



Fostering student success through international education



DEGREE RESOURCE GUIDE



Message from **THE CONSORTIUM PRESIDENT**

On behalf of our member institutions, I am delighted to introduce you to the American Consortium of Universities. This Degree Resource Guide provides a general overview of the Consortium and lists specific programs offered by each member institution. It is designed as a convenient reference for educational advisors, placement counselors, sponsors, parents, and students. This guide showcases a select group of universities committed to meeting the diverse educational needs of international students interested in higher education in the U.S.

The American Consortium of Universities (ACU) is a group of accredited institutions of higher education with superior programs and features. Its members serve the educational needs of thousands of international students from around the world. ACU's offerings are varied and far-reaching. From associate degrees to doctoral programs, offerings include degrees in advanced science, engineering and technology, and programs as diverse as accounting, engineering, law, business administration, textiles, nutrition, and sports medicine.

ACU is not just about strong academic programs. International students flourish in institutions committed to international education, as evidenced by the resources -- people, facilities, support services, etc.-- they devote to it. This commitment stems from a mission not only to help international students excel educationally, but to enlist their contributions to enrich academic and learning environments for American students. It also comes from ACU's institutional programs which send American students to other countries to study; their cultural learning leads them to become better global citizens and good friends of their fellow international students.

Thank you for your interest in our ACU programs and institutions. We hope that this brochure will familiarize you with our offerings, answer some of your initial questions, and assist you in the selection of a school for yourself or for students you are counseling. We look forward to your inquiries and to serving your students' educational needs on our campuses.

Warm regards,
Ahad Shahbaz

The American Consortium of Universities

The American Consortium of Universities (ACU) facilitates international student admission, including conditional admission, to a wide range of graduate and undergraduate programs at its member institutions. Assistance to students in achieving fluency in English and adjusting to the new academic and cultural environment is provided by the INTERLINK center on each campus. TOEFL or IELTS requirements are waived for conditionally admitted students who successfully complete the INTERLINK program. ACU member institutions are listed on the map below:



Special Features:

- ✿ Intensive English, academic preparation, and cultural orientation
(Offered by the INTERLINK Language Center on each campus)
- ✿ Conditional admission in most fields of study to each university
- ✿ Assistance with academic placement at appropriate institution
- ✿ Graduate and/or undergraduate programs in:
 - Arts & Sciences
 - Business, Economics, & Management
 - Engineering & Technology
 - Health and Environmental Sciences
 - Law (LL.M. and J.D.)

Indiana State University

Terre Haute, Indiana



Indiana State University, a public doctoral research university offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 100 majors, provides outstanding educational opportunities to students, enhances quality of life by disseminating knowledge through instruction and research, and fosters creative and scholarly programming.

Founded in 1865, Indiana State University serves more than 12,000 students from over 75 countries and all 50 states. Located on a beautiful campus surrounded by a small, close-knit community, it has all of the offerings of a major university, with the following special features:

- ✿ Faculty and student active involvement in research of national and international importance
- ✿ The latest technology in laboratories, academic and wellness buildings
- ✿ State-of-the-art Student Recreation Center
- ✿ Recognition by Forbes magazine and Princeton Review (two well known, national publications) for quality and value
- ✿ Mentioned at the top of Washington Monthly's College Guide list for community service participation and hours worked by students, faculty, and staff
- ✿ Programs in athletic training, business administration, criminology, communications, computer and electronics technology, media technology, remote-sensing and robotics
- ✿ Opportunities to apply learning through hands-on inquiry, research and life-changing field experiences



Committed to providing high-quality, affordable academic programs and preparing leaders through challenging classes, research and campus involvement, Indiana State offers an impressive selection of academic programs across its colleges:

- ✿ Bayh College of Education
- ✿ College of Arts and Sciences
- ✿ College of Nursing, Health and Human Services
- ✿ College of Technology
- ✿ Scott College of Business
- ✿ College of Graduate and Professional Studies



International students are eligible to work on campus up to 20 hours a week during the academic year. Indiana State offers undergraduate and graduate scholarships and funding opportunities (i.e. graduate, teaching, research assistantships).

