



**Foundational Studies
Indiana State University**

Indiana State University is committed to providing a high quality education that will help to develop intellectual abilities while providing the skills and knowledge required or necessary to successfully navigate the complexities of the twenty-first century.

The Foundational Studies Program is the cornerstone of this goal. Together, your major and the Foundational Studies curriculum will prepare you to be an effective communicator, a critical thinker, and an informed decision maker. The Foundational Studies curriculum also exposes multiple “ways of knowing” (e.g. scientific, social or behavioral, historical, literary, fine and performing arts, etc.) that will help you better understand the world in which you live.

Purpose of FS:

- **Provides broad exposure to multiple disciplines**
- **Forms the basis for developing essential intellectual, civic, and practical capabilities**
- **Focuses on language, writing, and critical thinking skills which enhance career readiness objectives**

NNL Placement:

- **2 years (4 courses) of NNL in high school with grades of C or higher meets NNL requirement for FS (including single or multiple languages or American Sign Language)**
- **NNL Placement Test: for students who are exempt from the NNL requirement but wish to continue language study**
- **Successfully complete course tested into (higher than 101) and earn back credit for all previous courses in the language**

Upper Division Integrated Electives (2 categories):

- **Students need to have completed at least 45 credit hours at time of registration.**
- **Category #2 may be waived with completion of one of the following: Previous AAS degree, a minor, a second major, a certificate, an education degree outside of the College of Education. Military service members stationed outside of the U. S. on active duty military service also qualify. Student who DO NOT complete this are required to complete UDIE Category #2 course.**
- **Students who do not complete the University Honors Program Curriculum (GH 101, 201, 301 & 401), are required to complete UDIE Category #1 and #2 courses.**
- **Dropping a minor, second major, or certificate will require the Category #2 UDIE course to be completed successfully.**