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College Corner Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana)



Purdue University, located in West Lafayette, Indiana is a comprehensive research institution approximately one hour from Indianapolis and two hours from Chicago. With more than 30,000 students from across the U.S. and 123 countries, Purdue is one of the most educationally and ethnically diverse universities in the United States. Purdue has rich traditions and one of the oldest colleges of agriculture in the nation. One of Purdue's rich traditions include the Big Bass Drum, which is known as the "world's largest," standing 10 feet tall. The drum requires four members of the crew to carry it and two members to beat it. Additionally, it is not uncommon to hear the Purdue fight song on campus throughout the day. Purdue prides itself on being a strong university for STEM majors, but also boasts excellent majors in Business, Accounting, Agriculture, Film and Theatre Production and more than 200 others. Purdue is research-intensive but also retains great faculty-student interaction both inside and outside the classroom. Football and basketball games are major draws at Purdue. Students rave that the town of Lafayette has tons of restaurants, theatres, bowling, shopping, etc. The ongoing theme on campus is that something is always going on. Overall, Purdue has an outstanding reputation for developing difference makers, role models, and individuals who can think outside the box. Purdue prides itself on the career preparation its students receive and is ranked #3 for Best Career Services with a wide range of services that are offered for a lifetime.

(Princeton Review/Colleges that Pay You Back)

Admissions at a Glance:

- 59% acceptance rate
- 25-31 ACT range
- 3.7 average GPA
- 520-700 on each section of the SAT

Purdue University at a Glance:

- 30,000 students
- Division I athletics
- 94% of freshmen live on campus
- Most classes have 10-19 students
- Students come from 123 different countries

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