IUPUI Jag Jargon

Listed below are some of the common phrases and names used around Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis which can be confusing when you first hear them.

Acronymania
To survive long-term on the IUPUI campus, you must learn the lingo, including a long — and growing — list of acronyms about programs, people, and even the institution itself. Here's an "alphabet soup" starter kit to get the ball rolling:

- CE  Campus Center
- CFS  Campus Facility Services
- CSL  Center for Service and Learning
- E&T  School of Engineering and Technology
- EPSA  Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy
- FYS  First Year Seminar
- LYFE  Living Your Freshman Experience
- IT  Information technology
- IUPUI  Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- NIFS  National Institute for Fitness and Sport
- OSI  Office of Student Involvement
- SAPB  Student Activities Programming Board
- SOAR  Student Organization for Alumni Relations
- SPEA  School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- TLC  Themed Learning Community
- UC  University College
- UITS  University Information Technology Services
- USG  Undergraduate Student Government

Ball Hall
Ball Residence Hall is a traditional co-ed residence hall housing 300 students in single, double and triple rooms. By living in Ball Residence Hall, residents automatically take part in Living Your Freshman Experience (LYFE), a first year residential learning community. It is dedicated to the housing and development of first year students by cultivating a residential community that significantly contributes to the students’ overall learning objectives.

Bursar
The Office of the Bursar is responsible for the management of all student financial accounts including accuracy of billing, collection of tuition and fees, and refunds. The Office is located in the IUPUI Campus Center on the 2nd floor.
The Canal
The Indianapolis Central Canal/Canal Walk runs through White River State Park and is a popular place to jog, walk, roller skate, bike, or just hang out. The canal begins at 10th street, and continues south to the Indiana Government Center. It then turns West, past the museum district, and eventually empties via waterfall into the White River. The River Walk, which runs along the White River, in front of the IUPUI Apartments on campus, connects to the Canal Walk.

Educational Partnerships & Student Advocacy (EPSA)
The Office of Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy (EPSA) is dedicated to creating partnerships both on and off campus and providing quality programs and services that empower students and their families to become engaged members of the IUPUI community throughout their college experience. The areas within this office include Parent & Family Programs, Student Advocate, First Year Programs, and Off-Campus Student Services.

First Year Seminar (FYS)
Each Themed Learning Community (explained later in this document) includes a first-year seminar (FYS). Upon entering IUPUI, all incoming students with less than 17 credits are required to enroll in a first-year seminar, whether it is through their individual schools or through University College. Each first-year seminar has an instructional team led by a faculty member, an advisor, a student mentor, and a librarian, which allows incoming students to have the support they need to begin their college career.

Gerbil Tubes
Gerbil tubes at IUPUI are overhead, enclosed crosswalks connecting several buildings and parking garages around campus. They are heavily used to A) avoid rain, snow, and cold; and B) avoid dodging traffic on busy city streets. They are affectionately known as "gerbil tubes" due to their resemblance to housing for common house pets.

JagNews
JagNews is a campus-wide newsletter that delivers timely information about campus events and opportunities directly to your email. This service is available to any IUPUI faculty, staff, student, or family member who has an e-mail account. Subscribe today to start receiving all the latest Jaguar news.

Jag Shuttles
The IUPUI shuttle system operates Monday through Friday, all year around, except during university recognized holidays. The three shuttle routes; the Campus Route, North Campus Route, and HITS Express, are complimentary of Parking & Transportation Services and are available to anyone in the university community.
Jagtag

Jagtag is the official identification card for IUPUI and recognizes your student as an active member of the campus community. The Jagtag will be used to print on campus, gain access into buildings, check out library books, track attendance or take a test or quiz in some courses. The most popular characteristic of the Jagtag is the ability to use it for discounts and to make purchases! The Jagtag program allows students to make purchases both on and off campus. In addition, using the Jagtag for payment makes students eligible for various discounts and promotions at participating vendors!

Jinx

Jinx the Jaguar (on the right in the photo below) has been representing IUPUI since 1998 when the Jaguars began playing in the NCAA's Division I Athletics. Jinx concentrates his efforts on community involvement, scholastic endeavors and endearing young kids everywhere to the Jaguars of IUPUI.

Jawz

Jawz (on the left in the photo) is the perfect personification of IUPUI athletics. He is powerful, swift and confident. He's often seen at campus events or courtside at Jaguars athletic events. Jawz seems to perfectly reflect the urban energy and spirit of our institution.

The Jungle

"The Jungle" is another name for the IUPUI Gymnasium, where the Jaguars Men's and Women's Basketball, and Women's Volleyball teams play and practice. The Jungle is located in the Natatorium, at the corner of University Blvd. and New York Street. If you're visiting campus for a game, the best place to park is in the Sports Complex Parking Garage, immediately East of the Natatorium on New York Street. The Athletics schedule and ticket information can be found here.

