degree in four years. During the first two years, they take most of the Core Curriculum courses. Then they focus more narrowly on courses in their chosen major during the next two years.
Accreditation

The University of Southern Indiana is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

It also holds the following accreditations:

- AACSB-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
- ACEJMC-The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
- American Chemical Society
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Commission on Dental Accreditation; American Dental Association
- Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy
- Council on Social Work Education
- Indiana Department of Education Office of Educator Licensing and Development
- National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Indiana State Board of Nursing
- Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET

Tools for Academic Success

We are committed to your success! USI offers:

- Free tutoring for a variety of subjects
- Writer’s Room to help students with writing assignments
- Supplemental instruction in key courses
- Courses to improve study habits and help select a major
- Workshops that focus on skills and strategies for lifelong learning
- Academic advising by professors and professional advisors

Academic Programs

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

College of Business
- Accounting and Professional Services
- Business Administration
  - Entrepreneurship/Small Business
  - International Business
  - General Business
- Business Education
- Computer Information Systems
  - Enterprise Web Development
  - Application Development
  - Information Systems Management
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Finance
- Management
  - Human Resource Management
  - Innovation Management
  - General Management
- Marketing

College of Liberal Arts
- Art
  - Art History
  - Graphic Design
  - Illustration
  - Interactive Media Design
  - Photography
  - Studio Art
- Communication Studies
- Criminal Justice Studies
- English
  - Creative Writing
  - Literature
  - Rhetoric and Writing

College of Nursing and Health Professions
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Food and Nutrition
  - Dietetics
  - Food Service Management
  - Nutrition and Wellness
- Health Services
  - Gerontology
  - Health Administration
  - Health Promotion and Worksite Wellness
  - Long Term Care Administration
  - Public Health

English Teaching
- French
- German
- History
- International Studies
- Journalism
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Pre-Law (select a primary major)
- Psychology
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Radio and Television
- Social Science Secondary Education
- Social Work
- Sociology
  - Gerontology
  - Spanish
- Theatre Arts
- Visual Art Teaching (K12 or 9-12)
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
• Business

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
• Social Science

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
• Dental Assisting
• Occupational Therapy Assistant
• Respiratory Therapy

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION
• Early Childhood Education

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

• Nursing
  – Four-year
  – RN to BSN
• Combined BS/MS Occupational Therapy
• Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION
• Advanced Manufacturing
• Biology
• Biochemistry
• Biophysics
• Chemistry
• Early Childhood Education
• Elementary Education
• Engineering
• Exercise Science
• Geology

• Industrial Supervision
• Kinesiology
  – Group Exercise Instructor
  – Personal Training
  – Physical Education Teaching
  – Sport Management
• Life Science Teaching
• Mathematics
  – Actuarial Track
• Mathematics Teaching (Secondary Education)
• Physical Education Teaching (K-12 or 5-12)
• Special Education
• Sport Management
• PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS (Biology/Chemistry major)
  – Pre-Chiropractic
  – Pre-Dentistry
  – Pre-Ecology
  – Pre-Forestry
  – Pre-Medical Technology
  – Pre-Medicine
  – Pre-Optometry
  – Pre-Osteopathy
  – Pre-Pharmacy
  – Pre-Physical Therapy
  – Pre-Physician Assistant
  – Pre-Podiatry
  – Pre-Veterinary Medicine
  – Pre-Wildlife Biology
  – Pre-Zoology

• Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

• Business Administration
• Communication
• Liberal Studies
• Public Administration (part-time)
• Social Work
• Health Administration
• Nursing
• Occupational Therapy (combined BS/MS)
• Education
• Industrial Management (part-time)

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

• Doctor of Nursing Practice
Housed in the 76,800 sq. ft. Business and Engineering Center opened in 2010, the College of Business has obtained the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. As one of only 15 percent of the world’s business schools with the AACSB accreditation, USI’s College of Business is dedicated to its students’ academic and professional development.

Nearly 90 percent of graduates from the College of Business have a job in their field of study.

The experienced and diverse faculty offer students a wealth of global views, and faculty members are active in scholarly pursuits, professional organizations, and as business consultants. USI’s Midwest location provides students access to opportunities to gain workplace experience through internships at regional and global corporations, and partnerships with business leaders, alumni, and other constituents to provide continuous improvement in learning opportunities. A challenging and nurturing environment inspires lifelong learning and the preparation to succeed in a business climate that is increasingly global, diverse, and technologically complex.