Terre Haute is a medium size city with a population of 61,000. Known as the Crossroads of America, it is located 70 miles east of Indianapolis, 175 miles south of Chicago and 175 miles east of Saint Louis. Home to several museums, Terre Haute has a symphony orchestra, historical sites, and attractive city parks.



The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Greensboro, North Carolina



The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) is a challenging, supportive, and engaged community that stands apart from other universities because of our shared value to “Do something bigger altogether.” We define excellence not only by the people we attract and the high level of achievement they pursue but also by the meaningful contributions they make. With a conviction to empower all, we have created a unique environment of collaboration and inclusiveness that fuels curiosity and passion. Our diverse community is joined together by an understanding that what matters beyond the lessons learned in the classroom is how they are carried forward to make a difference in our careers and communities.

Challenging Programs

Founded in 1891, UNCG is the largest and most diverse university in the Triad, serving more than 18,000 students across more than 100 areas of study in seven academic schools, the Graduate School, and the Lloyd International Honors College. In addition to cultivating student success and an environment of academic rigor, UNCG fosters excellence in the areas of collaborative research, creative activity, and community and economic engagement. UNCG offers challenging programs for undergraduate and graduate students alike, and as a doctoral-granting institution, is committed to teaching based in scholarship and advancing knowledge through research.



Engaged Community

By combining excellent teaching with important research and community engagement, UNCG sets an example for contributions that create new possibilities. It is why the university has been highlighted for the eighth consecutive year on Washington Monthly's list of American universities that contribute most to the public good, and why it has earned the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor, the highest federal recognition a school can receive for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. UNCG values its role as a source of innovation and leadership meeting social, economic, and environmental challenges in the Piedmont Triad, North Carolina, and beyond.



Supportive Environment

Integrating intercultural and international experience and perspectives into every student's learning experience, UNCG is a global university in which people of any racial or ethnic identity, age or background can achieve an informed appreciation of their own and different cultures. It is a community of actively engaged students, faculty, staff, and alumni founded on open dialogue, shared responsibility, and respect for the distinct contributions of each member.



Valparaiso University

Valparaiso, Indiana



Established in 1859, Valparaiso University (Valpo) is an independent Lutheran institution of 4,000 American and international students from all over the United States and more than 40 countries worldwide. Located only one hour from Chicago in a safe, friendly town of 31,000, Valpo is consistently ranked as one of the Midwest's top universities and listed among those universities in the USA offering the best value for price. Valpo has had a long and proud tradition of welcoming international students of all cultural traditions and backgrounds to its campus.

Programs

- Over 70 undergraduate programs including business, engineering, and nursing
- Over 20 master's degree programs in International Commerce & Policy, English Studies & Communication, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Information Technology, Sports Administration, Counseling, and many other areas
- MBA program in the College of Business Administration and LLM and JD programs in the School of Law
- Conditional admission with TOEFL waiver upon successful completion of the INTERLINK program

Resources

- A family-like environment supported by the Offices of International Studies and of Multicultural Programs
- State-of-the-art technology, including wired classrooms and labs, for hands-on learning opportunities and convenient internet access
- Small class sizes fostering student interaction, individualized attention, and mentoring relationships by professors
- A new award-winning library and information center that serves as a central gathering place for students



Activities

- A highly active Valparaiso International Student Association (VISA) with regularly scheduled events
- Free admission to numerous concerts, lectures, plays, and other performances
- Over 100 extracurricular opportunities, including participation in volunteer activities, sports, internships, music groups, and other special-interest organizations
- Major shopping and commercial districts within walking distance of campus
- Local bus service that includes connections to Chicago on weekends

Cost

- Competitive tuition for undergraduate, graduate and law studies based on national comparative studies for a private, nationally ranked university
- On-campus work opportunities
- International Presidential Scholarships for qualified undergraduate students



INTERLINK Language Centers

*Intensive English
Cultural Orientation
Academic Preparation
University Placement
Assistance*



Success in today's world demands increased global understanding and effective communication. Knowledge of a second language, especially English, has become vital for aspiring students, scholars, and business people seeking to achieve their personal and professional goals. To that end, INTERLINK provides an innovative, project-based curriculum, inspired by learning theories and practical applications which motivate students to participate actively in linguistic, academic, and cross-cultural programming. Individual needs and progress are carefully monitored, and students receive assistance in preparing for their specific academic or vocational goals.



