

# College of Health and Human Services

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The College of Health and Human Services at IUP has over 3,000 students enrolled in eight departments, nine centers, and two interdisciplinary programs.

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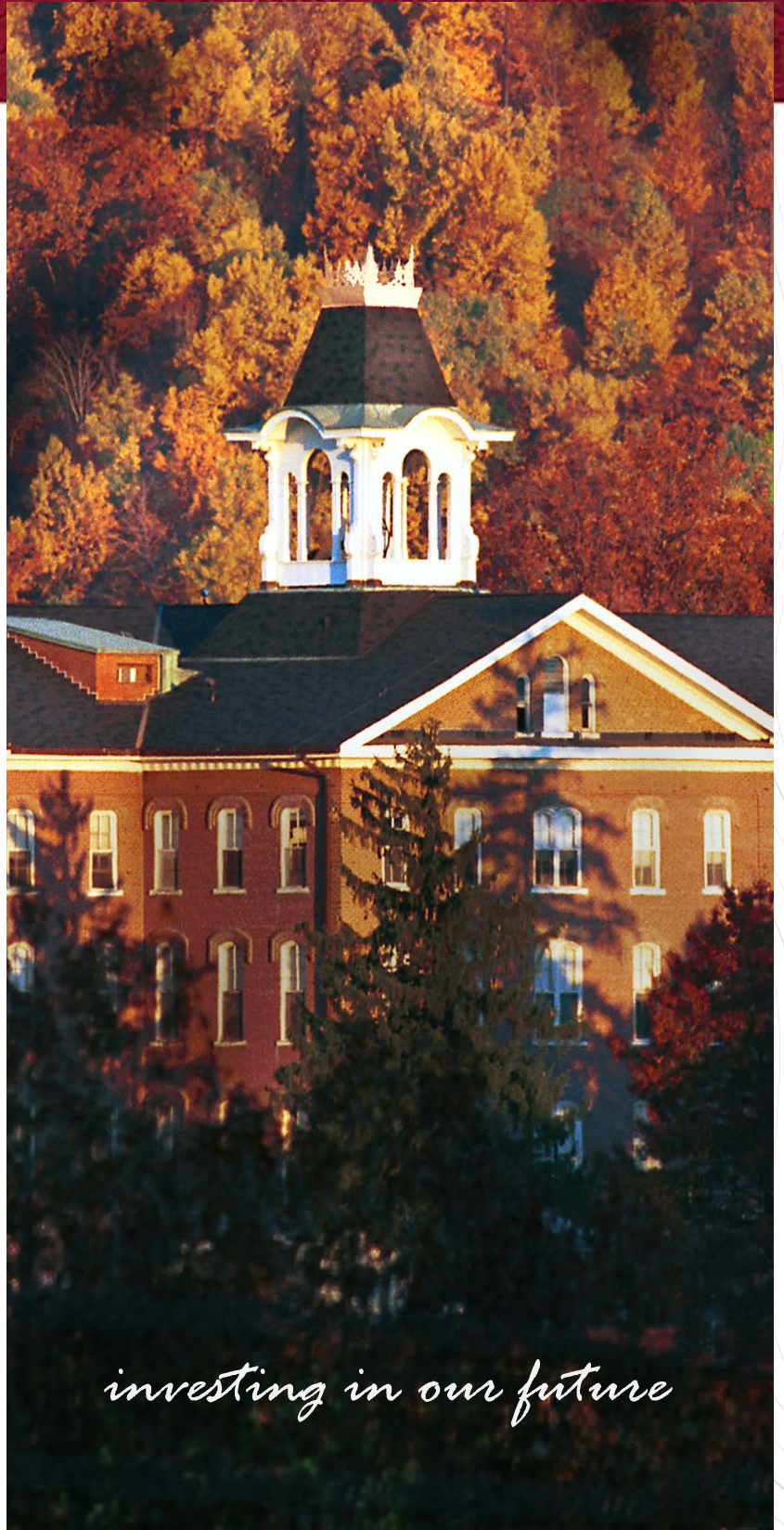
IUP remembered those lost on 9/11, including graduates Donald Jones '80, William Moskal '79, and William Sugra '93. The Oak Grove Memorial includes a 13-foot remnant of the World Trade Center, on long-term loan to the university.



