

IU Kokomo School of Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan 2007-2010

Empowering, Engaging, Exploring: Preparing for a Changing World

The IU Kokomo School of Arts and Sciences offers students the benefits of a small college experience – small classes and one-on-one interaction with faculty. We are the home of three departments and 12 academic programs. At the undergraduate level, we offer a range of bachelor's degrees and certificates. At the graduate level we offer the Masters of Liberal Studies Degree.

Our Mission

The faculty are committed to empowering students to engage and explore academic content and learning opportunities so they are prepared to live and work in a changing world. The Hallmarks of the school are grounded in undergraduate research and creative activities integrated throughout the curriculum and in apprenticeship learning experiences – internships, service learning, and international travel.

Statement of Commitments

Commitment to Student Learning
Commitment to Regional Engagement
Commitment to Diversity
Commitment to Innovation
Commitment to Assessment

Strategic Priorities

I. Increase Annual Fall Enrollment

Action Steps

Each major will outline activities to increase enrollment

- Each department will host 1-2 recruitment activities on campus each year.
- Initiate discussions with SOAS lecturers about high school recruitment efforts.
- Establish high school recruitment plan

II. Improve Bachelor Degree Graduation Rates

Action Steps

- Seek and support a full-time advisor
- Develop a SOAS Four-year Program Guide for all majors

III. Enrich the Campus Learning Environment

Action Steps

- Develop and integrate the hallmarks – undergraduate research/apprenticeship learning
- Continue to develop the Good to Great Initiative
- Conduct Program Reviews for all majors
- Establish new program in Fine Arts
- Establish Formal Pre-Professional Program

IV. Establish Partnerships within the Service Area

Action Steps

- Regional Leadership Institute
- Peace Garden
- Science Fair
- Math Contest

V. Promote Campus Diversity to Prepare our Graduates

Action Steps

- Develop and implement international travel experiences and courses
- Continue to sponsor the EMA Conference
- Continue to participate in the Women's Studies Conference

VI. Enhance the Visibility of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Campus

Action Steps

- Continue the distribution of the SOAS Newsletter
- Establish a column in local newspapers that address Arts and Sciences issues
- Continue participation in the Speakers Bureau

VII. Enhance the Role of Campus Scholarship and Creative Work

Action Steps

- Establish and support Undergraduate and Faculty Research and Creative Activity Center
- Integrate undergraduate research throughout the curriculum