Since its inception in 1980, INTERLINK has trained thousands of students from over 50 countries.

Our Vision

Committed to transformative language education and promoting cross-cultural understanding, we strive for a world where humility, respect, and sensitivity prevail, and teachers and students contribute to enhanced communication among diverse peoples.

Our Mission

We provide intensive English instruction, academic preparation, and cross-cultural training to empower students to succeed in academic, professional, and personal realms. With standards of quality and fairness as our guides, we promote enhanced learning and higher order thinking skills, grounded in an ethos of service.

Our Values

Our most precious assets are our students. All our actions stem from a single focus - disciplined attention to student needs. Our faculty embody the highest standards of professionalism, manifested with care, concern, and commitment. Our administrators are clear that they lead best by serving and serve best by meeting student needs.

INTERLINK supports and complies with the standards established by:

CEA:	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation
EnglishUSA:	American Association of Intensive English Programs
TESOL:	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
NAFSA:	Association of International Educators



The INTERLINK programs offer:

A holistic approach

Each student is treated as a “whole” person with intellectual, emotional, social, and cultural needs; language is learned as a “whole” system and not a collection of isolated skills; lessons integrate linguistic, cross-cultural, and academic skills.

Student-centered classes

Students are helped to examine their own strengths, weaknesses, and learning styles as they discover and use the language; independent learning and initiative taking are encouraged and nurtured.

Caring teachers

A caring relationship is established between student and teacher; highly qualified and skilled teachers create successful learning environments, fostering linguistic, academic, and cross-cultural success.

Central role of students in learning

Teachers help students develop personal criteria for correctness and learn inductively; teachers act as facilitators, helping students to assume a central role in their own learning; independent projects address individual needs and allow students to learn at their own pace.

Experiential/reflective learning

Students learn by “doing”; language practice takes place outside as well as inside the classroom; projects employing authentic materials and situations are used extensively; students reflect on what and how they learn; use of textbooks and stock exercises is kept to a minimum.





Important Features

- ✿ Serious, academically qualified students
- ✿ Conditional admission and TOEFL waiver for qualified students in selected programs
- ✿ Concurrent university courses for upper-level students
- ✿ Small classes (average: nine students; maximum: 12 in Reading/Writing and 15 in Communication Skills)
- ✿ Project-based curriculum that is challenging and stimulating
- ✿ Computer-enhanced learning and applications
- ✿ Six proficiency levels facilitating appropriate initial placement
- ✿ 20-23 hours of classes per week, plus additional out-of-class individual projects
- ✿ Full-time faculty, all with an MA or a PhD in TESOL, applied linguistics, or related fields
- ✿ Assistance with learning about and adjusting to the new environment
- ✿ Focus on linguistic progress and proficiency, not scores on standardized tests
- ✿ Full access to university facilities and services, including computer labs, the Internet, health centers, recreation centers, libraries, and academic advising



Fostering academic, cross-cultural, and linguistic success

Academic Programs

offered at ACU member universities

B = Bachelor's Degree T = Two Year Degree
 C = Concentration Y = Post Baccalaureate Certificate
 D = Doctorate Degree Z = Post Master's Certificate
 M = Master's Degree

	Degree Programs	Indiana State University	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Valparaiso University	
A	Accounting	B	BM	BM	
	Acting		BM		
	Actuarial Science			B	
	Advanced Manufacturing Management	B			
	Adult Education and College Teaching	B			
	Adult Nurse/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner		M		
	Advocacy and Service for the Deaf		B		
	Aerospace Administration	B			
	African American Studies	B	B		
	American Sign Language		B		
	Analytics and Modeling			M	
	Anthropology	B			
	Apparel Product Design		B		
	Applied Economics		M		
	Applied Geography		M		
	Applied Mathematics		BM		
	Applied Statistics		M		
	Archaeology		B		
	Architectural Technology	T			
	Art	BM		TBM	
	Art Design, Painting, Sculpture		B		
	Art Education	B	B	B	
	Art History		B		
	Art Studio		BM		
	Arts/Entertainment Administration			M	
	Asian Studies		B		
	Athletic Training	BM			
	Automotive and Control Engineering Technology	B			
	Automotive Engineering Technology	B			
	Aviation Management	B			
	Aviation, Professional Flight Technology	B			
	B	Biochemistry		BM	B
		Biochemistry (Medicinal)		D	
Biology		BMD	BM	B	
Biology (Environment)			B		
Biology (Human)			B		
Biomedical Electronics Technology		B			
Biotechnology			B		
Birth - Kindergarten Teacher Licensure			BM		
Broadcasting / Cinema / Theater		BM			
Business Administration		BM	BM	BM	
Business Education		B			
Business Studies			B		
C	Chemistry	B	BM	B	

