WE ARE EDUCATION
The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is dedicated to improving philanthropy by educating and empowering students and practitioners to be innovators and leaders who create positive and lasting change in the world.

Indiana University pioneered the field of Philanthropic Studies. The transformation to a new School allows us to offer unparalleled education and research opportunities for our students. We foster an interdisciplinary approach and continue to expand our deep connection with the excellent nonprofit programs in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Philanthropy encompasses formal and informal voluntary association, voluntary giving, and voluntary action and thus is a powerful force in shaping the social, economic and political dimensions of all societies. We educate future leaders in this field by offering Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Ph.D. degrees in Philanthropic Studies. The result is well-informed philanthropy and nonprofit professionals, donors and volunteers who are prepared to maximize the effectiveness of their organization’s mission and shape the future of philanthropy.

WHAT IS PHILANTHROPIC STUDIES?
Philanthropic Studies provides a theoretical framework and practical knowledge about volunteering and charitable giving, and organizations that support and depend on the giving of “time, talent, and treasure” in society. The bachelor’s degree program offers an opportunity for students to understand the cultural traditions of voluntary action and to practice working with others towards the common good. The curriculum explores the historical, philosophical, and economic “whys” of giving and volunteering as well as the “how to” of working within nonprofit organizations. Students will engage with many disciplines such as anthropology, economics, history, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology. Philanthropic Studies is a major designed to educate socially responsive students in the emerging field of philanthropy and nonprofit organizations in the local, national, and international arena.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR
A major in Philanthropic Studies requires completion of general education and distribution requirements, and the completion of a total of 33 credit hours, with a minimum grade of C in each course, in Philanthropic Studies.

Choose one of the following courses (3 cr.):
- PHST-P201: Introduction to Philanthropic Studies

Choose one of the following (3 cr.):
- PHST-P210: Philanthropy and the Social Sciences
- PHST-P211: Philanthropy and the Humanities
- PHST-P212: Philanthropy and Civic Engagement

Complete all of the following courses (15 cr.):
- PHST-P301: Contemporary Contexts for and Approaches to Philanthropy
- PHST-P401: Ethics and Values of Philanthropy
- PHST-P450: Capstone Seminar in Philanthropic Studies
- SPEA-V458: Fund Development for Nonprofit Organizations
- PHST-P490: Internship in Philanthropic Studies

Choose 4 of the following Advanced Courses (12 cr.):
- ECON-E414: Economics of the Nonprofit Sector
- PHIL-P326: Ethical Theory
- PHST-P330: Topics in Philanthropic Studies
- PHST-P375: Philanthropy, Calling, and Community
- PHST-P430: Topics in Philanthropic Studies
- REL-R379: Religion and Philanthropy
- REL-R383: Comparative Religious Ethics
- SPEA-V362: Nonprofit Management and Leadership
- SOC-R330: Community

Other Advanced Courses may be able to be approved by the Director.

WHY CHOOSE PHILANTHROPIC STUDIES?
Understanding the meaning and role of philanthropy and nonprofit organizations has implications for a variety of career paths. Philanthropic Studies is an exciting new undergraduate program that prepares students to work with and in many facets of the nonprofit sector and to understand the origins and contemporary application of philanthropic practices. The major supports students who want to integrate their commitment to serve others into their professional work. Careers in nonprofit organizations or other fields, including human services, the arts, the environment, business, or government are options for employment. The major prepares graduates to compete for jobs in a wide range of organizations or to continue their education through graduate studies.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- Nonprofit Leadership
- Nongovernmental Organizations
- Fundraising and Development
- Communications and Publicity
- Foundations Program Officer
- Endowment and Stewardship Programs
- Wealth Advisor/Donor Advised Funds
- Research and Public Policy

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