Enjoy the Fall—and Prepare for Spring

You’re more than halfway through your first semester! This month’s newsletter will help you navigate the rest of fall term, including can’t-miss events, Thanksgiving break, and preparing for next semester.

Thanksgiving/Fall Break

- All residence halls will remain open during breaks during the 2017-2018 Academic Year.
- If you plan to access or stay in your residence hall room during Thanksgiving/Fall break between Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, November 25 at 8 a.m., you must register here.
- The deadline to register is midnight on Friday, November 10. Registered residents will receive an email before Thanksgiving break with detailed information regarding their stay.
- During the break period, staff will be on-call to assist lockouts. The desks will not be open and mail will not be delivered to the buildings.
- Full on-campus dining service will end Friday, November 17. Full services will resume Monday, November 27.

Fall Break: Another Transition

You’ve been working hard and deserve a break. You’re in luck: Fall Break is quickly approaching. Are you heading back home to spend time with family? Whether this is your first trip home since starting at IU or you’ve already made a visit or two, this first holiday break can present issues for students and their families. You’ve adjusted to the independence of being away at school, but suddenly you’re under your family’s roof again. Read these tips from a current IU student.
If you are unable to travel home for the break—or you live at home already—check out what's happening in Bloomington.

**Hoosier Link Benchmark Reminders**

Now that you have received your mid-term grades, you should have a better understanding of your academic standing for the semester. Lisa Young, the Hoosier Link Coordinator has met with all of you to discuss your academic plans, which included your grades, academic strengths and challenges, intended majors, and time line for transferring. Please remember, you must meet the program benchmarks to receive guaranteed transfer admission to IU. Based upon mid-term grades, the Hoosier Link Coordinator will have an additional one on one meeting with any student who is not meeting Benchmark 1 Requirements.

**Benchmark #1 Requirements** (eligible for transfer to IU in spring 2018):

- 15 transferrable credits from Ivy Tech
- No grade below a “C,” including your IVYT111 grade
- 3.0 GPA or higher

**Benchmark #2 Requirements** (eligible for transfer to IU in summer or fall 2018):

- 26 transferrable credits from Ivy Tech and/or previous AP or dual credit hours
- No grade below a “C” in all coursework of the most recent semester of enrollment
- “C” or higher in IVYT111
- 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA

**Process for Transferring to IU in Spring 2018**

- As the transfer process approaches, the IVYT 111 class will have an IU Financial Aid representative present to discuss the process of transitioning state and federal aid to IU.
- During this class session, students will review the steps to complete their transfer application. The link to the application will be sent to all students this month via email. It will be due Friday, December 1.
- Towards the end of the semester, the IVYT 111 class will focus on IU Academic Advising to prepare for registration of IU classes upon transfer.
After fall 2017, our office will work with Ivy Tech to deliver final transcripts to the IU Office of Admissions. Students who meet Benchmark #1 will be admitted to IU and receive an official acceptance in early January 2018.

- The transfer process is handled completely by students in the IVYT111 course; no additional steps are required or permitted outside of the instruction students receive in this course.

Looking for something to do? Experience IU

Continue to take advantage of Experience IU programming throughout the rest of the semester. Download the Experience IU guide on the IU FYE app to learn about these events and more:

- Dia de los Muertos (November 1)
- First Thursdays (November 2)
- Embrace Diversity, Share Cultures, Study Abroad Fair (November 6)
- Your Kryptonite: Expenses Beyond Tuition (November 13)

Important Dates

- **November 10:** Break housing registration deadline
- **November 11:** Last day to withdraw from an Ivy Tech course without academic approval
- **November 20:** Ivy Tech has class; break begins November 21
- **November 19-26:** IU Thanksgiving Break
- **November 21-26:** Ivy Tech Fall Break—no class
- **December 1:** IU Transfer Application due
- **December 11-16:** Ivy Tech Final Exam Week

Need Help? Contact your resources.

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