## IUP NextGen: Academic Restructuring Plan

Last October, IUP announced a restructuring of its academic colleges and programs designed to create a stronger, more student-centered university. The plan, known as IUP NextGen, went into effect at the start of the Fall 2021 semester. According to IUP President Michael Driscoll, “At its core, IUP NextGen is about redefining the way that we serve our students...This work will help our students achieve success throughout their lifetime while addressing our critical need to create a stronger and more financially stable IUP for now and for the future.”

For the College of Health and Human Services, IUP NextGen meant the departments of Hospitality Management; Human Development, Fashion, & Interior Design; and Safety Sciences (along with OSHA) were moved to other IUP Colleges, while the departments of Psychology (which joined with the Department of Educational and School Psychology) and Sociology joined our College. We welcome new colleagues and students, and we look forward to continuing collaborations across the IUP campus.



*investing in our future*

# NEW Centers

To strengthen our educational mission while providing engagement opportunities for students, the College of Health and Human Services oversees the Center for Research in Criminology, the Center for Sports Science Research and Education, the Criminal Justice Training Center, the Institute for Rural Health and Safety, and the James G. Mill Fitness Center. With the IUP NextGen changes, the Administration and Leadership Studies Research and Training Center, the Center for Applied Psychology, the Child Study Center, and the Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health have joined our College.

## Administration and Leadership Studies Research and Training Center

The Administration and Leadership Studies Research and Training Center (ALS-RTC) was established in 2005 and is associated with IUP's doctoral program in Administration and Leadership Studies in Non-Profit and Public Sector. The ALS-RTC is an applied, interdisciplinary center that provides sponsored research, program evaluation, policy analysis, technology transfer, and training for public and nonprofit sector organizations. Its faculty have secured more than \$4 million (\$4,119,705) in grants and sponsored research funds over the past five years to support research, evaluation, and advisory services.

## Center for Applied Psychology

The Center for Applied Psychology (CAP) is the training clinic of the IUP PsyD program, offering PsyD students the opportunity to master their clinical skills while providing real-time services to residents of Indiana County and the IUP community, under the expert supervision of the CAP's licensed supervisors. The CAP runs three separate clinics year-round: a Family and Child Clinic, an Adult Therapy Clinic, and an Assessment Clinic. Within their training at CAP, students can choose between conducting therapy or assessment, or both, with a range of client ages and presenting concerns.

## Child Study Center

The Child Study Center (CSC) is a psycho-educational clinic operated by the School Psychology Graduate Program of the Department of Psychology (formerly the Department of Educational and School Psychology). Services include educational and psychological assessments of children, adolescents, and young adults. The CSC also provides consultation and education for parents concerning remediation and treatment of children's academic difficulties and/or problem behaviors. Aside from providing a service to the local and regional community, the CSC provides a unique opportunity for graduate students to apply what they are learning in the classroom in a practical way under the direct supervision of program faculty.

## Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health

Founded in 1988, the Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health (MARTI) is a powerhouse organized around a consortium of academic and professional experts in the field of alcohol abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, and related mental health issues. Since 2012, the institute's early focus has expanded to include new initiatives—among them, alcohol and drug research, veterans' reintegration, family and mental health issues, training conferences for health professionals and educators, and community outreach. The institute's long and consistent track record in the community continues, and its credibility and high regard among various constituencies remains resilient.

# NEW Department

## Sociology

The Sociology Department offers students a broad liberal arts education and encourages them to think critically about the social world. Students receive excellent preparation for a wide variety of careers, in areas such as (but not limited to) human services, counseling, administration and planning, probation and corrections, community organizing, teaching, and research. The department also prepares students for graduate studies in sociology, social work, and other fields, and professional studies such as law school. The Sociology Department is very proud of its alumni and the many contributions they are making to their communities. Our graduates can be found working throughout Pennsylvania, the United States, and other nations. The diversity of their employment experiences attests to their abilities, and they are using these experiences to better themselves and the lives of many others. The Sociology Department currently offers an undergraduate **major** and an undergraduate **minor** both with two tracks for students to pursue (General Sociology or Human Services). We welcome you to explore what the Sociology Department has to offer!

