The Department of Astronomy at Indiana University Bloomington offers M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in astronomy, and, jointly with the Department of Physics, a Ph.D. degree in Astrophysics.

For more information, contact Astronomy Graduate Admissions at astdept@indiana.edu

Research! Our program emphasizes research on galaxies, stellar populations, the structure of the Milky Way, and the chemical evolution of stars and stellar systems.

Telescopes! IU participates in the WIYN 3.5-m and 0.9-m telescope consortia, and students can apply for telescope time in their own names.

Computing! IU is a leader in high performance computing, with free access to IU’s outstanding computing, visualization, and data storage facilities and professional staff.

Culture! We are a small, friendly department where students get personalized attention and close interaction with faculty. We respect and support a wide range of career objectives for our students.

Support! Students are guaranteed financial support as long as they are making good academic progress. The Department offers travel support for observing and conferences, and students can get teaching experience to prepare for academic careers. Our professional development seminars help students learn the skills needed for success beyond grad school.

Community! Bloomington is a progressive, engaging city surrounded by state and national forests and state parks offering excellent opportunities for recreation. The city hosts strong international communities and we enjoy excellent, affordable restaurants. Public transportation is excellent, and the cost of living is relatively low. And our campus is among the most beautiful in the world.

NO Physics GRE! The Physics GRE is not required for admission!

(Over to see how our grads are doing!)
First Job (Entering class 2006-2012)

- Postdoc: 50%
- University Teaching: 30%
- Private Sector: 10%
- Computers: 5%
- Unknown: 5%

Median Time-to-Degree: 5.8 Years
Completion Rate: 72%

Current Job (Entering class 1999-2005)

- University Teaching: 30%
- Research Staff: 20%
- Private Sector: 15%
- Computers: 15%
- Unknown: 10%
- Postdoc: 5%

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