

Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Welcome to the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IU Indianapolis!

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's [degree programs](#) bring together an understanding of how philanthropy works with why people give. The school emphasizes a comprehensive approach to the study of philanthropy in society that gives you the knowledge and understanding to be active in the field.

Philanthropy encompasses formal and informal voluntary association, voluntary giving, and voluntary action and thus is a powerful force in shaping the social, economic and political dimensions of all societies.

The IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy increases the understanding of philanthropy and improves its practice worldwide. It is committed to knowledge creation, dissemination, and collaborative education for an engaged community of volunteers, donors, nonprofit leaders, fundraising executives, policy makers, students, and scholars.

The school's programs support the development of professionally trained practitioners and engaged scholars, resulting in more efficiently and effectively operated nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations, more engaged volunteers and donors, and more effective philanthropy in the United States and globally.

Located on the IU Indianapolis campus, the school offers undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. We value a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding philanthropy, with courses in the humanities, social sciences and professions.

The school's research and learning environment includes [Lake Institute on Faith & Giving](#), the [Women's Philanthropy Institute](#), [The Fund Raising School](#), the [Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy](#), the [Payton Philanthropic Studies Library](#), the Ruth Lilly Special Collections and Archives, and the [Center for Service and Learning](#).

Campus Life at Indianapolis

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Study at the largest and most comprehensive academic institution focused on philanthropy and nonprofit management.

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is located on the IU Indianapolis campus in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our staff offices are in the University Hall building on the IU Indianapolis campus, which is ranked third in "up and coming" American universities that *U.S. News and World Report* says people should be watching, and the eighth-best public college in the Midwest according to *Forbes* magazine.

Earn a Bachelor's, Master of Arts, or Ph.D. degree in Philanthropic Studies and study among the more

than 22,000 undergraduates and 8,000 graduate and professional students who attend IU Indianapolis annually. The school prepares thoughtful, dynamic nonprofit professionals and scholars to maximize their impact for the public good. IU Indianapolis is known for its civic engagement and is continually giving research grants and scholarships for those who pursue such endeavors.

Contact Information

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Dean's Office	317-278-5652
Development	317-278-8918
Finance	317-278-8945
International Programs	317-278-8935
Lake Institute on Faith & Giving	317-278-8998
Marketing	317-278-8934
Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy	317-274-4200
Media & Communications	317-278-8972
Research Department	317-278-8909
The Fund Raising School	317-274-7063
Women's Philanthropy Institute	317-278-8990

Facilities

Our Location

Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is located in the University Hall building on the campus of IU Indianapolis.

Mailing address University Hall, Suite 3000 301 University Blvd. Indianapolis, IN 46202-5146

History

History

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is dedicated to improving philanthropy by training and empowering students and practitioners to be innovators and leaders who create positive and lasting change in the world.

Building on the foundation of its precursor, the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, the school encompasses, enhances and expands all of our existing academic degree, research and training programs, including The Fund Raising School, [Lake Institute on Faith & Giving](#), the [Women's Philanthropy Institute](#), the [Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy](#), and International Programs. The directors of these programs are continuing in their current roles.

The school's roots in the humanities and social sciences remain central to our work. We will also engage and collaborate with Indiana University's expansive network of faculty and programs focused on philanthropy and nonprofits. This includes current and new partnerships with our colleagues in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IU Indianapolis, the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU Indianapolis and in Bloomington and other university colleagues.

Our Mission, Vision, & Values

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Mission

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy increases the understanding of philanthropy and improves its practice worldwide through critical inquiry, interdisciplinary research, teaching, training, and civic engagement.

Vision

Philanthropic studies will be recognized as an integrated field of study that develops positive and lasting change in the world.

Values

- **Commitment to the highest ethical standards, including academic integrity and integrity of practice:** transparency and honesty in everything we do
- **Intellectual pluralism:** grounded in the liberal arts, with diverse disciplines and research approaches
- **Respect:** for the intrinsic worth of all individuals and their ideas
- **Inclusiveness and diversity:** in our policies, personnel, and programs
- **Leadership:** in institutional development, field building, and impact on society worldwide
- **Excellence:** in scholarship, research, teaching, training, service, and collaboration
- **Stewardship and accountability:** to each other, our sector, and our community
- **Innovation:** creating new ideas and knowledge that result in a better world

Graduate Certificates

We offer two graduate certificate programs that can be completed online or in a hybrid format:

The **Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Studies** provides you with education in the field of philanthropic studies. The degree program introduces you to the critical issues and values of philanthropic practices.

Philanthropic Studies (4 courses)

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector

Principles and Practices of Fundraising

Applying Ethics in Philanthropy

(1) graduate philanthropy elective

The **Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising** focuses on the latest research on philanthropy, and the practical applications to develop your knowledge base and skills in fundraising.

Philanthropic Fundraising (5 courses)

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector

Principles and Practices of Fundraising

Donor Behavior in Major and Planned Giving

Institutional Donors

(1) graduate philanthropy elective

Our certificates are designed for those interested in, and perhaps a career need for, this education and want to sample the master's program. All of the certificate credits can be used toward the master's. The certificates provide opportunities both for students interested in learning more about the field as well as career professionals looking to expand their knowledge.

The certificates may be completed on their own or in conjunction with other graduate study.

Admission Eligibility

To apply, the student must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

Application

Those interested should apply online through the IU graduate school, but no letters of recommendation or GRE are required. [Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English Proficiency.](#)

Be prepared to submit a resume/CV and Statement of purpose stating why you are interested in the PHST graduate certificate.

Program Restrictions

1. Students enrolled in a certificate program must complete it within 12 credit hours of approved coursework with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B). Failure to do so results in automatic dismissal from the certificate program.
2. Students who have completed more than two PHST graduate courses must request permission to apply.
3. Transfer credit, course substitutions, or course waivers are not accepted.
4. Admission to or successful completion of a certificate program does not guarantee subsequent admission to a PHST graduate degree program.
5. Students enrolled in the certificate program who apply to PHST's graduate degree programs must

meet all existing admission requirements. If a student has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better after the certificate, the student can request a waiver of the GRE requirement in applying to the M.A.

6. Students must complete the certificate in five years.

Admissions

Undergraduate Admissions Requirements

All students entering the Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies program must be admitted officially to IU Indianapolis as a degree-seeking student by the Office of Admissions. For more information, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions [here](#). For program related questions, please contact the director of student services and admissions, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, (317) 278-8927; pamelac@iu.edu.

Graduate Admissions Requirements

- Graduate Certificates
- Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies
- Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies
- Ph.D. Minor

Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies

Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies

The M.A. in Philanthropic Studies is a gateway to understanding the social, cultural, political, and economic roles played by philanthropy and nonprofit organizations and facilitates a broad understanding that prepares graduates for leadership practice within the nonprofit sector. Students gain experience in understanding and applying cutting-edge research and develop critical thinking skills about the complex issues confronting the nonprofit sector.

Curriculum

Our program includes 27 hours of core course work, 9 hours of electives, OR a 9-hour thesis option in place of electives.

Required Core Courses

- PHST-P521: Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector
- PHST-P524: Civil Society in Comparative Perspective
- PHST-P535: Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- PHST-P556: Grant Making and the Role of Foundations
- PHST-P558: Principles and Practices of Fundraising
- PHST-P590: Internship/Directed Off-Site Study
- PHST-P515/HIST-H516: History of Philanthropy
- PHST-P530/ECON-E514: Nonprofit Economy and Public Policy
- PHST-P532: Applying Ethics in Philanthropy/PHIL-P542: Ethics and Values in Philanthropy

Elective Courses (Choose 3)

- PHST-P518: History of International Humanitarian Assistance
- PHST-P527: Cross Cultural Dimensions of Philanthropy
- PHST-P534: Gender and Philanthropy

- PHST-P530: Variable Topics (including Community Foundations, Global Philanthropy, Data for Good, Religion and Philanthropy, Effectiveness in Philanthropy, Philanthropy in Comparative European Perspective (study abroad course), Leadership in the Philanthropic Sector, and Racial Equity and Philanthropy)
- PHST-P559: Donor Behavior in Major and Planned Giving
- PHST-P560: Institutional Fundraising

Application Deadlines

We accept applications for our graduate certificate and master's degree at any time. New students can begin classes in August (fall), January (spring), and May (summer).

