

GOAL 1: STUDENT SUCCESS

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENROLL AND EARN DEGREES

Initiative 1: Transition the Honors Program to an Honors College

Honor students are among the most motivated and engaged students on campus. An Honors College will better support their overall university experience, elevate the prestige of the current Honors Program, attract more high-performing students to ISU, and boost the reputation of the university.

Initiative 2: Enhance the student experience through deeper engagement (Student Affairs)

Programs within the student experience initiative focus on the transition, support, retention, and graduation of students. They are collaborative in nature and geared toward improving the connection between Indiana State University and the student population. Student experience enhancements include, but are not limited to: mentor groups, the Sycamores Care program, the Sycamore Resolution program, Leadershape at State, the extended orientation program, and other diversity, inclusion, and social justice programs.

Initiative 3: Expand the degree completion initiative, focus on 3rd year and beyond

ISU's commitment to graduating students will be reinforced. In addition to assisting students no longer at the university with finding a path to graduation, efforts to keep students on track to timely graduation will begin earlier in their academic career.

State aid is linked to student achievement of the 30-60-90-120 credit hour milestones annually on the pathway to degree completion. Failure to meet these targets can result in the loss or reduction of financial aid, a delay in degree completion, and other opportunity costs for students. This initiative seeks to accelerate annual credit hour productivity through a "15 to Finish" marketing campaign as well as close analysis of where challenges exist for students.

Initiative 4: Deepen the academic connections with Residential Life

Create an environment where residence halls become an extension of the classroom through reserved living space in residence hall, first-year only classes, faculty-led study sessions, and ultimately a faculty-in-residence program in all residence halls.

Initiative 5: Explore a partnership to expand distance programs

Conduct an in-depth analysis of the growth potential of ISU's online education program. This will require evaluating potential student markets, assessing academic programs, and determining institutional investment.

Initiative 6: Increase marketing support and develop a student success app

ISU was awarded a US Department of Education First-in-the-World grant focused on testing socio-psychological interventions that strengthen student mindsets for working hard, being resilient in the face of adversity, and belonging. This initiative will pilot a unique phone app platform with capability for targeted student messaging related to strengthening student engagement and performance.