Points of Pride

- USI’s Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Student Chapter received a Gold Certificate of Excellence, the highest level of recognition, in three of the last four years.
- USI College of Business programs are accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—the premier accrediting body for business schools.
- USI’s Business and Engineering Center offers cutting edge learning spaces, including an experimental economics laboratory, advanced sales management laboratory, and an interactive trading wall.

www.usi.edu/business
The College of Liberal Arts is dedicated to advancing the traditional university curriculum through innovative instruction. Students have access to state-of-the-art facilities such as the Scripps-Howard Digital Arts Laboratory and Video Production Complex, the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center and Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries for professional and student art exhibitions, and an Art Studio building with facilities for painting, print-making, and sculpture, as well as Mac computer labs for graphic design.

The professionally respected and frequently published faculty members provide their students with motivation and expertise to enhance reasoning skills designed to augment the way students see an ever-changing world. With extensive professional connections, the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts encourage students to take advantage of opportunities for undergraduate research in psychology and sociology, presentation at professional meetings, writing opportunities through the RopeWalk Reading Series, and off-campus internships in a variety of fields, as well as opportunities in University theatre and in professional summer theatre at the nearby New Harmony Theatre.

Points of Pride

• The College of Liberal Arts holds the following accreditations:
  – Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication [ACEJMC]
  – National Association of Schools of Art and Design [NASAD]
  – Council on Social Work Education [CSWE]

• The College of Liberal Arts continues to support the USI Archaeology Field School in New Harmony, Indiana.

• All students benefit from travel and study in other countries. Several departments in the College of Liberal Arts offer special spring break or summer travel/study programs in more than 50 countries.

www.usi.edu/libarts
The College of Nursing and Health Professions offers 10 academic programs which prepare students to become highly skilled healthcare professionals. The programs' curricula include challenging and innovative learning experiences, excellent clinical and internship opportunities, and extensive community engagement activities. Over 1,000 designated healthcare facilities across the United States and internationally provide real-life clinical practice experience. Students interact with a diverse and experienced faculty, many who hold specialized credentialing in their professions.

Graduates who earn degrees offered by the College consistently score above state and national averages on credentialing examinations. As a result, many graduates report employment immediately upon graduation and success in their professional fields.

Admission requirements and application deadlines are available on the College of Nursing and Health Professions web site at health.usi.edu. Additional application requirements vary by program. For example, undergraduate students seeking a degree in Dental Hygiene must apply for admission to the program upon completion of prerequisite courses.
Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education provides its students with state-of-the-art laboratory, research, and classroom facilities. Educational technology labs are available to prepare students to use computer technology in teaching and learning, and cutting-edge equipment is in place for student research and instruction.

Students in Pott College “learn by doing,” receiving hands-on training through field experience, student teaching, research opportunities, community outreach programs, and laboratory-intensive courses. The flexible applied Bachelor of Science in Engineering program allows students to choose technical electives in electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering areas.

Points of Pride
• Student enrollment in the Pott College has grown more than 40 percent in the last three years to more than 2,400 students.
• Grants of more than $2 million were received for the establishment of, and programming for, the Southwest Indiana STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Resource Center (SwiSTEM).
• Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education recently added new programs in biochemistry and advanced manufacturing.
• More than 96 percent of Pott College students who applied to graduate and/or medical schools have been accepted since 2007.

www.usi.edu/science

Associate Degree
Early Childhood Education

Bachelor Degrees
Advanced Manufacturing
Biology
Biochemistry
Biophysics
Chemistry
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education (includes Computer Education and Junior High/Middle School endorsements)
Engineering
Exercise Science
Geology
Industrial Supervision
Kinesiology
Life Science Teaching
Mathematics
Actuarial Track
Mathematics Teaching
Physical Education Teaching (K–12 or 5–12)
Science Teaching
Special Education
Sport Management
Senior High/Junior High/Middle School Education (grades 5–12)—certification is available for most majors

Master Degrees
Education
Industrial Management

Pre-professional Programs
(Biology/Chemistry Major)
Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Ecology
Pre-Forestry
Pre-Medical Technology
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Osteopathy
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Pre-Wildlife Biology
Pre-Zoology
Oppunities for Practical Experiences

USI encourages undergraduates to engage in practical training as well as increase their theoretical knowledge.