[Please contact us directly](#) for information on your next available option to start classes.

Admission Requirements

Prior Academic Work: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required with a minimum of a 3.0 overall grade point average (on a scale of 4.0), and a minimum of a 3.0 average in your major field. Applicants with a grade point average below 3.0 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts should be uploaded to your application within GradCAS or mailed to: Student Services, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, University Hall, Suite 3000, 301 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Recommendations: Three letters of recommendation to the Admissions Committee are required. Preference will be given to those candidates who can demonstrate ability to successfully perform academic work. In selecting your recommenders, try to select those people who can best speak to indications of your ability to successfully do academic work. If a recommender is not in an academic environment, encourage him/her to assess your knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to your ability to do academic work.

Statement of Purpose: Preference will be given to those candidates whose goals and interests, broadly speaking, match those of the Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies and its curriculum. Please upload this to the GradCAS application.

Résumé/CV: Please upload your résumé to the GradCAS application.

Results of the Graduate Record Examination Test: Applicants are not expected to submit GRE scores, however, they can be submitted as a part of your application if you wish. Please use the IUI code: R1325

Application Information For International Students:

- [English Proficiency Verification](#)
- [Official Academic Records](#)
- [Test Scores](#)
- [Financial Support Agreement and Expenses](#)
- [Immigration Documentation](#)
- [Letters of Recommendation](#)

Information for F1/J1/F2/B2 visa holders:

1. [Financial Instructions and Financial Support Agreement](#)
2. [Estimated Expenses](#)

Find more information [for international students](#).

Expected Costs

Tuition and fees for each academic year are calculated in July and those costs can be viewed on the [Enrollment and Management website](#). Rates are subject to change by the Indiana University Board of Trustees.

Financial Aid

Several fellowships, assistantships, and scholarships are available to graduate students in philanthropic studies. Complete applications must be submitted by February 15 for scholarship consideration. [More information here](#).

Admission Eligibility

The student must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university to apply.

Application

[Those interested should apply online through the IU graduate school.](#)

Program Restrictions

1. Students enrolled in a master's program must complete all coursework with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B). Failure to do so results in automatic dismissal from the program.
2. Students who have completed more than two PHST graduate courses must request permission to apply.
3. We allow up to 9 credit hours to transfer into our graduate program.
4. Students must complete the master's degree in five years.

Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies

Doctoral Degree in Philanthropic Studies

Admission Requirements

Please submit all documents/information below to the GradCAS application.

- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts. These can be uploaded to the GradCAS application or sent to the address below:
IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Attn: Student Services
University Hall, Suite 3000
301 University Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5146
- GRE test scores. Results from the Graduate Record Examination taken within the past five years are required. Scores should be submitted to IUI electronically via the Educational Testing Service (ETS).
- Three letters of reference - Please submit your recommender's contact information to the GradCAS application.
- Current curriculum vitae
- Three-page statement of purpose summarizing professional goals and proposed research area

Admissions Deadline

Applications and all supporting documentation are required by **January 15**.

Expected Costs

Tuition and fees for each academic year are calculated in July and these costs can be viewed on the [Enrollment and Management website](#). Rates are subject to change by the Indiana University Board of Trustees.

[Estimate your Tuition & Fees](#)

- English Proficiency Verification
- Official Academic Records
- Test Scores
- Financial Support Agreement and Expenses
- Immigration Documentation
- Letters of Recommendation
- Application Instructions

[Information for F1/J1/F2/B2 visa holders](#)

- Financial Instructions and Financial Support Agreement
- Estimated Expenses

[More information on international applications.](#)

For questions regarding the application process, [please contact the Office of Student Services](#).

Ph.D. Minor

Ph.D. minor in Philanthropic Studies

The Ph.D. minor in Philanthropic Studies enables the advanced graduate student in other departments to take an organized body of courses focusing on the history, culture, and values of philanthropy, defined broadly as "voluntary action for the public good." The Ph.D. minor will be available to doctoral students in other departments and schools of Indiana University, and will be offered through the University Graduate School Indianapolis. The minor field advisor must be a philanthropic studies faculty member.

Requirements for the doctoral minor will include 12 credit hours, which usually will comprise four three-credit, graduate-level courses. A grade of B or higher (not B-) must be earned in each course counted toward the minor.

Courses will normally include those listed below. The student is required to include Philanthropic Studies P521 (or SPEA V521), which is a prerequisite for other philanthropic studies courses. The student must take at least one of the doctoral core courses and two additional graduate philanthropic studies courses.

Courses other than those listed (e.g., special topics courses) may also be accepted toward completion of the requirement, if written consent to count such courses toward the minor is obtained in advance from the Philanthropic Studies Director of Graduate Programs. Because the subject of philanthropy is inherently interdisciplinary, no more than two courses may be taken in any one department. No more than six credit

hours of work transferred from another university may be applied toward this requirement, and such credit must be approved by the Philanthropic Studies Director of Graduate Programs.

Students will be required to answer a philanthropic studies question for their qualifying exams, if their principal department permits a minor field question. Such questions will be supplied by the minor field advisor.

Students intending to pursue the doctoral minor should declare such intentions in a letter addressed to the Philanthropic Studies Director of Graduate Programs.

Upon completion of the course work and a minor field question (if applicable), the student's philanthropic studies advisor will attest to the successful completion of the minor.

Undergraduate

Undergraduate Admissions

All students entering the Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies program must be admitted officially to IU Indianapolis as a degree-seeking student by the Office of Admissions or by another Indiana University campus as a degree-seeking student. For more information, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions [here](#). For program related questions, please contact the director of student services and admissions, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, (317) 278-8927; pamelac@iu.edu.

Professional Doctoral Degree in Philanthropic Leadership (PhilD)

Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership

As the world's first school dedicated to the study and teaching of philanthropy, Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy now offers the first Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership (PhilD). As a cohort, PhilD students will wield cutting-edge leadership tools and creative applications for existing research, scholarship, and data, all toward helping solve some of our global society's most intractable problems as addressed through philanthropy, nonprofits, and cross-sectoral initiatives.

If you have served as a senior leader for the public good, whether in the philanthropic, government, or private sectors, already have a master's or other graduate degree, and wish to explore real-world solutions for current challenges through philanthropic and nonprofit solutions, the Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership may be an excellent fit for you.

We require the following documents to complete your application:

1. Transcripts from each college/university you have attended
2. Your resume/CV
3. Three letters of reference that address both your leadership acumen and potential academic success in the PhilD
4. Personal statement: a brief description of your tenure as a leader in your field
5. Applied Research Project Proposal: Applicants for the PhilD will submit a proposal for a major applied research project, applying existing research,

scholarship, and data for actionable insights that advance the practice of philanthropy and nonprofits

GRE or other graduate school admission test results are not required for application to the PhilD, however, applicants may choose to upload scores if they wish.

International applicants, in addition to the requirements above, must demonstrate English proficiency for admission into IU graduate and professional programs. All international students must demonstrate English proficiency for admission into Indiana University Indianapolis (IU) graduate and professional programs.

Curriculum

Different than a [traditional Ph.D. degree](#), which typically prepares graduates for academic positions, the Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership is for practicing professionals. Take your career to the highest levels with courses and faculty that combine your professional experience with the most sophisticated curriculum in our sector, addressing the nexus of philanthropy, leadership, and applied research inquiry.

