

## **RISE to the IUPUI Challenge Begins Fall, 2009**

The Dean of the Faculties is pleased to announce that students will be able to take RISE to the IUPUI Challenge courses beginning with the Fall Semester, 2009. These experiential learning courses are in four categories - research, international, service learning and workplace and community experiential learning. This challenge encourages undergraduate students to include at least two of the four RISE experiences into their degree programs. A key part of this program is the notation on students' transcripts that they have accomplished this experiential milestone. Schools may begin to require RISE experiences within their majors in the future as they create and identify courses for RISE designation.

The IUPUI undergraduate educational experience is distinctive because it intentionally uses experiential learning to prepare students for graduate school, careers, and citizenship. It provides skills, knowledge and experiences that are highly prized by employers and provides the foundation for future leaders.

The RISE to the IUPUI Challenge initiative engages students more deeply in their learning and contributes to their intellectual and professional development in unique ways. It enhances the teaching and learning process that occurs during formal classroom coursework. The initiative builds on IUPUI's long tradition and commitment to experiential learning. Each category of RISE experiences incorporates qualified experiences, integration of knowledge, reflection and assessment.

Students can expect to see a notation about RISE courses in the fall course catalogue as they plan their schedules in March. Each designated course will indicate that the course meets the RISE to the IUPUI Challenge and satisfies one of the four areas – research, international, service learning or workplace and community experiences.

For more detailed information about this initiative, please click on the links for faculty and students in the text box at the top of this page.