The Nat

The Natatorium at IUPUI is often referred to as "The Nat". The Nat has hosted international swimming competitions, the U.S. Olympic Trials, Indiana state high school competitions, and NCAA swim meets. The Nat's olympic-sized pool is considered one of the fastest in the world, with several world records set in it. Along with this world famous swimming pool, the Natatorium building is also home to the IUPUI Gymnasium (see "The Jungle", above), Campus Recreation, fitness centers, and the School of Physical Education and Tourism Management.
National Institute for Fitness and Sport (NIFS)
The National Institute for Fitness and Sport (NIFS) is dedicated to enhancing human health, physical fitness and athletic performance through research, education and service for people of all ages and abilities. Members of all 14 of IUPUI’s teams train at the facility, while working with members of the NIFS training staff. It is also the training facility for members of the Indiana Fever, Indianapolis Indians, Indiana Invaders, Indianapolis Colts and Indianapolis Racing League.

Oncourse
Technically known as "course management software", Oncourse is a website that allows students to interact with faculty and other students from their courses or organizations. Generally, students have access to a page for each of their courses in a semester and can often refer back to previous semesters as well. A class roster, e-mail, syllabus, online quizzes, grades, and more can be found for each class. Many student organizations or committees are also jumping on board to use this site as a central tool for meeting agendas, notes, calendars, and messages.

OneStart
The OneStart website is essentially a portal to all things at IUPUI. Among many other things, students will use this site to register for classes, track their bursar account information, list emergency contacts, access email or a calendar, search the library, or check an application status.

Office of Student Involvement (OSI)
The Office of Student Involvement serves to enhance student involvement through programs, student organizations, leadership opportunities, and experiences for students that allow for the practical application of what is learned in the classroom. Getting connected with OSI is a great first step to getting involved and being successful at IUPUI.

Regatta
In 2009, the Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR) and the Indiana University Alumni Association (IUAA) organized the Regatta. It has quickly become a signature event for the IUPUI campus. The IUPUI Regatta consists of a half mile canoe relay competition involving teams of up to eight IUPUI students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The event also has entertainment designed for children of all ages – clowns, face painters, activities hosted by IUPUI student organizations, and live bands which make this festive event a can’t-miss experience. Prior to the opening ceremonies, parents and family members can enjoy breakfast with their student at the Paddles & Pancakes Family Breakfast. Save the date now for September 21, 2013.
Registrar
The Office of the Registrar manages all course offerings and schedules, class lists, and keeps a permanent record of grades. The Office of the Registrar assists with all of the changes that occur during a student's career including but not limited to ordering a copy of their transcript, dropping a class after the designated online time period, appealing a grade, changes of residency for fee-paying, school/major, names, addresses, updates to enrollment status, and reinstatement of enrollment at the institution. The IUPUI Office of the Registrar is located in the Campus Center on the 2nd floor.

Schedule

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**A:** This section describes the course in which the student is enrolling. The first abbreviation- in this case, PSY- describes the subject, or Psychology. The next part, B310, is the number used to refer to the course. The last part then, is the entire name of the course. These different references are used in course description, schedules, and 4 year graduation plans.

**B:** Although the PSY B310 describes the course titled Life Span Development, there will be several different sections of this course at different times and by different instructors. This Class number refers to this specific course taught by this instructor at this time. This number comes in handy when looking for textbooks at Barnes & Noble at IUPUI.

**C:** The component descriptor will indicate whether this course is a lecture, lab, or both. Many science courses will have a lecture and lab component so it is helpful to understand which is which.

**D:** In course schedules, the days of the week are often abbreviated to save space. Therefore, a MWF would mean it was held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday while the TuTh indicates a Tuesday and Thursday course. Often classes are either MW, MWF, or TuTh. The time is also indicated in this section. The majority of courses are held for one hour and fifteen minutes with some exceptions.

**E:** Finally, this section will show the building where the class will be held as well as the room number. Most courses will list the whole name of the building as well as the abbreviation. This is very helpful when scheduling so that the student knows how much time will be needed to get from one building to the next.
Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR)
The Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR) is determined to increase student awareness of IUPUI alumni activities and programs. SOAR's mission is to serve students past, present and future at IUPUI and serve as the official IUPUI Campus Ambassadors. SOAR promotes the development of leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills in students. In addition, the group provides members with experiences that enhance their education, as well as opportunities to meet alumni, faculty, staff, and students of IUPUI. One of their signature events on campus is the IUPUI Regatta.

Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB)
The Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) strives to provide quality events for all students at IUPUI. They plan events for students to create a TRUE college experience at IUPUI. SAPB plans things like free films, social events, cultural events, speakers, concerts, and more!

Syllabus
The syllabus is a type of contract between the instructor and the students which sets a tone for the class and establishes an early point of contact between instructor and student. A detailed course syllabus, handed out on the first day of class, gives students an immediate sense to what the course will cover, what work is expected of them, and how their performance will be evaluated.

Themed Learning Community (TLC)
Themed Learning Communities (TLCs) are part of a first year student curriculum. TLCs engage students, faculty, librarians, advisors, and others in a community of learners that explore interdisciplinary connections, both in and out of the classroom, which foster enriching learning experiences. These TLCs have been shown to help improve both academic success and retention.

U.C.
On May 19, 2008, the building called University College (U.C.) was officially renamed Joseph Taylor Hall. However, University College, where most undergrads begin their academic careers at IUPUI, still resides in this building. Therefore, if you hear students talking about U.C., they are likely referring to either the college itself or the building, which is now known as Taylor Hall.

Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
USG or Undergraduate Student Government is the voice for Undergraduate students at IUPUI. This organization has an elected executive board as well as representatives from each student organization. They work to address issues on campus in order to create change and progress for the students IUPUI.