The PhilD curriculum focuses on applying new and existing research, education, and real-world practice to produce actionable insights that advance the practice of philanthropy and deliver social impact. In lieu of a dissertation, students will develop a cumulative, major final applied project that translates research into actionable strategies to solve real, complex problems for an organization or aspect of the sector.

The required program will be delivered **in asynchronous, cohort-based, sequential six- to eight-week sessions** with set [coursework](#), taken year-round for two years, with a third year for developing, writing, and presenting your final applied project.

An initial residency of several days on campus will allow the cohort to meet in person at the start of the program. Optional synchronous supplemental online sessions will be offered throughout the curriculum. In addition, members of the student cohort may take advantage of optional in-person meetings, including an optional residency at the start of the second and third years, with the location to be determined.

Cohort

The PhilD welcomes applicants from a wide range of fields, including the private and government sectors, in addition to those with backgrounds in the philanthropic sector. Leadership through extensive volunteering, such as a long-term board member or trustee, may also be sufficient for the PhilD application requirements. With the advantage of the cohort model, the PhilD students will have rich and diverse backgrounds to share as peers, for lifelong professional connections.

Please see our website [here](#) for more information and program updates.

Graduate Policies

Graduate Policies

Academic Probation

Only IU Indianapolis grades will be considered in determining probation and dismissal. Students are placed on academic probation when their cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 (B), and they remain on probation until the cumulative grade point average is 3.0 (B) or higher. Students on probation are encouraged to talk with their faculty advisor, or a counselor in the IU Indianapolis Counseling and Psychological Services, (317) 274-2548, to determine how they may become more successful in their studies. Students on probation must schedule an appointment with their faculty advisors before registering. Students without a faculty advisor should go to the Office of Student Services.

Students who have two consecutive semesters (excluding summer sessions) with semester grade point averages below 3.0 (B) may be placed on probation at the discretion of the Director of Student Services regardless of their cumulative grade point average, since they are failing to make progress toward a degree.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy when they have a cumulative grade point average lower than 3.0 (B) and a semester grade point average of lower than 3.0 (B) for two semesters. Students eligible for dismissal will be notified in writing that they have been dismissed and that they must remain out of school at least one semester. The letter will also inform such students that they will be withdrawn from classes for which they have registered. Once dismissed, students must petition for readmission. (See "Readmission.")

Students who have been dismissed a second time must remain out of school for at least two semesters and petition for readmission. (See "Readmission.")

A third dismissal is final.

Readmission

Any student who has been dismissed from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy must petition for readmission. A Petition for Readmission form may be obtained from Student Services.

Incompletes

We follow the campus policy found here.

Post Auto W

We follow the campus policy found here.

Petition for Grade Change

Either students or faculty members may petition for a change in course grade.

A student desiring a change of grade should first discuss the situation with the instructor. If the instructor agrees, and no more than one full semester has elapsed since the course was finished, the faculty member must file a Grade Change Authorization Form with the Associate Dean. If more than one full semester has elapsed, the faculty member still files the Grade Change Authorization Form, but the form may be sent to the Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee, depending on the reason given for the change of grade. Campus policy limits petitions for change of grades to five years after the course.

If the instructor and student do not agree on a change of grade, or if the instructor cannot be located, the student should discuss the matter with the chairperson, director,

or coordinator of the department or program in which the course was offered. Following that, the student may petition the Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee directly. The petition must include (1) a statement of an attempted but unsuccessful interview with the faculty member and chair, and (2) supporting evidence for the petition. The decision of the Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee is final and there are no additional avenues of appeal.

Academic Policies & Procedures

Academic Policies & Procedures

- Undergraduate
- Graduate

Undergraduate Policies

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Admissions Policies

Admission and Transfer - Apply through the [IU Indianapolis Admissions Office](#). To be eligible for scholarships you must be admitted by Feb. 1 preceding the fall semester you intend to begin.

All students entering the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy must be admitted officially to IU Indianapolis as a degree-seeking student by the Office of Admissions or by another Indiana University campus as a degree-seeking student. After students have been admitted by IU Indianapolis, they must also be admitted by the specific school in which they intend to pursue a degree. The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy welcomes nontraditional students and recent high school graduates if they wish to pursue a Philanthropic Studies degree and meet the school's requirements for admission.

Transfer Students

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy welcomes transfer students and is committed to making their transition and transfer of credit as smooth as possible. At admission or at any time after being admitted to IU Indianapolis, a student in good standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0 may transfer to the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Transfer students who have questions about how their previous course work will apply to their degree, or who encounter difficulties in the process of transferring credit or records, should contact the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's director of student services and admissions at (317) 274-8927.

Academic Policies

The *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct* describes the behavior expected of all IU Indianapolis students. Students should read the Code carefully to fully understand student responsibilities related to conduct both on and off campus.

The most frequent violations of the Code involve academic and personal misconduct. Faculty, staff, and students should refer to the above site for procedures and forms to be used in cases of misconduct. For the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, faculty may submit

the completed misconduct forms to the Office of Student Services after meeting with the student to state the misconduct. Students need to sign the form. Violations will be reported to the campus Dean of Students who may take additional action.

The bottom line is that we expect students to do their own work, not cheat, credit others through citation for their thoughts and words, and to behave with civility. Students should expect similar behavior from faculty, staff and other students. All of us should behave in ways that encourage intellectual development and creativity; none of us has the right to disrupt the learning environment.

Program Planning, Advising, and Career Counseling Services

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy provides advising services to assist students in planning their program of study. Students should make an appointment with their school advisor before each registration period in order to discuss long-term goals as well as specific course work for the upcoming semester. Consulting with their advisor is a semester-by-semester obligation of students to ensure ongoing progress toward a degree.

Students, however, not their advisors, are responsible for their programs. Whenever possible students should avail themselves of the online "advisement report" available through the one.iu.edu portal. They should familiarize themselves with the general requirements for a philanthropic studies degree. Students are urged to complete most, if not all, of their general education requirements during the freshman and sophomore years.

In planning a program, students should refer to both the Schedule of Classes and this bulletin, and the degree map provided by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Career Services

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy also offers career services for students and recent graduates through the Office of Student Services. These services include individual consultations to help you connect your academic interests and accomplishments along with your work experiences, volunteer activities and on-campus involvement with potential career opportunities. Our student services staff can help you explore and plan your academic journey including on-campus leadership and job opportunities, community engagement through volunteering and internships, and preparation for professional job searching and graduate school applications. We help students learn to identify and articulate their unique skills and strengths, particularly through creating effective resumes, cover letters, graduate school essays and when preparing for interviewing and networking.

Residency Requirement for Degree

Our undergraduate degree is 120 credits. We do not offer an associate's degree. We require more than the minimum of 30 credits because our major courses make up 40 credits and no other school offers our classes.

In addition, we have an agreement with Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC) for the transfer of credits

earned in the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts to the Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies.

The faculty of both institutions have worked together to develop the listings of course equivalencies, course requirements for the associate's degree, and course requirements for the completion of the baccalaureate degree. The agreement applies to courses taken at ITCC beginning fall 2017. Courses covered by previous transfer agreements still in effect will transfer as specified in those agreements. All other course work taken prior to fall 2017 will be evaluated by the faculty of IU Indianapolis to determine transferability. A maximum of 64 community college credits may be applied toward the Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies.

Attendance

We follow Indiana University policy for dropping or adding classes.

Incompletes

We follow the campus policy found here.

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We follow the campus policy found here.

Pass/Fail (P/F) Option

Any Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy undergraduate in good standing (not on probation) may enroll in a maximum of eight elective courses to be taken with a grade of P (pass) or F (fail). The Pass/Fail option can be used for a maximum of two courses per year, including summer sessions. The course selected for Pass/Fail must be an elective. It may not be used to satisfy any of the major or school distribution requirements, with the exception of the 300- to 400-level course requirement (Area III).