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Chemistry Research		B	
Child and Adolescent Development in the Family		B	
Chinese Studies			M
Chinese Studies -Specialized track for P-12 teachers			M
Civil Engineering			B
Classical Civilization (Greek or Latin focus)			B
Classical Language and Literature			B
Classical Studies		B	
Clinical Mental Health Counseling			M
Clothing and Textile	B		
Communication	BM		B
Communication Sciences and Disorders		D	
Communication Studies		BM	
Community Counseling			M
Community Health Education		B	
Comparative Global Inquiry			M
Computational Mathematics		D	
Computer Engineering			B
Computer Hardware Technology	B		
Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology	B		
Computer Science	BM	BM	B
Conflict and Peace Studies		M	
Construction Technology	BT		
Consumer Apparel and Retail Studies		BMD	
Counseling and Educational Development		MD	
Creative Writing		M	B
Criminal Justice / Peace Studies	BM		
Criminology	BM	M	B
Curriculum and Instruction	MD	M	B
Cyber Security			M
D Dance		BM	
Dance Studies		B	
Design and Technology Production		B	
Digital Media			BM
Drafting	T		
Drama		BM	
E Early Care and Education		B	
Early Childhood Education	MD		
Early Grades Preparation, PreK-4	B		
Earth Science/Environmental Studies	B	B	
Ecology, Microbiology, and Physiology	BMD		
Economics	B	BMD	B
Economics and Computer Analysis			B
Education/Educational Administration	BMD		BM
Education of Deaf Children	M		
Education Specialist in School Psychology			M
Educational Leadership	M	D	
Educational Research, Measurement and Evaluation		MD	
Electrical Engineering			B

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Electrical Technology	B		
Electronics and Computer Technology	BM		
Electronics Instrumentation Control	T		
Electronics Technology	B		
Elementary Education	MD	B	B
Engineering Management			M
Engineering			B
English Education	M		B
English	BM	BMD	BM
English Studies and Communication			BM
Enhanced International Business in German			B
Entrepreneurship/Small Business		B	
Environmental Health Science		D	
Environmental Science	BM		B
Ethics and Values			M
Exercise Science			B
F Film and Video Production		M	
Finance	B	B	B
Finance Economics		M	
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	B		
Finance/Management	B		
Fitness Leadership		B	
Foreign Languages	BM		BM
French		BM	B
G General Aviation Flight	T		
General Industrial Supervision	B		
General Industrial Technology	B		
Genetic Counseling		M	
Geographic Information Science			Z
Geography	BMD	BMD	B
Geography Education			B
Geology	B		B
German		B	B
Gerontology		M	
Global Apparel and Related Industries		BM	
Global Studies	C		
Guidance/Counseling	BMD		BM
H Health Administration			M
Health and Safety	BM		
Health Care Leadership			B
Health Management		M	
Health Management and Policy			M
Health Program Administration	M		
Health Sciences	BMD		
Health Studies		B	
Higher Education		MD	
Historic Preservation		M	
History	BM	BMD	BM
History Education	MD		B

