

# UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2017–18

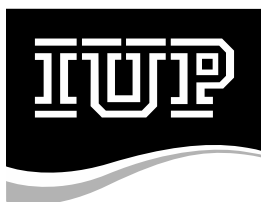
## DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

[www.iup.edu/devstudies](http://www.iup.edu/devstudies)

This document is a direct extract from the full 2017–18 *Undergraduate Catalog*. As a result, the original page numbering will appear.

For information on other colleges at IUP, or about specific courses, please consult the full 2017–18 catalog, available at [www.iup.edu/registrar/catalog](http://www.iup.edu/registrar/catalog). Earlier catalogs are also available at this web address.



Indiana University of Pennsylvania

The department offers a package of freshman seminar courses designed to prepare first-year students with the skills and knowledge important to college success. These three 1-credit courses count toward graduation and include DVST 150, 160, and 170.

The department offers a precollege experience to all incoming first-year students called CUSP: The Early Entrance Experience. This program starts one week before fall classes and includes the course DVST 150 plus activities, workshops, and seminars to orient students to the higher education experience, to IUP in particular, and to the factors in student success.

In addition, the department offers courses that develop learning skills to enhance academic success. Courses in developmental mathematics and reading are offered for institutional credit. Institutional credit counts in determining full-time enrollment status but not in determining credits applicable for degree eligibility at graduation. DVST 110, a 2-credit course that can be used for undergraduate graduation credit, is often linked with another content course.

All students matriculating through the Department of Developmental Studies as department advisees receive a program of freshman-year courses, developmental advisement, and academic support services and are transferred to advisement in their college at the end of a successful freshman year.

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### **The Center for Learning Enhancement**

The department provides educational support services in the areas of reading, mathematics, biological and physical sciences, foreign languages, social sciences, study skills, and related areas. These services are provided by both professional and undergraduate paraprofessional staff. Students are encouraged to participate in a broad array of program services including one-to-one and group tutorials, workshops, and Supplemental Instruction sessions provided by a trained staff of undergraduate peer educators. These services focus on historically difficult academic courses and majors.

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### **Act 101 Program**

Students identified as eligible for Act 101 support receive the Department of Developmental Studies complete freshman program. The program, created as a result of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act 101 in 1971 by the legislature of the commonwealth, focuses on servicing IUP students to make the ideal of equal educational opportunity a reality for all qualified students.

The department offers two Act 101 programs—one on the main campus and another at the Punxsutawney Regional Campus. The office is located in 202 Pratt Hall. Further information about the Department of Developmental Studies and the Act 101 program can be obtained by calling 724-357-2729 or at the website [www.iup.edu/devstudies](http://www.iup.edu/devstudies).

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### **Associate of Arts—General Studies**

The associate of arts degree program with a major in general studies is designed to provide the student with a broad base of knowledge in liberal studies with a focused concentration in a field of study at IUP. The program is available in a format of either a traditional classroom or online instruction. The required concentration may include the already approved courses of an established minor program or a set of pre-approved courses to satisfy the 18-credit concentration. No more than 30 credits may be transferred into this degree program from other colleges or universities.

Students who may find this degree appropriate are those whose career goals only require an associate of arts degree, who are distance education students, who need a degree credential in route to a bachelor's degree, or who are unable to complete a bachelor's degree, but seek a degree that can accurately reflect their accomplishments in college.

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## **Department of Developmental Studies**

**Website:** [www.iup.edu/devstudies](http://www.iup.edu/devstudies)

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The Department of Developmental Studies is committed to helping underprepared students prepare, prepared students advance, and advanced students excel. With this motto as its mission, the department provides various academic support services to all IUP students.

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### Associate of Arts—General Studies

<b>Liberal Studies:</b> As outlined in the Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:	39-40
<b>Fine Arts</b>	3cr
<b>Dimensions of Wellness/ROTC</b>	3cr
<b>Humanities</b>	9cr
<b>Learning Skills:</b> ENGL 101 or higher, MATH 101 or higher	6cr
<b>Natural Science</b>	6-7cr
<b>Social Science</b>	6cr (1)
<b>Liberal Studies Electives</b>	6cr
<b>Concentration:</b> Completion of an approved minor or pre-approved set of courses	18
<b>Free Electives:</b>	2-3
<b>Total Degree Requirements:</b>	60

(1) A 3cr course in Global and Multicultural Awareness must be taken.

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### Bachelor of Arts—General Studies

The bachelor of arts degree program in general studies is designed for adult learners with prior college experience but who lack a four-year degree. Under faculty advisement, the student will develop an individualized plan of study that does not duplicate any existing IUP major. The student's plan of study must be based on a specific theme that incorporates basic, applied, and professional course work within a theoretical framework. At the time of application for degree candidacy or transfer from another institution, a faculty member will be assigned to assist with the plan of study before acceptance.

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### Bachelor of Arts—General Studies

<b>Liberal Studies:</b> As outlined in Liberal Studies section	43
<b>College Concentration</b> ("Theme"): Complete all requirements for a recognized minor or a concentration approved by an advisor, plus additional courses offered within the same academic college (1). No less than 15 of these credits should be 300-level or above.	30
<b>Special Interest Area</b> ("Cognate Area"): With approval of an advisor, the student will select additional courses that focus on a particular need, interest, or specialty that complements the college concentration.	12
<b>Free Electives:</b>	35
<b>Total Degree Requirements:</b> (2, 3)	120

- (1) An advisor may provide pre-approval for course work outside of the college if it's closely related to the concentration. An example may be an HOSP course in an ECOBIT concentration or an IFMG course in a NSM college concentration.
  - (2) A minimum of 42 credits of advanced course work is required for graduation in the program.
  - (3) Individually planned themes may not duplicate any existing degree programs that are otherwise available at IUP, nor may they be used to circumvent specific requirements within an existing major.
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