Final Examinations

Final examinations or other activities in lieu of a final are to be scheduled during finals week at the time indicated in the Schedule of Classes. Students scheduled for three or more finals in a 24-hour period may have their examination schedule adjusted. They should notify the instructors involved by mid-semester and determine if any of them are willing to schedule an alternate examination. Students having problems with an instructor may consult the Director of Undergraduate Programs or the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Office of Student Services.

Grade Replacement Policy

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy does honor the IU Indianapolis grade replacement policy. This policy allows approved undergraduate students seeking their first degree to repeat courses—a maximum of 15 credit hours, in order to improve poor grades, including grades of F. If a student earns the same or a higher grade after repeating the course, only the second grade will be counted in the cumulative GPA. Replacement does not happen automatically, so students must notify the school recorder that the course has been taken a second time and that they wish to exercise this option. Certain restrictions apply, and the grade replacement policy may not be honored by some schools when considering admission to the school or in computing graduation honors. For more information, students should contact their school/division.

This policy is not available for graduate students or students seeking any second undergraduate degree. For a copy of this policy, visit the Office of the [Registrar's Web site](#).

Petition for Grade Change

Either students or faculty members may petition for a change in course grade.

A student desiring a change of grade should first discuss the situation with the instructor. If the instructor agrees, and no more than one full semester has elapsed since the course was finished, the faculty member must file a Grade Change Authorization Form with the Associate Dean. If more than one full semester has elapsed, the faculty member still files the Grade Change Authorization Form but the form may be sent to the Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee, depending on the reason given for the change of grade. Campus policy limits petitions for change of grades to five years after the course.

If the instructor and student do not agree on a change of grade, or if the instructor cannot be located, the student should discuss the matter with the Director of Undergraduate Programs. Following that, the student may petition the Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee directly, using the Change of Grade Petition Form; these forms should be completed online. The petition must include (1) a statement of an attempted but unsuccessful interview with the faculty member and (2) supporting evidence for the petition. The decision of the Associate Dean is final and there are no additional avenues of appeal.

Academic Standing Academic Probation

Only IU Indianapolis grades will be considered in determining probation and dismissal. Students are placed on academic probation when their cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 (C), and they remain on probation until the cumulative grade point average is 2.0 (C) or higher. Students on probation are encouraged to talk with their advisor in the Office of Student Services, (317) 278-8946, to determine how they may become more successful in their studies. Students on probation must schedule an appointment with their advisors before registering.

Students who have two consecutive semesters (excluding summer sessions) with semester grade point averages below 2.0 (C) may be placed on probation at the discretion of the Director of Student Services regardless of their cumulative grade point average, since they are failing to make progress toward a degree.

Dean's List

Following each fall and spring semester, students who are enrolled as Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy undergraduate majors are eligible for recognition through the Dean's List under the following terms:

- **Full-time students** (enrolled in 12 or more credit hours) must complete 12 or more credit hours in that semester with a semester GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- **Part-time students** (enrolled in 6-11.5 credit hours) must complete at least 6 credit hours in that semester with a semester GPA of 3.4 or higher.

Students enrolled in fewer than 6 credit hours are not eligible for Dean's List recognition. Student registered as full-time, but who complete fewer than 12 credit hours, will be reviewed using the part-time criteria.

Students pursuing degrees in two schools for whom Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy appears as their second school will be considered for dean's list through their primary school. Students who are enrolled as non-degree seeking or visiting students are not eligible for Dean's List recognition.

Dean's List recognition occurs about two months following completion of the semester. Notifications are sent to students from the Office of Student Services.

Dean's List recognition is separate from graduation recognition of distinction/high distinction/highest distinction.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy when they have a cumulative grade point average lower than 2.0 (C) and a semester grade point average of lower than 2.0 (C) for two semesters. Students eligible for dismissal will be notified in writing that they have been dismissed and that they must remain out of school at least one semester. The letter will also inform such students that they will be withdrawn from classes for which they have registered. Once dismissed, students must petition for readmission. (See "Readmission.")

Students who have been dismissed a second time must remain out of school for at least two semesters and petition for readmission. (See "Readmission.")

A third dismissal is final.

Readmission

- Students who have not been enrolled for more than two semesters must complete a [returning student application](#) with the IU Indianapolis Admissions Center. This process must be completed approximately a month prior to the beginning of the semester that the student wishes to enroll in. Students who previously had been admitted to the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and are in good academic standing will only need to complete the on-line form.
- Any student who has been dismissed from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (or its equivalent on another IU campus) must petition for readmission. Students with a previous GPA of less than 2.0 and students who have been dismissed will be asked to complete a readmission petition form and to meet with the Director of Student Services and Admissions prior to readmission. A Petition for Readmission form may be obtained from the Office of Student Services. Petitions for readmission must be filed by the following deadlines:
 - To enroll for the fall semester: July 15
 - To enroll for the spring semester: November 15
 - To enroll for summer session: April 15

Graduation

Students must apply for graduation prior to the graduation date. Announcements will be made through the student email listserv, and through academic departments. IU Indianapolis students may apply for graduation dates of May, June, August, or December. For undergraduate students, the application must be completed and on file by the following deadlines:

To graduate in **May, June, or August** apply by the previous **November 1**.

To graduate in **December**, apply by the previous **June 15**.

NO FINAL AUDIT UNTIL AFTER GRADUATION

Applications received after these dates may be deferred to the following graduation date.

Commencement

IU Indianapolis holds commencement ceremonies one time each year, normally on the Sunday in May when Mother's Day is observed. Students who graduated in the previous December, are graduating that May, or who anticipate graduating in August participate in this ceremony. Participation in commencement is **not equivalent to graduation**.

Graduating with Distinction

Each School may recognize only **10 percent of the undergraduate students graduating for that year**. Within that, students must have earned GPAs of at least 3.9 to receive Highest Distinction; 3.75 for High Distinction; and at least a 3.5 for Distinction. Not all students with those GPAs will receive recognition because of the 10 percent limit and due to the eligibility rules. Often the top 10 percent will have GPAs in the 3.8 and higher range, meaning students with GPAs below that will not earn the distinction due to the 10 percent cutoff.

To be eligible for consideration, undergraduate students must have:

- Officially applied for graduation on time (i.e. by Dec. 1 for May and August graduation; by Aug. 1 for December graduation) and accurately. If you applied late, you will not be considered for this recognition - no exceptions.
- Completed at least 60 credit hours toward degree from IU Indianapolis at the time lists are prepared for the Registrar and Recorder (usually that is in Jan. for May and August graduates; in September for December graduates). Again, you must have completed at least 60 hours at IU Indianapolis that count toward your degree by the time the list is prepared.
- Have an IU cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 or higher when the lists are prepared (usually that is in Jan. for May and August graduates; in October for December graduates). The cutoff for 10 percent may raise the lowest GPA, but no one with a recorded GPA of less than 3.5 will be considered.

These are IU guidelines that we cannot break.

Those students who meet the above requirements and are in the 10 percent will be contacted via email by the Recorder with instructions for picking up honor cords prior to commencement.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philanthropic Studies

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philanthropic Studies

Philanthropic studies provide a theoretical framework and practical knowledge about volunteering and charitable giving, and organizations that support and depend on the giving of "time, talent, and treasure" in society.

The bachelor's degree program offers an opportunity for students to understand the cultural traditions of voluntary action and to practice working with others toward the common good. The curriculum explores the historical, philosophical, and economic "whys" of giving and volunteering as well as the "how to" of working within nonprofit organizations.