- The Office of Career Services and Placement assists students in arranging internships that give graduates an edge when they join the workforce.
- Endeavor! Awards for Research and Creativity are awarded in amounts of up to $4,000 to encourage student participation in research and presentation.
- The Honors Program offers grants to study abroad, research opportunities, close contact with professors, and residence in the Honors Living-Learning Community.
- The Service Learning Program at USI coordinates community-based service experiences that teach social responsibility and service, develop academic and leadership skills, and make students more marketable upon graduation.

Location is everything

Indiana—the American heartland

The University of Southern Indiana is located in the Midwestern state of Indiana, which is called “The Crossroads of America” because of its central location in the country. About six million people live in Indiana.

The capital of the state is Indianapolis, home of the famous Indianapolis 500 automobile race. Indiana is an important farming and manufacturing state and is rich in natural resources, including coal and limestone.

Evansville—the best, smartest, and All-American

Situated on the banks of the Ohio River, Evansville is Indiana’s third largest city. While the city offers many urban attractions, it retains the friendliness and charm of a smaller town. Evansville offers a lower cost of living and a much lower crime rate than major U.S. cities.

Evansville has been listed among the “100 Best Communities for Young People” by America’s Promise Alliance and was named an All-America City by the National Civic League. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance selected Evansville as 1 of 50 “Smartest Cities in Which to Live.”

Economy

Southwestern Indiana is an important farming and manufacturing region. Stretches of fertile land produce corn, soybeans, and other crops. Over the years, Evansville has been home to major commercial endeavors, including steel, woodworking, and plastics industries. Some of the major manufacturing companies in the region today are Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Inc., Mead Johnson Nutritional, Berry Plastics, SABIC Innovative Plastics, A.K. Steel, and Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA). Evansville also is a regional center for healthcare.
Getting around the city
The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) operates bus service in the metropolitan area. The service is available to major shopping and cultural destinations in the city and, on a limited basis, to the University of Southern Indiana campus.

Many students find that having a personal car makes it convenient for them to access the services they need in the area and the activities they want to attend off-campus.

Climate
Southwestern Indiana has four distinct seasons. Students should plan a wardrobe for changing seasons. The climate is humid with cool winters and warm summers.

So much to enjoy in the city and around the area
The city of Evansville is an active community with many recreational and cultural activities. Spacious parks in the area include the 140-acre Burdette Park near USI. The Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage offers walking and biking trails, including a segment downtown overlooking the scenic Ohio River. Students often meet friends at concerts, restaurants, coffee shops, movie theaters (including an IMAX), or the ice arena.

Cultural opportunities include the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science. The Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra performs downtown in the restored Victory Theatre. Well-known entertainers and traveling shows also come to Evansville.

Evansville also is home to the Evansville Otters, a professional baseball team in the Frontier League. From 1995 until the present, the Otters have played their home games at Bosse Field, the third oldest ballpark used for professional baseball in the country.

The Evansville IceMen, a professional hockey team in the Central Hockey League, also make their home in Evansville, playing their home games downtown at the Ford Center, designed by renowned sports facility architectural firm Populous.

A thriving commercial center, Evansville has two shopping malls: Eastland Mall, with three department stores, a food court, and over 100 specialty stores; and Washington Square Mall, the oldest enclosed shopping center in Indiana. There also are a number of other shopping centers featuring supermarkets, large discount stores, and smaller retailers.

Evansville is a two- to three-hour drive to a number of major U.S. cities, including Indianapolis, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; Nashville, Tennessee; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Louisville, Kentucky.

Population: City – 117,000 persons
Metropolitan area – 358,000 persons
Average Temperature: 32˚ F (0˚ C) – 78˚ F (25.5˚ C)
Average annual rainfall: 42 inches
Average annual snowfall: 10 inches
Time Zone: Central (Summer: GMT-5, Winter: GMT-6)

Admission procedures and deadlines
International applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. An international student should apply well in advance of the semester in which he or she plans to enter.

For additional assistance with the application process and information specific to your country, contact the nearest EducationUSA Center. For more information on EducationUSA and to find the Center closest to you, visit the web site at www.educationusa.info.

Exchange students participating in an established exchange program between their home institution and the University of Southern Indiana should contact the international office at their institution to apply for the program.

