



Insider's Guide to IU and B-town

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Good Eats in B-Town! *Mother Bear's Pizza* (my favorite pizzeria @ 1428 E. 3rd St.). *Janko's Little Zagreb* (pricey but delicious steakhouse when the folks come to town @ 223 W. 6th St.). *The Uptown Café* (good food, good prices @ 102 E. Kirkwood Ave.). *The Runcible Spoon* (a quirky local classic, great for breakfast @ 412 E. 6th St.). Don't forget *4th St.* for a one of America's greatest arrays of ethnic foods.

What's up in B-Town? Help *Assembly Hall* rumble during basketball games, watch our football team *Defend the Rock*, and support the rest of the Hoosier sports teams. *Kirkwood Avenue* has all the best any college downtown can offer: awesome restaurants, bars (21 or older only), and shopping. Try *The Indiana Shop* on Kirkwood for some cool IU merchandise (also try the *IU Bookstore* in the Union or *TIS Bookstore* on 3rd Street). *IU Auditorium*: off-Broadway shows, politicians, comedians, musicians – with discounted tickets for students! Student productions can be seen at the MAC (Musical Arts Center). B-town also has *two local movie theaters* and the *College Mall* is just east of campus.

What is best about IU? This isn't called one of America's college experiences for no reason. We don't like to brag, but the *Little 500* bike race is "the world's greatest college weekend!" Don't forget our *campus* is one of the most beautiful places on earth. *Top notch faculty* that are extremely friendly (and leaders in their fields) who actually *want* to get to know you. We also have *Big Ten athletics*, *world-renowned performing arts*, *powerhouse intramurals*, and *dynamic student organizations*. Also, the *candy-striped pants* worn by our basketball team!

What is not so great about IU? When it gets *cold* or is *rainy* during peak class times the buses get pretty full. Umbrella = wise investment.

Dorm life? You've got more choices for food than you'll know what to do with. I dig the macaroni bowl at Wright Place. IBUCKS (meal points) allow you to eat at any RPS facility on campus. *Meal points can roll over* from year to year, so don't worry about having too many. And if you start to run low, Mom and Dad can always deposit more through the *online-management system*. *Dorm life is what you make it*. Some of my best friends are the people from my freshman year floor. In 1967, one of my professors lived in the same dorm room I did in 2007. True story!

Tips about classes: 15 credit hours is pretty standard, but don't hesitate to go higher or lower depending on your circumstances. Remember to *look at your degree requirements*, some classes can count for both a major and minor, so you can save some green! Don't hesitate to ask anyone for help once you are in your classes. The profs don't bite, and the academic advisors are on top of their game.

Is it easy to find a job on or around campus? Bloomington has *tons of part time jobs*. Think rec center, food court, a local restaurant, the mall, shops all over town, etc. The best part is that many of them only want you for 10-15 hours a week, the perfect amount to *balance work, classes and a social life*. Some of my jobs and my friend's jobs include working in the athletics maintenance department, as teaching and research assistant at the business school, an intramural referee, and at TIS Bookstore. My girlfriend is a supervisor in the food court making almost ten bucks an hour!

If you could offer some final tips about college life what would they be? 1. *Time management*. The few of you who take this advice will be the happy ones. Treat your studies like a 9-5. Seriously. If you're going to class, doing your homework, or simply reviewing material like this for four or five days a week when everyone else is freaking out during finals week you'll already know what you need to know. 2. *Get involved*. There are over 40,000 students on this campus, and the best way to make it feel like home is to find something you love and go for it. The campus will shrink instantly.