Students engage with many disciplines such as anthropology, economics, history, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology. Philanthropic studies is a major designed to educate socially responsive students in the field of philanthropy and nonprofit organizations in the local, national, and international arenas.

Academics

A major in philanthropic studies requires completion of general education and distribution requirements, and the completion of a total of 40 credit hours in philanthropic studies, with a minimum grade of C in each course.

Complete all of the following courses (31 credits):

- PHST-P201: Introduction to Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P210: Philanthropy and the Social Sciences
- PHST-P211: Philanthropy and the Humanities
- PHST-P212: Philanthropy and Civic Engagement
- PHST-P220 (Pending): Introduction to Philanthropic Fundraising
- PHST-P301: Historical Contexts for and Contemporary Approaches to Philanthropy
- PHST-P390 (Pending): Internship and Career Preparation (1 credit hour)
- PHST-P401: Ethics and Values of Philanthropy
- PHST-P450: Capstone Seminar in Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P490: Internship in Philanthropic Studies
- SPEA-V362: Nonprofit Management and Leadership

Choose three 300- or 400-level electives; at least two must be PHST courses (9 credits):

- ANTH-E411: Wealth, Exchange, and Power in Anthropological Perspectives
- PHIL-P326: Ethical Theory
- PHST-P323: Donor Motivations & Engagement I
- PHST-P330: Special Topics in Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P370: Learning by Giving
- PHST-P375: Philanthropy, Calling, and Community
- PHST-P430: Advanced Topics in Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P495: Readings in Philanthropic Studies
- REL-R379: Religion and Philanthropy
- REL-R393: Comparative Religious Ethics
- SOC-R330: Community

Other advanced courses may be approved by the director of undergraduate programs.

Undergraduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising

Undergraduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising

The Undergraduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising is designed to complement a wide variety of undergraduate majors by enhancing your knowledge of the theory and practice of fundraising.

Adding these invaluable and highly sought after skills to your academic portfolio will allow you to enter the workforce with confidence in the enhanced value you bring with you.

The certificate is ideal for those who have an interest in working in nonprofit organizational settings where knowledge and understanding of resource development is essential. Since such knowledge is critically important for success, even those who do not specifically seek a fundraising position will benefit from possessing this knowledge and skill base as managers and leaders in nonprofit organizations.

The 15-credit hour certificate is comprised of five courses and earned concurrently with your major.

The Fundraising Certificate consists of the following courses:

- PHST P201 - Intro to Philanthropic Studies (3 Credits)
- PHST P330 - Intro to Fundraising (3 Credits)
- PHST P323 - Donor Motivations and Engagement I (3 Credits)
- PHST P330 - Donor Motivations and Engagement II (3 Credits)

Any PHST 300 or 400 elective or TCEM or OLS (3 Credits)

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Undergraduate Degree Programs

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's degree programs bring together an understanding of how philanthropy works with why people give. The school emphasizes a comprehensive approach to the study of philanthropy in society that gives you the knowledge and understanding to be active in the nonprofit field. This broad approach gives you more choices throughout your life to pursue your passions and improve your community locally or globally.

On the undergraduate level we offer a bachelor's degree, a minor in philanthropic studies, and a certificate in philanthropic studies. We value a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding philanthropy, with courses in the humanities, social sciences and professions.

The school's research and learning environment includes [Lake Institute on Faith & Giving](#), the [Women's Philanthropy Institute](#), the [Fund Raising School](#), the [Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy](#), the [Research Department](#), the [Payton Philanthropic Studies Library](#), the Ruth Lilly Special Collection Archives, and the Center for Service and Learning.

- Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies
- Minor in Philanthropic Studies
- Undergraduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Degree Program

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- Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies
- Minor in Philanthropic Studies
- Undergraduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising

Minor in Philanthropic Studies

Minor in Philanthropic Studies

Philanthropic studies provides a theoretical framework and practical knowledge about voluntary action and organizations that support the giving of "time, talent, and treasure" in society. The undergraduate minor explores the cultural traditions of voluntary action through a variety of disciplinary perspectives and course options.

This minor will complement other bachelor's degrees and assist students seeking entry-level positions in philanthropy and nonprofit organizations, as well as roles in the business and government sector. The minor in philanthropic studies is well suited for students who want to integrate their commitment to working with others into their work or career.

A minor in philanthropic studies (PHST) requires satisfactory completion of the following:

- Completion of properly distributed credit hour requirements for the baccalaureate degree in effect when the student was admitted to their home school.
- Completion of 15 credit hours, with a minimum grade of C in each course.
- Contact the program or your advisor to complete the necessary paperwork to officially declare the minor.
- Complete a minor declaration form in the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy,

Student Services Office, University Hall, Suite 3000,
301 University Blvd.

Courses:

Choose one of the following core courses (3 cr.):

- PHST-P201: Introduction to Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P105: Giving and Volunteering in America

Choose one of the following core courses (3 cr.):

- PHST-P210: Philanthropy and the Social Sciences
- PHST-P211: Philanthropy and the Humanities
- PHST-P212: Philanthropy and Civic Engagement
- PHST-P330: Introduction to Fundraising

Complete the following core course (3 cr.):

- PHST-P301: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Approaches to Philanthropy

Choose two courses from the list below (6 cr.):

- PHST-P330: Topics in Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P370: Learning By Giving
- PHST-P375: Philanthropy, Calling, and Community
- PHST-P401: Ethics and Values of Philanthropy

Other courses may be able to substitute as electives with approval of the director.

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Requirements and Curriculum

Requirements and Curriculum

The bachelor's degree program is located in the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Please review the school's General Education Requirements Check Sheet and the B.A. in Philanthropic Studies Check Sheet. A student will need to complete all of the General Education requirements and the B.A. in Philanthropic Studies Degree requirements to graduate. It takes 120 credit hours to complete the degree.

A major in philanthropic studies requires completion of general education and distribution requirements, and the completion of a total of 33 credit hours, with a minimum grade of C in each course in philanthropic studies. A minor requires completion of 15 credit hours in philanthropic studies.

This course list is intended to assist students and advisors in course scheduling. If you have questions about a course or other program requirements, please contact:

Pamela Clark Director of Student Services and Admissions pamelac@iupui.edu Lilly Family School of Philanthropy University Hall, Suite 3000
301 University Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46202 (317) 278-8927

Curriculum

Philanthropic Studies Courses

Complete all of the following courses (31 credits):

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- PHST-P370: Learning by Giving
- PHST-P375: Philanthropy, Calling, and Community
- PHST-P430: Advanced Special Topics in Philanthropic Studies
- REL-R379: Religion and Philanthropy
- REL-R393: Comparative Religious Ethics
- SOC-R330: Community

Other Advanced Courses may be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs.

Student Learning Outcomes

Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies (B.A.)

Students completing the philanthropic studies B.A. program will achieve the following:

1. Understand philanthropic traditions in societies, including:

- Summarizing basic terms (e.g., advocacy, charity, civil society, fund development, nonprofit organization, public policy) in philanthropy
- Connecting key historical events, people, trends, and social movements and explaining their influence on philanthropy today.
- Interpreting contemporary events, people, trends, and social movements and placing them in the broader context of philanthropy.
- Examining philanthropic traditions by using a multi-disciplinary perspective (e.g. economics, history, philosophy, psychology, political science, religion, sociology).
- Comparing and contrasting the nature of civil society and philanthropy across traditions, cultures, and contexts.

2. Understand ethics, values, norms, and motivations in philanthropy, including:

- Defining the meanings of philanthropy.
- Explaining key concepts (e.g., common good, donor intent, moral imagination, reciprocity, stewardship, tolerance, trustee, voluntary action) in philanthropy.
- Explaining the critiques of philanthropy (e.g., philanthropy as social control, tainted money,

fundraising fraud and abuses, philanthropy as cultural imperialism).