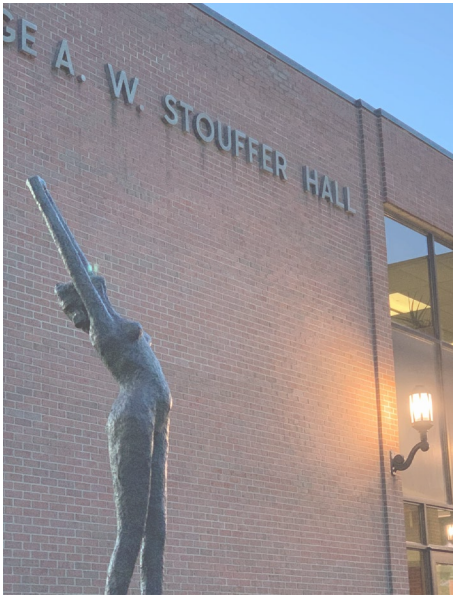
The Psychology and Sociology Departments offer an 18-credit interdisciplinary minor in Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST). The CAAST minor is designed to provide mandated reporters and first responders in criminology, education, family studies, medicine, nursing, psychology, public health, sociology, social work, and other disciplines with evidence-based culturally relevant knowledge and skills to improve outcomes for victims and perpetrators of interpersonal violence. The CAAST minor at IUP is the first of its kind in the United States to address violence across the lifespan.



The Sociology master's program offers a professional learning environment for how to evaluate and manage pressing contemporary issues, such as unemployment, family issues, addiction, and other social problems. With an applied focus, our program assists students to identify, analyze, and respond to interpersonal, organizational, and societal trends. Our core instruction on sociological theory, methods, and analysis prepares students for opportunities related to social research, doctoral studies, or teaching in the social sciences.

# NEW Department

## Psychology



At the undergraduate level, the Department of Psychology offers a B.A. in Psychology, an Honors B.A. in Psychology, a Psychology minor, and an Educational Psychology minor.

Coursework for the B.A. in Psychology begins with a core curriculum emphasizing breadth across the major areas in the field and a strong training in research design and analysis. Students also choose a specialization in Applied Psychology or Psychological Science. The specializations offer advanced content to provide depth in learning, and they allow students the opportunity to tailor their education to their own interests and career goals.

The Honors B.A. in Psychology builds on the same core curriculum as the B.A., and it adds opportunities for additional enrichment. Students in the Honors B.A. program take two small seminar-style courses similar to a graduate school experience. They also complete a two-semester research project with guidance from a faculty mentor. Approximately 12-15 students are accepted into the Honors B.A. program each year through a competitive application process.

The Psychology minor offers students with majors in other departments the opportunity to explore their interests in Psychology with a grouping of six courses largely determined by their interests.

The Educational Psychology Minor is an excellent addition for students looking to deepen their knowledge about concepts related to the intersection of psychology and PK-12 education. Many education majors add this minor, which is helpful for acquiring a teaching position post graduation. Also, other majors add this minor due to their interest in pursuing graduate education in educational and/or school psychology.

# NEW Graduate Studies

## Graduate Degrees in Educational and School Psychology

The graduate programs in educational and school psychology are designed to meet students' career goals and address the nationwide shortage of school psychologists. Whether the goal is to work as a behavioral specialist or become a practicing certified school psychologist, whether pursuing a career in public education, educational administration, or higher education, IUP's programs offer the path to get there. Programs consist of the MEd in Educational Psychology, the EdS in School Psychology, and the PhD in School Psychology. Students work closely with program faculty not only to learn necessary skills, but also to apply those skills through practical experiences from their first semester. The EdS in School Psychology program reached a milestone in 2020 when it celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## PhD in Administration and Leadership Studies

The PhD in Administration and Leadership Studies is a cohort-based program that admits between 15 and 20 students at a time -- in even years at our main campus in Indiana and in odd years in Harrisburg. This unique and interdisciplinary doctorate program focuses on building leadership, decision-making, research, and evaluation skills for mid-career professionals in non-profit and public sector agencies. This specialized program allows individuals to hone their ability to make meaningful contributions to the civic, economic, social, and cultural well-being of the commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

## PsyD in Clinical Psychology

IUP offers a Doctorate of Psychology degree (PsyD) in clinical psychology, the field of psychology involved in the assessment and treatment of psychological disorders. The IUP PsyD program is accredited by the American Psychological Association and is designed to meet the academic requirements of licensure to practice psychology, providing students with both background and hands-on knowledge to assess and treat a variety of human issues and conditions. The PsyD program provides both faculty and student mentorship as students develop their skills in interpersonal relations, research design/analysis, psychological assessment, and psychotherapy while solidifying a strong knowledge base of the scientific basics of psychology. Cultural competency training underlies all of these aims. As indicated by full disclosure data available on the PsyD program's website, IUP PsyD students are **highly successful in their licensure ventures.**