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	Home Economics	BM		
	Hospitality and Tourism Management		B	
	Human Behavior and Society			M
	Human Development and Family Studies	B	BMD	
	Human Nutrition and Dietetics		B	
	Human Resources	BMD	B	
	Humane Education			M
I	Industrial Automotive Technology	B		
	Industrial Professional Technology	MD		
	Industrial Technology Education	MD		
	Information Systems			Z
	Information Systems and Operations Management		BMD	
	Information Technology		Z	M
	Information Technology and Management	BM		
	Instructional Leadership			M
	Interior Architecture		BM	
	Interior Design	B		
	International Business	C	B	B
	International Commerce and Policy			M
	International Economics and Finance			M
	International Economics and Cultural Affairs			B
	International/ Global Affairs & Development		B	
	International/ Global Arts and Belief Systems		B	
	International and Global Human Rights		B	
	International Human Services and Counseling			M
	International Relations			B
	International Services			B
	Interpreter Preparation		B	
K	Kinesiology		BMD	
L	Language Education	MD		B
	Latin		BM	
	Latin American and Caribbean Studies		B	
	Latin American/Latino Studies			B
	Law			MD
	Leisure Services Management		M	
	Liberal Studies		M	BMZ
	Library and Information Studies		M	
M	Management Information Systems	B		B
	Management	BM		BMY
	Manufacturing Supervision	T		
	Manufacturing Technology	B		
	Marketing	BM	B	B
	Mathematics and Computer Science			B
	Mathematics	BM	BM	B
	Mechanical Engineering			B
	Mechanical Technology	B		
	Media Technology Education	MD		
	Meteorology			B
	Microbiology	MD		

Degree Programs		Indiana State University	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Valparaiso University
	Middle Grades Education		B	
	Ministry Administration			M
	Modern European Studies			B
	Museum Studies (Historic Preservation)		M	
	Museum Studies (Interior Architecture)		M	
	Music	BM	B	B
	Music (Instrument, Jazz, Keyboard, or Voice Performance.)		BMD	
	Music (Instrumental Music Education)		B	
	Music Composition		BM	
	Music Conducting		M	
	Music Education	BME	BMD	B
	Music Performance		BMD	
	Music Theory		M	
N	Nanoscience		MD	
	Nursing	BM	BMD	BMD
	Nursing Anesthesia		MZ	
	Nursing Administration		M	
	Nursing Education		M	M
	Nutrition	BM	MD	
	Nutrition and Wellness		B	
	Nutrition Science		B	
P	Packaging Technology	B		
	Parks and Recreation Management		M	
	Philosophy	B	B	B
	Physical Education (K-12)		B	
	Physical Education/Health Sciences	BM		
	Physical Education: Sports Management			B
	Physical Education: Exercise Science			B
	Physical Education: Teacher Education			B
	Physics	B	B	B
	Political Science	BM	BM	B
	Political Science -International Relations			B
	Pre-Dentistry		A	
	Pre-Engineering		A	
	Pre-Law		A	
	Pre-Medicine		A	
	Pre-Occupational Therapy		A	
	Pre-Pharmacy		A	
	Pre-Physical Therapy		A	
	Pre-Veterinary Medicine		A	
	Printing Management	B		
	Professional Chemistry			B
	Professional Pilot Technology	B		
	Professional Writing			B
	Psychology	BMD	BMD	BM
	Public Affairs		M	
	Public Health		MD	
	Public Health Education		B	
	Public Policy and Administration	M		BM

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	Public Relations	B		
	Pure Mathematics		BM	
R	Recreation, Tourism, & Hospitality Management	BM		
	Religious Studies		B	
	Russian Studies		B	
S	School Administration		M	
	School Counseling			M
	Secondary Education	MD		B
	Social Work	BM	BM	B
	Sociology	B	BM	B
	Spanish		BM	B
	Special Education	BM	BMD	BM
	Speech and Language Pathology		BM	
	Sports Administration/JD Law			M
	Sports Media			M
	Sports Medicine		B	
	Sports Studies/Science/Management	BM		B
	Statistics		B	B
	Supply Chain Management		B	
	Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality		B	
T	Teaching and Leadership	MD		
	Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	M		YM
	Technology Education	BMD		
	Technology Management	MD		
	Theology			BM
	Theology and Ministry			BM
	Theology and Ministry-Deaconess Track			M
	Theatre	B		B
	Theatre (Design)		M	
	Theatre Education		M	
	Therapeutic Recreation		BM	
	Trade and Industrial Education	T		
U	Urban Planning		BM	
V	Vocational Technical Education	T		
	Vocational Trade and Industrial Technology	BMD		
W	Women's and Gender Studies		BM	



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