- Interpreting ethical schools of thought to understand philanthropic activity.
- Clarifying ethical principles in decision making.
- Comparing and contrasting diverse perspectives, motivations, and goals in philanthropy.

3. Understand the role of nonprofit organizations in society, including:

- Identifying the size, scope, types, roles, and limitations of nonprofit organizations.
- Explaining the roles and relationships between sectors in society (e.g., government, nonprofit, for-profit, household) in securing resources to address social issues.
- Gathering and analyzing data related to philanthropy (e.g., civil society, community need, giving trends, nonprofit organizations, public policy, social issues, voluntary action).
- Examining theories that explain why nonprofit organizations exist in civil society.
- Explaining the role of social relationships and social movements in philanthropy.
- Evaluating differences in approaches used by nonprofit organizations on the local, national, and global level.

4. Use communication skills effectively for varied audiences, including:

- Explaining the role of communication in philanthropy.
- Using principles of good writing, including accurate citation of sources.
- Demonstrating ability to articulate ideas and produce evidence through writing, visual presentations, speech, and technology.
- Questioning ideas and approaches through discussions, interviews, and research.
- Understanding communication and leadership strategies that are effective for diverse audiences.

5. Use interpersonal skills to address issues, including:

- Describing one's own position on issues.
- Examining diverse approaches to solving problems.
- Understanding the role of collaboration and teamwork in addressing issues.
- Examining strategies of leadership, team building, and consensus-building for addressing issues.

6. Articulate philanthropic values, civic identity, and strategies for increasing capacity to take action:

- Recognizing philanthropic values and civic identity in society.
- Describing one's own philanthropic autobiography.
- Identifying career options that align with one's philanthropic values and civic identity.
- Examining personal and professional experiences related to philanthropy through coursework, reflection, and feedback from others.
- Generating and describing ideas and strategies for addressing philanthropic issues.

Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising

The undergraduate certificate in philanthropic fundraising is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in fundraising that require competencies in proposal writing, events coordination, and the fundamentals of donor development strategies for individual donors and institutional funders. Students completing the undergraduate certificate in philanthropic fundraising will be able to:

- Evaluate and critique the historical evolution of professional fundraising practice in the U.S.
- Explain and analyze diverse donor perspectives, motivations, and goals related to philanthropy and fundraising.
- Recognize and implement engagement, solicitation, and stewardship strategies for various donor types.
- Identify ethical contexts of fundraising practice.
- Choose roles in professional fundraising practice and career options aligned with their philanthropic values and civic identity.

Graduate Certificates

We offer two graduate certificate programs that can be completed online or in a hybrid format:

The **Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Studies** provides you with education in the field of philanthropic studies. The degree program introduces you to the critical issues and values of philanthropic practices.

Philanthropic Studies (4 courses)

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector

Principles and Practices of Fundraising

Applying Ethics in Philanthropy

(1) graduate philanthropy elective

The **Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Fundraising** focuses on the latest research on philanthropy, and the practical applications to develop your knowledge base and skills in fundraising.

Philanthropic Fundraising (5 courses)

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector

Principles and Practices of Fundraising

Donor Behavior in Major and Planned Giving

Institutional Donors

(1) graduate philanthropy elective

Our certificates are designed for those interested in, and perhaps a career need for, this education and want to sample the master's program. All of the certificate credits

can be used toward the master's. The certificates provide opportunities both for students interested in learning more about the field as well as career professionals looking to expand their knowledge.

The certificates may be completed on their own or in conjunction with other graduate study.

Admission Eligibility

To apply, the student must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

Application

Those interested should apply online through the IU graduate school, but no letters of recommendation or GRE are required. [Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English Proficiency.](#)

Be prepared to submit a resume/CV and Statement of purpose stating why you are interested in the PHST graduate certificate.

Program Restrictions

1. Students enrolled in a certificate program must complete it within 12 credit hours of approved coursework with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B). Failure to do so results in automatic dismissal from the certificate program.
2. Students who have completed more than two PHST graduate courses must request permission to apply.
3. Transfer credit, course substitutions, or course waivers are not accepted.
4. Admission to or successful completion of a certificate program does not guarantee subsequent admission to a PHST graduate degree program.
5. Students enrolled in the certificate program who apply to PHST's graduate degree programs must meet all existing admission requirements. If a student has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better after the certificate, the student can request a waiver of the GRE requirement in applying to the M.A.
6. Students must complete the certificate in five years.

Graduate Degree Programs

Graduate Degree Programs

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On the graduate level we offer two graduate certificates, and master's and doctorate degrees in philanthropic studies. We value a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding philanthropy, with courses in the humanities, social sciences and professions. The school's research and learning environment includes [Lake Institute on Faith & Giving](#), the [Women's Philanthropy Institute](#), [The Fund Raising School](#), the [Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy](#), the [Research Department](#), the [Payton Philanthropic Studies Library](#), the Ruth Lilly

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- Dual Degree Programs
- Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program
- Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership (PhilD)

Dual Degree Programs

Dual Degree Programs

You can earn two master's degrees in related areas of interest in fewer credit hours than if you obtained each degree separately. By completing the dual degree option, you will have a richer education experience than you would receive through an individual degree. Upon graduation, you are more marketable because you will have a deeper awareness and knowledge of the types of organizations in which you may work. The dual degree programs are recommended if you are planning to:

- Pursue a doctoral degree
- Work in research
- Enter a specialized profession requiring in-depth knowledge of two related areas

» [Learn more about the dual degrees we currently offer](#)

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Master's in Philanthropic Studies

Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies

The Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies is a gateway to understanding the social, cultural, political, and economic roles played by philanthropy and nonprofit organizations, and facilitates broad understanding that prepares graduates for leadership practice within the nonprofit sector. Students gain experience in understanding and applying cutting-edge research and develop critical thinking skills about the complex issues confronting philanthropy.

This 36-credit-hour graduate program includes 27 hours of core course work, 9 hours of electives, OR a 9-hour thesis option in lieu of electives.

Required Core Courses (27 credits)

- PHST-P521: Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector
- PHST-P524: Civil Society in Comparative Perspective
- PHST-P535: Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- PHST-P556: Grant Making and the Role of Foundations
- PHST-P558: Principles and Practices of Fundraising
- PHST-P590: Internship/Directed Off-Site Study
- PHST-P515/HIST-H516: History of Philanthropy
- PHST-P530/ECON-E514: Nonprofit Economy and Public Policy
- PHST-P532: Applying Ethics in Philanthropy/PHIL-P542: Ethics and Values in Philanthropy

Elective Courses (9 credits)-Choose 3

Graduate level-courses approved by the Director of Master's Degree Programs

- PHST-P518: History of International Humanitarian Assistance
- PHST-P527: Cross Cultural Dimensions of Philanthropy
- PHST-P534: Gender and Philanthropy
- PHST-P530: Variable Topics (including Community Foundations, Global Philanthropy, Data for Good, Religion and Philanthropy, Effectiveness in Philanthropy, Philanthropy in Comparative European Perspective (study abroad course), Leadership in the Philanthropic Sector, and Racial Equity and Philanthropy)
- PHST-P559: Donor Behavior in Major and Planned Giving
- PHST-P560: Institutional Fundraising

Master's Thesis Option (9 Credits)

Students who write a master's thesis must meet with the director of master's degree programs for approval of one research methods elective (3 credits) and M.A. thesis credits (6 credits). Research methods-as approved:

- PHST-P600 M.A. Thesis
- PHST-P600-M.A. Thesis

Total: 36 credits

Doctoral Degree in Philanthropic Studies

Doctoral Degree in Philanthropic Studies

The doctoral program at the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy trains future scholars and professionals in conducting original research on philanthropy and related topics. The Ph.D. program engages both humanities and social science theory to prepare students to make an original contribution to the field. Doctoral students have examined a wide range of topics including the history of philanthropy, why people give, the role of nonprofits in policy, the effectiveness of foundations and faith-based initiatives, and the role of social movements in society.

