

Purdue School of Engineering and Technology, IUPUI  
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Update from the dean's action group:  
Strategic plan for international activities.

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To hire an engineer...  
Does international experience count?

<b>Candidate name:</b>	<b>Degree in relevant engr or tech field?</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Work experience?</b>	<b>International experience?</b>	<b>Foreign language?</b>
<b>AB</b>	May 2009.	3.3	Summer, 10-week internship. Relevant to proposed job duties.	n	n
<b>CD</b>	May 2009.	3.6	Summer, 8-week internship. Relevant to proposed job duties.	n	n
<b>EF</b>	May 2009.	3.1	Summer jobs, non technical.	<b>6 week summer program, "Mozart's Vienna." 3-credit course in cross-cultural communication.</b>	<b>One year, college-level German.</b>
<b>GH</b>	May 2009.	3.25	Summer jobs, non technical.	<b>4-week project installing a computer lab in a rural school, Hidalgo, Mexico.</b>	<b>4-week intensive program in Mexico, survival-level Spanish.</b>

## School of E&T plan for international activities.

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Framework, related plans:

1. IUPUI Office of International Affairs,  
“Strategic Plan for a New Era of Internationalization.”  
Spring 2007.
2. “*Global Purdue: Globalization White Paper,*”  
February 2008.

and

3. IU “International Strategic Plan,” March 2008.

## To “internationalize” the university. Components:

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- International student enrollment.
- Affiliations with international partner institutions.
- **Global learning** through curriculum focus and study abroad.
- International research.
- “Serving the international needs of the State of Indiana.”

International student enrollment.

IU strategic plan:

GOAL 6 Develop an **international student enrollment management plan** that targets strategic world areas.

GOAL 7 Develop special **incentives to attract top quality international students.**

GOAL 8 Facilitate the recruitment of more **sponsored international students.**



E&T enrollment of international students increased from about 4% in 1995 to about 12% in 2008.

- International partnerships.
- Systematic recruiting of international students.
- Purdue name.
- Incentives for well qualified students.
- Leadership.

## Why recruit international students?

- Credit hour rates, 2008-2009:  
International = \$664.  
Indiana resident = \$217.
- Contact hypothesis: local students benefit from interaction with international students.

Affiliations with international partner institutions.

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IUPUI plan:

Make “... **global partnerships** the centerpiece of our internationalization efforts...”

Global Purdue:

“The necessary changes will include... collaborative project opportunities with faculty and students from **global partner universities...**”

## Affiliations with international partner institutions.

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IU plan:

“Meeting these goals will mean... Developing new strategic partnerships with **highly regarded institutions** of higher education abroad. Relationships with partner universities must be selected on the basis of how they **contribute to faculty research** and student **study abroad**, as well as how they add to **institutional prestige.**”

## Affiliations with international partner institutions. Selection of E&T links.

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- Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Malaysia; export of curriculum and academic infrastructure; 2+2 degree program.
- Heilbronn University: German/Engineering Dual Degree Program; exchange program.
- Yeditepe University, Turkey; exchange program.
- Université de la Méditerranée, France; exchange program.
- University of Tehran, Iran; 2+2 degree program.

Global learning through curriculum focus  
and study abroad.

## Global learning: Connection to accreditation standards:

### ABET outcomes:

- “The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global context.”
- “A respect for diversity and a knowledge of contemporary professional, societal and global issues.”



Global learning: Connection to accreditation standards:

IUPUI “Principles of Undergraduate Learning”:

- Understanding of society and culture: Students' ability “...to recognize their own cultural traditions and to understand and appreciate the **diversity of the human experience**... to analyze and understand the interconnectedness of **global and local communities.**”

Global Purdue white paper:

- “**All students will be expected to graduate with some exposure to the world** from overseas experience and/or substantive global learning opportunities on campus.”
- “The necessary changes will include... integration of global issues and problems across the curriculum ... **a rich portfolio of global learning experiences** accessible to all students, faculty and staff.”

Global Purdue white paper:

“The success of our Global Strategy will be measured through progress on quantitative metrics and against relevant benchmarks:

- Number of faculty, staff, and students, **participating in global activities** on and off campus.
- Number and percentages students with **international experiences** (study abroad, research abroad), and the **quality** of the experiences.
- Number of courses, academic majors, and departments that formally **include global focus in course work.**”

Global learning:

A goal of the IU International Strategic Plan of 2007 is to,

"Eliminate or reduce **disincentives** associated with **structural impediments to expanded study-abroad participation.**"

**"Structural impediments to expanded study-abroad participation."**

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*“Only 4 percent of (U.S.) engineering graduates have some kind of international experience... Historically, **engineering students have not studied abroad in large numbers** due to the lack of elective courses and **the absence of an educational culture that emphasizes the importance of international experience**. Of the almost 206,000 American students who studied abroad in 2004-2005, ... less than 3 percent were engineering students.”*

- ASEE Prism (Summer 2007).

"Structural impediments to expanded study-abroad participation."

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IUPUI *engineering and technology* students rated "opportunities for overseas study" number **26 in importance among a list of 26 items**. Students enrolled in all other IUPUI schools rated overseas study as significantly more important.

- IUPUI Office of Information Management and Institutional Research, 2007.

“Structural impediments to expanded study-abroad participation.”

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*“... absence of an educational culture that emphasizes the importance of international experience”?*

Global Purdue answer:

*“... develop a global mindset... Purdue University will institute the needed organizational structure to accelerate the development of a collective global mindset.”*

Global Purdue:

*"... **develop a global mindset...** Faculty and staff will be champions for the transformation, encouraged and **rewarded** for infusing global perspectives into all aspects of their work."*



The foundation of

**“A rich portfolio of global learning experiences...”**

German-engineering dual-degree program:

[http://www.engr.iupui.edu/international/dual\\_german.shtml?menu=dual](http://www.engr.iupui.edu/international/dual_german.shtml?menu=dual)

Go Green program, Germany:

<http://www.engr.iupui.edu/international/gogreen.shtml?menu=sa>

Poland: Computer Graphics Technology

<http://www.engr.iupui.edu/international/cgtpoland.shtml?menu=sa>

Project-based learning in Mexico:

<http://www.engr.iupui.edu/international/mexico.shtml?menu=sa>

## International research.

- Identify and implement incentives that reward research that has international scope or impact.
- Establish and publish a list of all ongoing research that has an international dimension.

“Serving the international needs of the State of Indiana.”  
(Guidance from DIAC welcomed.)