

General Description of IU Northwest

One of the eight comprehensive universities in the Indiana University system, IU Northwest is located in metropolitan Northwest Indiana, approximately 30 miles southeast of Chicago and 10 miles from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The campus has a diverse student population of approximately 5,000 and offers Associate, Baccalaureate and Master degrees in a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs in arts and sciences, business and economics, education, nursing and health professions, public and environmental health and social work. IU Northwest emphasizes quality teaching, research and service. As a student-centered campus, IU Northwest is committed to academic excellence characterized by a love of ideas and achievement in learning, discovery, creativity and engagement.

Northwest Indiana Statistics

Northwest Indiana, where IU Northwest is located and where the majority of its students live, includes the counties of Lake, Porter and LaPorte. With a net increase of 5,077 people, Northwest Indiana's population increased 0.7 percent to 762,469 people in 2007. Eighteen percent of the residents are African American and eleven percent are Latino. In 2007, the portion of population age 65 years old or older was up 0.1 percent. The average wage (2006) is \$35,746. Almost 14 out of every 100 individuals in the three-county region have incomes below the poverty line. In 2007, 22 percent of residents under the age of 18 lived in poverty. Manufacturing continues to be the leading sector in the regional economy in terms of jobs. In 2007, one in every 6.5 jobs in Northwest Indiana was in the manufacturing industry, though losses in manufacturing jobs over the years have typically been replaced by lower paying construction and food service employment. The region's population is dying at a rate faster than the national average, with cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and diabetes accounting for 70% of the deaths. Indiana's infant mortality rate ranks 39th among the nation's 50 states. The region's infant mortality rate is even higher than the state's average. Twenty-two percent of the adults in the region have a college degree while only 9 percent have not completed high school. However, more than one in every three students enrolled in the regions K-12 schools failed to achieve mastery in basic language and math skills, with a significant portion of those students from schools in the urban core of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago. Air Quality has improved over the last 4 years in the region, but water quality has not improved significantly and contaminated site clean ups have slowed in recent years in the region.

Data reported here abstracted from the 2008 Quality of Life Indicators Report for NW Indiana which contains additional details on all information reported.

Indiana University Northwest Mission

Indiana University was founded at Bloomington in 1820 and is one of the oldest state universities in the Midwest. It serves more than 99,000 students on eight campuses. The residential campus at Bloomington and the urban center at Indianapolis form the core of the university. Campuses in Gary, Fort Wayne, Kokomo, New Albany, Richmond, and South Bend join Bloomington and Indianapolis in bringing an education of high quality within reach of all of Indiana's citizens.

The mission of IU Northwest, one of the eight Indiana University campuses, is to provide higher education to the people of the seven counties in northwest Indiana. Quality and relevance are the hallmarks of IU Northwest's programs. These programs serve the needs of the most diverse, urban, and industrialized area of the state. Out of this diversity, IU Northwest strives to create a community dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the value of education. We provide a friendly community in which faculty, staff, and students interact in an energetic and positive environment. Mutual respect and the development of the full potential of each person are essential parts of our educational philosophy. IU Northwest believes that freedom of inquiry, reason, and honesty are necessary to the pursuit of knowledge. The faculty, staff, and administration are committed to excellence in teaching, research, community service, and the management of university resources.

In summary, IU Northwest is an urban commuter university providing Indiana University programs to a diverse student body. IU Northwest is committed to preparing its students to live and work successfully in the pluralistic society of the twenty-first century.

IU Northwest History

IU Northwest is the result of growth and change that began in 1921 when the university offered its first formal classes in Lake County as part of a program sponsored by the Gary Public School System. Under various names and in various locations, Indiana University has been serving the needs of higher education in northwest Indiana ever since.