Undergraduate admission Checklist

- Completed International Student Application form (online application or paper form) and a copy of your passport/visa with the $35 application fee
- Official transcript of all secondary schools and universities (with graduation date), plus English translation
- Official (photocopy not acceptable) TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score report verifying a minimum total score of 525 (paper test) or 71 (Internet-based test), or official APFL (Advanced Placement International English Language) score report verifying a minimum score of 3, or official IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score report verifying a minimum score of 6. The TOEFL code for USI is 1335. If English is your native language, USI requires either the ACT or SAT score.
- Completed International Student Statement of Finances form and a certified bank statement
- Students transferring from another U.S. institution also must submit an International Student Transfer Form

Send undergraduate applications to:
Office of Admission
University of Southern Indiana
8600 University Boulevard
Evansville, Indiana 47712 U.S.A.
Graduate admission

The following standards have been established for regular admission to a program of graduate study leading to the master’s degree. (Some programs require a higher GPA. Check the specific program description.)

1. Graduation with a bachelor’s degree (minimum cumulative GPA 2.5) from a college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or a comparable association.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses taken at the graduate level at all schools attended.
3. An undergraduate record which provides adequate preparation to begin graduate study.
4. Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination, National Teacher Examination, PRAXIS I score results, or Graduate Management Admissions Test when required.
5. Any other requirements for admission which have been established for a specific program and approved by the Graduate Council.

Checklist

www.usi.edu/gradstud/appl.asp

- A completed Graduate Admission Application (online or paper application) and $35 application fee
- Official transcripts or certified true copy of all grade reports, diplomas, and academic records from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended (with English translation)
- Official TOEFL score of 550 (paper test) or 79 on Internet-based test, or 6 on the IELTS test
- A completed International Student Statement of Finances form and a certified bank statement
- Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination, National Teacher Examination, or Graduate Management Admissions Test when required.
- Students transferring from another U.S. institution must submit an International Student Transfer Form.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Information about the TOEFL dates and registration procedures may be obtained from: www.ets.org/toefl

Immigration policies

International students on F-1 or J-1 visas are required to enroll in a full-time course of study during their academic program. Undergraduate students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, graduate students must take at least nine credit hours per semester. International students may work on campus up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and full-time during vacation periods. Employment off-campus is not permitted unless the student has obtained authorization from Immigration after maintaining F-1 status for a minimum of nine months. Exchange visitors on J-1 visas should check with their program sponsors regarding specific regulations for their program.

Information on applying for a student visa is available from the U.S. Department of State web site at travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1270.html.

Further information on immigration regulations affecting international students is available on the USI web site at www.usi.edu/international/internationalstudents/immigrationregulations.aspx.

Transfer credit

In order for transfer credit to be accepted at USI, the foreign education institution must be recognized by the Ministry of Education (or other accrediting body) of the respective country. If it is deemed necessary for previous university coursework to be evaluated for credit transfer once a student has been admitted, USI recommends the three agencies listed below. Advanced credit also may be given for International Baccalaureate higher examinations, British GCE Advanced Levels, Advanced Placement examinations, or CLEP tests.

World Education Services

PO Box 5087
Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 10274-5087 USA
Tel: 212/966-6311
Fax: 202/966-6395
www.wes.org
Email: info@wes.org

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

PO Box 92970
Milwaukee, WI 53202-0970 USA
Tel: 414/289-3400
Fax: 414/289-3411
www.ece.org
Email: eval@ece.org

Education Evaluators International, Inc.

11 S. Angell Street #348
Providence, RI 02906 USA
Tel: 401/521-5340
Fax: 401/437-6474
www.educei.com

The Intensive English Program at USI

Through classroom instruction and cultural programming, the Intensive English Program at the University of Southern Indiana helps non-native speakers of English develop the skills to help them succeed in university academic programs. Students in the Intensive English Program are integrated into the academic, social, and cultural life of the University with opportunities to interact with other USI students in residence halls, dining facilities, student organizations, and campus events. Program staff also provide students with academic, personal, and immigration advising and counseling.

Curriculum

The Intensive English Program offers classes yearround, including a summer term, to accommodate students entering at any level, from beginning to college preparatory.

The program offers eight-week terms of 22-23 hours of instruction per week in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture.