Students take two years of coursework on campus, pass qualifying exams, defend a dissertation proposal, then research, write, and defend a final dissertation. Students should plan to complete coursework, pass their exams, and defend their dissertation proposal within three years of full-time enrollment. All doctoral students submit annual progress reviews to the Director of Graduate Programs and their Research Committee Chair.

Admission Eligibility

Students apply online through the IUPUI Graduate School. Students must have a master's degree in a field relevant to philanthropic studies. Other requirements include a statement of research interest that identifies Lilly Family School of Philanthropy faculty with whom the student seeks to work, résumé, undergraduate and graduate school transcripts, standardized test scores such as the GRE, letters of recommendation that attest to the student's ability to conduct original research.

Time to Completion and Outcomes

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy admits approximately four or five full-time students annually to the doctoral program. From 2004–2015, doctoral students completed their degree in an average of 6.25 years. One hundred percent of Ph.D. graduates who sought employment were employed in tenure track (75 percent) or high-level philanthropic professional positions (25 percent).

Financial support

One hundred percent of our Ph.D. students, who are enrolled full-time, receive financial support in the form of tuition scholarships, health insurance, and an assistantship stipend for up to four years. Tuition scholarships are 88 percent of tuition for in-state students and 95 percent of tuition for non-resident students. To be eligible, students must work 20 hours per week as a research assistant or teaching assistant, attend monthly doctoral student meetings, and attend regular research seminars.

Requirements

Students must complete at least 90 credit hours, 30 of which often can transfer from a completed master's degree program. Of the remaining 60 credit hours, 42 credit hours are coursework and 18 hours are dissertation research credits. Course work includes five core courses, three methodology courses, four courses in the student's minor field, and two electives. Students identify their minor

field of study and minor field advisor within their first year on campus, and have pursued a variety of minor fields including Africana studies, business, economics, higher education, history, nonprofit management, philosophy, political science, religious studies, and sociology.

Core Courses (15 credits)

PHST-P660 Ethical, Moral, and Religious Aspects of Philanthropy
 PHST-P662 Historical and Cultural Perspectives on Philanthropy
 PHST-P664 Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations in Society I
 PHST-P665 Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations in Society II
 PHST-P790 Dissertation Research Seminar

Methodology Courses (9 credits)

PHST-P602 Qualitative Methods in the Third Sector
 PHST-P690 Quantitative Behavioral Research Methods
 Graduate-level Research Methods approved by director of graduate programs

Minor Field Courses (12 credits)

Graduate-level courses approved by director of graduate programs and minor field advisor

Electives (6 credits)

Dissertation (18 credits)*

*Students are required to have taken PHST-P521, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector, or its equivalent. Students who have not met this requirement enroll in PHST-P521 in their first semester and dissertation credits change from 18 to 15.

Doctoral Minor in Philanthropic Studies

Doctoral Minor in Philanthropic Studies

The Ph.D. minor in philanthropic studies enables the advanced graduate student in other departments to take an organized body of courses focusing on the history, culture, and values of philanthropy, defined broadly as “voluntary action for the public good.”

The Ph.D. minor will be available to doctoral students in other departments and schools of Indiana University, and will be offered through the University Graduate School Indianapolis. The minor field advisor must be a philanthropic studies faculty member.

Courses

REQUIRED

- **PHST P521 - Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector** (Available in Bloomington as SPEA V521). This course is a prerequisite for enrollment in other PHST courses.

ELECTIVES

Courses approved for the doctoral core

- **PHST P660 - Ethical, Moral and Religious Aspects of Philanthropy**
- **PHST P662 - History and Cultural Perspectives of Philanthropy**
- **PHST P664 - Nonprofits in Society**

- **PHST P665 - Nonprofits in Society II**

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Student Learning Outcomes

Graduate Student Learning Outcomes

Philanthropic Studies Certificate

Demonstrate knowledge of the values and culture of philanthropy – The curriculum encompasses the philanthropic tradition in U.S. society, the public policy environment in which nonprofits operate, the voluntary sector in relation to business/government/family, and perspectives of donor/recipient/organization.

Model individual empowerment and ethical behavior – Philanthropic Studies emphasizes individual agency and responsibility in giving, volunteering, and social action, including agency as a member of a community, voluntary association, or formal nonprofit organization.

Develop a sense of social responsibility and leadership – The curriculum reinforces the value of both individual and collective action in society in addressing individual problems, quality of life, and structural inequities.

Philanthropic Fundraising Certificate

Demonstrate knowledge of the values and culture of philanthropy – The curriculum encompasses the philanthropic tradition in U.S. society, the public policy environment in which nonprofits operate, the voluntary sector in relation to business/government/family, and perspectives of donor/recipient/organization.

Model individual empowerment and ethical behavior – Philanthropic Studies emphasizes individual agency and responsibility in giving, volunteering, and social action, including agency as a member of a community, voluntary association, or formal nonprofit organization.

Develop a sense of social responsibility and leadership – The curriculum reinforces the value of both individual and collective action in society in addressing individual problems, quality of life, and structural inequities.

Interpret fundraising principles and practices in depth – The curriculum teaches the latest research on philanthropy and the practical applications to develop skills in fundraising.

Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies (M.A.)

Through the master's program curriculum in philanthropic studies, students are equipped with both the theoretical framework and practical skills necessary to advance the understanding and practice of philanthropy. Students gain the knowledge and skills of philanthropy to prepare for careers in the nonprofit sector or related fields or the pursuit of further graduate study. Students investigate the concepts of philanthropy from a variety of disciplinary perspectives and utilize the interdisciplinary base for

critical inquiry into the values, culture, and history of philanthropy.

Students will be able to:

broad knowledge of the values, culture, and history of philanthropy. Students differentiate among the multiple meanings and motivations of philanthropy, generosity, charity, volunteering, and social movements. Students come to recognize that philanthropy leads to intended and unintended consequences.

research methodologies, data, results, and their implications to become sophisticated consumers of scholarly research.

to a community of principled, ethical, and skilled nonprofit practitioners and leaders who serve the public good from an interdisciplinary and global perspective.

nonprofit volunteer and work experience in the classroom and with the community (practice and theory) to prepare for future philanthropic leadership.

effective approaches to create and lead nonprofit missions, visions, and value systems to improve the global field of philanthropy.

societal complexity, diversity, and change. Students learn to anticipate that philanthropy and the public good are deeply personal, highly contested, and dependent on power dynamics and cultural context.

LFSOP's commitment to an antiracist approach to how we educate, learn, engage, and serve. Respect diverse perspectives on philanthropy as well as the ways in which diverse communities define and practice philanthropy.

Doctor of Philosophy in Philanthropic Studies (Ph.D.)

This program prepares experts in philanthropy who will become faculty, researchers, and practitioners. Students include those fresh out of an M.A. program and mid-career professionals who want to deepen their knowledge of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector and wish to enhance their ability to compete successfully for tenure-track research and professional positions. The program includes a core of 15 credit hours and nine research hours that provide an advanced understanding of the field but can otherwise be individualized. It allows the transfer up to 30 credits hours from a relevant master's degree.

Students completing the philanthropic studies Ph.D. curriculum will:

- Gain knowledge of the history and cultural traditions of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector in a global context and understand multi-disciplinary theories that explore/explain philanthropic behavior and why nonprofit organizations exist in society.
- Be able to acquire knowledge of research and resources in the field of philanthropic studies and to use that knowledge to conduct original research, generate new knowledge, and create scholarly products.
- Acquire research competency to successfully carry out rigorous independent research.
- Understand how to interpret and apply ethical frameworks and disciplinary concepts to philanthropic activity in society and to act ethically

and work skillfully with others to achieve educational, scholarly, and professional goals.

Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership (PhilD)

Program Outcomes

As a result of this program, learners are expected to be able to enhance their philanthropic leadership capabilities by refining their applied research skills and accomplishing a specific practical aim. Throughout the program, learners will define key aspects of their culminating final applied project, including specifying a targeted philanthropic domain, identifying intended stakeholders, developing a communication plan designed to reach those audiences, executing an applied project with particular practical aims, and disseminating the results to affect change.

Since learners in this program are typically already employed, program assessment extends beyond job placement rates to focus on measures of career satisfaction and impact. Key questions will be assessed at the beginning of the program (Time 1), upon completion of the structured curriculum at the end of Year 2 (Time 2), upon completion of the program and graduation expected at the end of Year 3 (Time 3), and 5 years post-graduation (Time 4). Indirect measures of program outcomes will occur through surveys that collect closed-ended and open ended response items such as: I accomplished my intended practical aim through the final project, and I disseminated the results of my final project with targeted stakeholders. Additionally, alumni will be asked to supply names of 2-3 professional references from their philanthropy domain invited to complete a brief survey regarding the applied project impact.

Learning Outcomes

The central focus of the assessment plan is on the evaluation of program learning outcomes, and their developmental progression through the accomplishment of the program learning objectives. Assessment of program learning outcomes occurs primarily through the culminating final project, which is designed to address a real-life problem present within the leader's organizational context.

The outcomes of the final project are:

1. Learner selected a philanthropy domain;
2. Learner specified targeted stakeholders within that domain;
3. Learner developed a communication plan that identified intended interaction channels to share the results of the applied project with the targeted stakeholders;
4. Learner synthesized existing scholarship and relevant data through either a systematic or purposeful literature review;
5. Learner proposed a theory of change for how the existing data and scholarship would impact activities and ideas in the selected philanthropy domain;
6. Learner executed the final project; and
7. Learner disseminated the results of the applied project with the identified stakeholders.

In addition to assessment of those program learning outcomes, the learning objectives are also evaluated

throughout the program, via the authentic signature assignments in each course that provide a sequential and stepwise progression toward the applied final project. Additionally, each course includes both formative and summative assessments. Examples of formative assessments include discussion forums, case study and synthesis analysis assignments, first drafts of signature assignments, and peer reviews. The signature assignments are the key summative assessment for each course, and examples include a project brief that outlines the intended applied project aims, a communication plan that identifies and targets intended stakeholders within the selected philanthropy domain, and a systematic or purposeful literature review that summarizes the practical implications of existing research, data, and scholarship for broad and practitioner audiences. Patterns of strengths and weaknesses across the signature assignments will be analyzed to identify curricular gaps and pedagogical approaches that may need refinement. Courses 10-12 include cognitive assessment of skills. To further assess the program, student evaluations and 5-year program assessment data will also be reviewed.

Graduate Certificates

Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program

Are you a student who is passionate about helping others and giving back to your community?

Are you interested in learning from the thought leaders in the field of philanthropy from the only school of philanthropy?

Do you thrive academically and look for challenging opportunities to learn and grow?

If this sounds interesting, consider applying to our accelerated B.A./M.A. program.

Earning a master's degree from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is a goal of students and professionals around the world. Students in our bachelor's degree program who demonstrate academic excellence and aptitude for graduate level work are encouraged to apply to our accelerated B.A./M.A. program.

This program allows you to complete both the B.A. and M.A. programs in five years, and can save you up to one year of time and tuition.

More about our accelerated program:

- Students submit an application to the M.A. program in their third year of the B.A. program.
 - The application requires three letters of recommendation, résumé, and a statement of purpose. Applications to the accelerated B.A./M.A. program do not need to submit GRE scores.
- Students must have a minimum 3.3 GPA to be considered for admission. Students with a 3.3 or higher GPA are not guaranteed admission. The Admissions Committee will evaluate the entire application when considering an applicant's status.

To learn more, please contact Pamela Clark at pamelac@iu.edu

Professional Doctoral Degree in Philanthropic Leadership (PhilD)

Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership

As the world's first school dedicated to the study and teaching of philanthropy, Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy now offers the first Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership (PhilD). As a cohort, PhilD students will wield cutting-edge leadership tools and creative applications for existing research, scholarship, and data, all toward helping solve some of our global society's most intractable problems as addressed through philanthropy, nonprofits, and cross-sectoral initiatives.

If you have served as a senior leader for the public good, whether in the philanthropic, government, or private sectors, already have a master's or other graduate degree, and wish to explore real-world solutions for current challenges through philanthropic and nonprofit solutions, the Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership may be an excellent fit for you.

We require the following documents to complete your application:

1. Transcripts from each college/university you have attended
2. Your resume/CV
3. Three letters of reference that address both your leadership acumen and potential academic success in the PhilD
4. Personal statement: a brief description of your tenure as a leader in your field
5. Applied Research Project Proposal: Applicants for the PhilD will submit a proposal for a major applied research project, applying existing research, scholarship, and data for actionable insights that advance the practice of philanthropy and nonprofits

GRE or other graduate school admission test results are not required for application to the PhilD, however, applicants may choose to upload scores if they wish.

International applicants, in addition to the requirements above, must demonstrate English proficiency for admission into IUI graduate and professional programs. All international students must demonstrate English proficiency for admission into Indiana University Indianapolis (IUI) graduate and professional programs.

Curriculum

Different than a [traditional Ph.D. degree](#), which typically prepares graduates for academic positions, the Professional Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership is for practicing professionals. Take your career to the highest levels with courses and faculty that combine your professional experience with the most sophisticated curriculum in our sector, addressing the nexus of philanthropy, leadership, and applied research inquiry.

The PhilD curriculum focuses on applying new and existing research, education, and real-world practice to produce actionable insights that advance the practice of philanthropy and deliver social impact. In lieu of a dissertation, students will develop a cumulative,

major final applied project that translates research into actionable strategies to solve real, complex problems for an organization or aspect of the sector.

The required program will be delivered

in asynchronous, cohort-based, sequential six- to eight-week sessions with set [coursework](#), taken year-round for two years, with a third year for developing, writing, and presenting your final applied project.

An initial residency of several days on campus will allow the cohort to meet in person at the start of the program. Optional synchronous supplemental online sessions will be offered throughout the curriculum. In addition, members of the student cohort may take advantage of optional in-person meetings, including an optional residency at the start of the second and third years, with the location to be determined.

Year 1

1. The Landscape of Philanthropy (P722: 3 credits)
2. Philanthropic Leadership Practices (P721: 3 credits)
3. Cultivating Generous Societies (P723: 3 credits)
4. Philanthropy, Justice, and Ethics (P728: 3 credits)
5. Data for Good (P730: 3 credits)
6. Applied Philanthropy Project I (P726: 3 credits)

Year 2

7. The Art & Science of Synthesis (P727: 3 credits)
8. Domains of Philanthropic Practices (P724: 3 credits)
9. Philanthropy Practices & Policies (P729: 3 credits)
10. Community Collaboration, Power, Politics and Philanthropy (P725: 3 credits)
11. Philanthropic Leadership Case Study (P731: 3 credits)
12. Applied Philanthropy Project II (P732: 3 credits)

Year 3

13-15. Project research, writing, and presentation (4 credits each)

Cohort

The PhilD welcomes applicants from a wide range of fields, including the private and government sectors, in addition to those with backgrounds in the philanthropic sector. Leadership through extensive volunteering, such as a long-term board member or trustee, may also be sufficient for the PhilD application requirements. With the advantage of the cohort model, the PhilD students will have rich and diverse backgrounds to share as peers, for lifelong professional connections.

Please see our website [here](#) for more information and program updates.

Courses