

# Graduate Semester Exchange Program INDIANA UNIVERSITY



## O' NEILL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

The O'Neill School is a world leader in public and environmental affairs and is consistently ranked in the top tier of graduate schools in public affairs. With just 590 students, the O'Neill Master's Program combines the feel of a small-school experience with the benefits and resources of a large university. The O'Neill School gives you the opportunity to connect the classroom with your interest, whether that's out in the environment, in our local community, or back in your home country.

- Ranked #1 in the world for public administration by ShanghaiRanking 2019
- Ranked the #1 Master of Public Affairs program in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report 2019

### Highly Ranked Specialty Fields:

- #1 Environmental Policy & Management
- #1 Public Finance & Budgeting
- #1 Nonprofit Management
- #2 Public Finance and Budgeting
- #4 Public Policy Analysis

Coursework is offered in the following areas of focus and more:

- Community & Economic Development
- Energy, Water Resources, Ecology, & Conservation
- Environmental Policy Management
- Health Policy
- Information Systems
- International Development
- Policy Analysis
- Public Financial Administration

Specific course information is available upon request.

# #1

Ranked Master of Public Affairs Program in the U.S.

# 5:1

Faculty to Student Ratio

# #6

Best College Town in America

# 590

# of Graduate Students in O'Neill

# #1

City for Work-Life Balance



**23°****12°****28°****6°**

## WEATHER IN BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington has four distinct seasons. The average temperature for each season is shown in celsius.

Located in America's Mid-West, Indiana University provides the quintessential American college experience. More than 40,000 students spend their days on the Bloomington campus, including an international population of almost 8,000 students representing over 140 countries. With more than 750 clubs, 24 sports teams, and thousands of fine arts exhibitions and performances each year, you will always have something to do.

In the fall, you can experience a traditional American homecoming. During Homecoming, the IU community past, present, and future comes together to celebrate athletics, traditions, and all things IU. Events include parades, concerts, and an American football game. Come out in your crimson and cream and celebrate being a Hoosier!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Fall 2020

- March 1 - Application due to IU\*
- August 24 - Fall classes begin
- September 7 - Labor Day (no class)
- October 16 - Fall Break (no class)
- November 23 to 29 - Thanksgiving Break (no class)
- December 11 - Last day of classes
- December 14 to 18 - Final exam week

### Spring 2021

- September 1 - Application due to IU\*
- January 11 - Spring classes begin
- January 18 - MLK day (no class)
- March 13 to 21 - Spring Break (no class)
- April 30 - Last day of classes
- May 3 to 7 - Final exam week

\* You must be nominated by your home institution first. Please contact your home university's international office about the proper application procedures.

## NEAREST U.S. CITIES



## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All exchange students must be nominated by their home institution first. Next, each student must submit the following to Indiana University:

- Online application to IU (includes personal information, academic background, essay, application fee, etc.)

Following your application, IU's Office of International Services (OIS) will email you to request that you set up an Atlas (international student portal) account and you must submit supporting documents:

- Academic records
- Financial documentation

A complete explanation of admission standards and application requirements can be found at:  
<https://ois.indiana.edu/admissions/apply/transfer/index.html>



Pictured above: Snow falls during winter on the Indiana University campus; Students cheer on the basketball team.

## J-1 STUDENT VISA

All international exchange students will be required to obtain a J-1 student visa before beginning their studies at IU.

After you have been notified of admission, you will need to provide financial documentation to the Office of International Services (OIS). You will also need to pay your SEVIS fee (~\$220 USD). OIS will then issue and send you a DS-2019 immigration document. You will use this DS-2019 to apply for a J-1 visa at the U.S. embassy in your home country. This typically involves an in-person interview at the embassy.

Detailed information about the steps required to apply and obtain a J-1 visa stamp can be found on the OIS website: [ois.iu.edu/visas/student-visas/j1/index.html](https://ois.iu.edu/visas/student-visas/j1/index.html)

## CREDITS AND LANGUAGE

Graduate students must take 12 credits per semester; all credits must be taken at O'Neill.

Courses are lecture based and taught directly by the professor. All courses are taught in English. Every professor will hold office hours that are highly recommended for you to attend. These hours are for you to meet with the professor after class to get a better understanding and answer any questions on course materials.

Exchange applicants should meet IU's minimum English proficiency requirements:

Graduate Students	
TOEFL (Internet-Based)	100
IELTS	7.0

## FINANCES

### Tuition & Fees:

All tuition will be paid to your home institution. You will not pay any tuition to IU. However, you may be required to pay the mandatory IU student services fee which goes towards providing all students access to public transportation, the health center, workout facilities, etc.

### Housing:

The O'Neill International Office is happy to assist you with locating affordable housing either on-campus or off-campus once you have been accepted to the exchange program.

### Health Insurance:

All international students are required to have health insurance during their entire stay in the United States. IU offers a plan that international students are automatically enrolled in. If you have your own plan, you may apply for a waiver. Consult the OIS website for details:

[ois.iu.edu/living-working/health/insurance/](https://ois.iu.edu/living-working/health/insurance/)

Estimated Costs	
J-1 Student Visa	\$220
Housing & Utilities	\$400-\$800/month
Health Insurance	\$700
Flight	\$800-\$1400
Groceries	\$180/month
Books	\$50 - \$100

\* These estimates do not include trips during the semester, going out, or out of pocket activities which vary from person to person.



# WHAT IS A HOOSIER?

Noun // hooZHer

A Hoosier is not a mascot. It's not an animal, a bird, or a mythical creature. A Hoosier is a proud member of the IU family.

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## QUESTIONS?

For more information on housing, costs, the application process, and answers to other frequently asked questions, please contact:

O'Neill International Office  
oio@indiana.edu

## STUDENT LIFE IN BLOOMINGTON

About 80,000 people call the city of Bloomington home. It combines a small-town atmosphere with the amenities of a much larger city. You will find a host of international grocery stores, restaurants featuring global cuisines, and ethnic festivals. You will also find a farmer's market, courthouse square, and other traditional attributes of this region in the United States. During the year there are multiple events to attend, including the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, Little 500, 4th Street Festival of Arts & Crafts, and plenty of live shows and concerts.

## WHAT TO DO ON THE WEEKEND?

The B-Line Trail is a multi-use trail that extends a total of 4.9 km from the west of town, through downtown, to the southern end of town. Walk, run, or bike the trail to see Bloomington from a new point of view and get some exercise along the way.

When the sun goes down the volume goes up. Whether you are looking to sit back and relax with a show or orchestra, laugh out loud with comedians, or rock out with a band, the nightlife is always diverse and exciting.

There is always something to do in downtown Bloomington! Any time of year you are sure to see festivals, street performances, street art, or concerts at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

Griffy Lake is a beautiful nature preserve located about 6 km from downtown Bloomington. The area offers great hiking trails that twist and turn around the lake with a trail for any level of hiker. In the warmer months rent a canoe, kayak, or paddleboard, and explore the lake at your own pace.

## WHERE TO EAT?

Bloomington is your one stop shop for all your food needs here in Indiana! With over 100 restaurants just in downtown, there are plenty of options to keep you trying new things every week. From dozens of amazing international restaurants, to your classic American cheeseburger spot, there is something for everyone!

Pictured below: A racer looks back as she prepares to go around the turn at the Little 500; The cheer squad runs out at the beginning of a home football game.



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