In 1932 Indiana University initiated the Calumet Center in East Chicago; and by 1939, through funds granted by the state legislature and the federal government, the Calumet Center was serving students in a building in Tod Park on a site donated by the City of East Chicago. When Gary College was founded in 1933, Indiana University discontinued classes in Gary except for a few advanced courses. But in 1948, at the request of the Gary School Board, the university assumed the management of Gary College, which became the Gary Center of Indiana University. Gary Center classes were held after school hours and in the evenings at the Horace Mann High School until 1949, when all the main facilities of the center were moved to the commercial wing of the City Methodist Church, a move that allowed for a considerable expansion of the center's program. In 1955, with approval from the Gary Board of Park Commissioners, the Common Council of the city authorized the sale of 27 acres of Gleason Park

to Indiana University for the purpose of establishing a Gary Center campus (the present site of IU Northwest). In May of 1959, the first classes were held in the new location. Recognizing the growth of such centers and the increasing demands for higher education throughout the state, Indiana University in 1963 reorganized its various “extension” centers into regional campuses, and the Gary Center and the Calumet Center became the Northwest Campus of Indiana University. Soon after this reorganization, the first degree programs were authorized, and the Northwest Campus became a four-year college. The first commencement was held at the Northwest Campus in June of 1967. In 1968, the IU Board of Trustees changed the name of the Northwest Campus to IU Northwest.

Description of Campus and Buildings

The campus of IU Northwest in Gary is adjacent to 240 acres of wooded park land, much of which as currently developed includes municipal playing fields, baseball diamonds, and golf courses. The city of Gary has already given 32.8 acres of this park property to Indiana University for the campus. The Gleason Park site is bounded on the north by an interstate expressway (I 80-94), on the east by a major north-south artery (Broadway-Indiana 53), on the west by the Gleason Park Golf Course, and on the south by residential housing. The northeast and northwest corners of the 240-acre tract lie adjacent to expressway cloverleaf exchanges east and west. Eight of the buildings used by IU Northwest are located on the 27-acre main campus site. The buildings are the original classroom/office building occupied in 1959; a second classroom/office building and a student union building, which were put into operation in 1969; a four-story classroom/office building, which was occupied in 1976 and which includes a computer center linked to the computer facilities in Bloomington and Indianapolis; and the Library/Conference Center completed in the spring of 1980. A three-story science/laboratory building, Marram Hall, opened in 1991, and the Savannah Center, which houses an art gallery, auditorium, health club and bookstore, opened in February 2000. In June 2006, the University dedicated the new Dunes.

Medical/Professional Building, housing the IU School of Medicine and the Schools of Business and Economics, Social Work, Nursing, Dentistry, and Public and Environmental Affairs. Adjacent to the campus is a building for divisional, departmental, and faculty offices. Two other structures contain university offices, research offices, and campus support services. There are also a greenhouse and physical plant facilities.

Description of Library resources

The library provides access to multiple information sources and services in support of student learning and faculty research. Along with the book collections of 240,000 volumes and 250,000 government publications, the library has access to 125 online abstract or full text journal databases, an online catalog of all IU libraries, online catalogs of local public and university libraries, 1500 electronic journals, online encyclopedias, and biography and statistics databases. The building’s variety of seating, attractive furniture and colorfully decorated walls, vistas presented by many windows, and café combine to provide a pleasant, comfortable place for individual and group study, research, and socializing. Special purpose areas include the Calumet

Financial Aid Awarded by Level Undergraduate = \$25,748,291; Graduate = \$5,345,544; Total = \$31,093,835;

Library Collections: 223,653

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Real Estate Acreage: 38 acres

City Population: 97,715

Tuition and Fees for AY 2008-09

Undergraduate in-state (new student) = \$5,669

Undergraduate out-of-state (new student) = \$13,784

Graduate in-state = \$5,401

Graduate out-of-state = \$11,983

Number of Schools, Colleges and Divisions: 12

Fall 2008 Enrollment by Level Undergraduate = 4,168 Graduate = 626 Total = 4,794

2008-09 Operating Budget Unrestricted = \$45,106,654; Restricted = \$971,275; Auxiliary Enterprises = \$883,237 Total = \$46,961,166

Fall 2008 Credit Hours by Level

Undergraduate = 44,836 Graduate = 3,900 Total = 48,736

Student Organizations: over 80