Intensive English Program Services

- Airport transportation
- Five levels of instruction from beginning to advanced
- 22-23 hours of instruction each week
- Orientation, registration, and advising assistance
- Certificate of Completion
- Multiple start dates throughout the academic year and summer
CAMPUS LIVING
Convenience, safety, support

More than 2,800 students live in USI housing—near classes, the library, friends, and campus activities. USI’s modern campus accommodations are extremely popular with students.

A staff of housing professionals and student resident assistants helps students adjust to independent living and make the most of their college experience outside the classroom. The USI Office of Safety and Security is on duty 24 hours a day.

Two styles of campus housing

The University offers two types of accommodations—apartments and suite-style residence halls.

Campus Apartments

Each traditional apartment offers a kitchen, dining area, living room, two bathrooms, and two bedrooms. Apartments are fully furnished and include a full-size refrigerator and stove. The apartments have exterior corridors. A select number of apartments are designed with private bedrooms. Availability of apartments with private bedrooms is limited.

Residence halls

The residence halls offer furnished suites with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living space, and—instead of a complete kitchen—a snack area with sink, under-counter refrigerator, and cupboards. All students living in residence halls participate in the meal plan available in the University Center dining facility.

Residence halls appeal to many students because they provide both independence and common areas where students can meet each other and spend time together.

Housing amenities

No matter which housing style you choose, you get these benefits:

- air conditioning
- access to USI network and Internet through ethernet card or wireless network
- cable connections
- computer labs
- local phone service
- laundry facilities
- within delivery range of several area restaurants

RESIDENCE LIFE

The Residence Life program offers living-learning communities for students who share similar interests and academic programs. Participants live in designated wings of the residence halls with special programs and services including a seminar class. Students may select from nine living-learning communities: business, education, exploring majors, global community, honors, liberal arts, nursing and health professions, social work, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). With the exception of the Global Community LLC, students must be freshmen to participate in these communities.

Global Community

The Global Community wing is available for American and international students who want to broaden their international knowledge and experience. The Global Community features monthly programs and events designed to celebrate the world’s diversity and to explore some of the complex issues that global citizens need to understand. Culture nights provide students the opportunity to share information about their homeland, its traditions, and culture. Other events focus on international issues, such as the environment or conflict resolution. In addition, the Global Community co-sponsors several day trips throughout the year that help international students to bond, participate in fun and educational events, see more of the Midwest, and increase their understanding of U.S. culture. The Global Community allows friendships to develop along with respect and appreciation for the world at large, while celebrating our colorful diversity. For more information, you can visit the web site: www.usi.edu/international/gettinginvolved/globalcommunity.aspx.

Community Experience

“The benefits of living in the Global Community are endless. You make lasting friendships, learn about new cultures, and have tons of fun. Diversity is what makes the Global Community a great place to live at USI.”

–Christine Butler, USA

“Global Community is the perfect opportunity for establishing lifelong relationships; boundaries are not an issue.”

–Florin Beschea, Romania

“Global Community offers students an exciting journey around the world through pictures and first-hand accounts from international students.”

–Berenice Ramokgopa, Zimbabwe
The Office of International Programs and Services (IPS) assists international and American students in a variety of ways related to the international dimensions of their education. As the central office on campus for matters concerning international students, IPS helps students adjust to the University and the Evansville community and provides support services to ensure that each student’s educational experience is successful.

The IPS Office provides information and assistance with:

- orientation and adjustment
- immigration policies and procedures
- academic concerns
- personal problems
- financial emergencies
- professional concerns
- reentry issues
- culture shock
- employment procedures

Programs for the entire international community are designed to enhance each student’s academic experience and to help all students learn more about each other and the world in which they live. More information can be found through the Office’s web page (www.usi.edu/international) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/USI.InternationalPrograms).

Ongoing programs include the following:

**Host Family Program**
The Host Family Program encourages interaction between international students and American families in the Evansville community. Casual social occasions (dinner, sports activities, holiday visits, etc.) offer opportunities for international students and American families to get together for friendship and relaxation.

**International Outreach Program**
The International Outreach Program provides international students with the opportunity to share their culture and language with American community groups, school children, and area businesspersons.

**Small World Program**
Small World is a program that pairs American students with international students to broaden their horizons by spending time together socially and learning more about each other’s culture. The program is a bridge between cultures, and quite often long-lasting friendships develop between partners.

