



## Purdue University and the community



### Purdue University

Founded in 1869 as Indiana's land-grant university, Purdue University is a public, doctoral-granting research university with nearly 39,000 students on its West Lafayette (main) campus, and serves over 68,000 students system-wide. Purdue is one of the nation's leading research institutions with a reputation for excellence and affordable education.

Recently ranked 22nd in the nation in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* top 50 public universities survey, the University offers more than 7,400 courses in over 500 fields of study. Ranked 59th in the world, 22nd among U.S. universities, and ninth among American public universities in a survey by *The Times of London*, Purdue students hail from all 50 states and 126 countries. Purdue enjoys the distinction of having more international students than any public university in the United States. Purdue's research and learning environment is an incubator of great ideas and stellar accomplishments; where faculty and students discover together, push the boundaries of knowledge, and make significant contributions to virtually every aspect of contemporary life. Extensive library, computing, and laboratory resources support a robust research and learning setting providing multiple opportunities to explore interests and develop skills. More than 325,000 living alumni are graduates of one of the University's highly regarded 10 colleges and schools — Science, Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Nursing, Consumer and Family Sciences, Liberal Arts, Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, and Technology — and are making a difference each day in myriad fields.

Purdue College of Science established the nation's first PhD-granting department of computer science in 1962. In over four decades, the department has awarded 307 PhDs to students in many areas of the field. For more information, visit: [www.purdue.edu](http://www.purdue.edu).

### Greater Lafayette

The home of Purdue, Greater Lafayette is a welcoming and progressive community conveniently located on Interstate 65, approximately 150 miles southeast of Chicago and 65 miles northwest of Indianapolis. West Lafayette and Lafayette, situated along the scenic Wabash River in Tippecanoe County, are home to a total population of nearly 150,000 people who enjoy a strong and diverse economic base, historic architecture, excellent schools, well-maintained parks, biking, and hiking trails, and several outlets for fine dining. The local arts scene, including performances by international artists presented throughout the year at Purdue, is thriving and vibrant. Residents enjoy an average mean temperature of 23 degrees in January and 73 degrees in July. For more information, visit: [www.lafayette-in.com](http://www.lafayette-in.com)