**International Connections**
International Connections is an orientation program to help new international students with their initial adjustment to campus and the surrounding area. Office of International Programs and Services staff meet students upon their arrival in Evansville. All new international students are encouraged to participate in this comprehensive orientation and registration program during the week prior to the fall and spring semesters. The activities include many opportunities to meet other students.

**Additional Opportunities**
Many international programs, such as the International Week festivities, are sponsored in cooperation with the International Club and other campus organizations. The Global Community’s monthly cultural and social events are open to the entire campus community. The International Programs and Services Office also organizes trips to places of interest in the region such as Chicago, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri.
Athletics

The University of Southern Indiana is a top competitor in the Great Lakes Valley Conference of the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division II. In this division, USI has won two national championships (men’s basketball in 1995, and baseball in 2010), has finished three times as a national finalist in basketball (men’s in 1994 and 2004, and women’s in 1997), and has had two third-place finishes (men’s cross country in 1982, and baseball in 2007). The women’s basketball and softball teams both ranked in the top 20, nationally, in team GPA.

International students interested in trying out for a team should find the contact information for the appropriate staff member on the athletics web site, www.gousieagles.com/staff.aspx.

Intercollegiate sports

Men’s
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country/Track and Field
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis

Women’s
- Basketball
- Cross Country/Track and Field
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Other Opportunities

Club sports allow students to compete against teams from other colleges and universities without having to play at the NCAA division level. Club sports include bowling, rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, and wrestling. Students also can participate in a wide variety of athletic activities through the Intramurals program throughout the year.

Getting Involved on Campus

Student Life

USI provides an ideal environment for students to get involved beyond the classroom. Students use the University Center, the expansive campus, and the recreational facilities to get together informally or to participate in intramurals, campus organizations, or other activities. Cultural activities include theatre, musical events, and presentations by recognized speakers and performers.

The heart of recreation activity on campus is the newly expanded Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center which features:
- Personal trainers and nutrition advisors
- Cardio training machines
- Free weights and strength machines
- Three-story rock-climbing wall
- Martial arts mat area
- Table tennis area
- Indoor walking/running track
- Three indoor basketball courts
- Two outdoor basketball courts
- Game room
- Exercise classes

More than 3,000 students take part each semester in Intramural programs. A wide range of structured activities such as those below are available for participants of all levels and abilities.
- Whitewater rafting
- Caving trips
- Canoe and camping trips
- Ski trip
- Flag football
- Miniature golf
- Volleyball, Softball, and Soccer
- Disc golf
- Basketball
- Tennis and Badminton

Campus organizations

The University has more than 90 campus clubs and organizations. For a full list of organizations, go to www.usi.edu/studentorganizations. USI has the following types of registered organizations:
- Academic/Professional
- Programming boards
- Political organizations
- Religious organizations
- Multicultural organizations (including the International Club)
- Special-interest organizations
- Service organizations
- Governing bodies
- Greek-letter organizations (seven fraternities and four sororities)

Other opportunities

- AMIGO orientation assistants
- First Year Initiatives
- USI Chamber Choir
- O’Daniel Leadership Academy
- The Shield (campus newspaper)
- USI Theatre
- University committees
- WSWI Radio Station

International Club

The International Club brings together students of all ethnic backgrounds to promote intercultural understanding and friendship. Members participate in a number of social, cultural, and educational activities and outings throughout the year, including trips to nearby cities, fall and spring break trips, and fun activities after each monthly meeting. One of the most popular events is the annual International Food Expo with food and entertainment representative of many countries. The club provides a support system and leadership opportunities for students and makes a considerable impact on the campus and community.
How to get to University of Southern Indiana

Airport connections
Students should book a flight to Evansville Regional Airport. Notify the Office of International Programs and Services of your flight schedule. A campus representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to campus or to your accommodations.

Taxi service also is available from the airport to campus. The distance is about 15 miles, and the trip will take about 20 minutes depending on the time of day and traffic.

By bus
Students coming from another U.S. city by Greyhound Bus will arrive at the Greyhound Terminal in downtown Evansville. If you notify the Office of International Programs and Services of your schedule, a campus representative will meet you at the terminal and escort you to campus or to your accommodations.

The Greyhound Terminal is about seven miles east of the USI campus. Taxi service is available 24 hours a day.

By car
The regional map on page 17 shows the major highways leading to Evansville. When you arrive, be sure to come to the Office of International Programs and Services so that we can welcome you to the University. The office is located on the lower level of the University Center East (see campus map).
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