Measuring ‘value added’ at USI
The Measure of Progress and Proficiency (MAPP) evaluates changes in skills in the Humanities, Science and Math, and Social Sciences for undergraduates. The MAPP is given to freshmen during their first fall semester and during their junior year. Starting fall 2010, USI will test students during their senior year instead of during their junior year.

Since 2005, the USI freshmen average score on the MAPP has been slightly lower than the national average, but the gap has steadily closed. The average score for USI juniors dropped between 2005 and 2006, but in 2008 it rose above the national average.

Senior Skills Set Assessment
ETS Major Field Tests are comprehensive undergraduate and MBA outcomes assessments designed to measure critical knowledge and understanding in specific majors. In 2009, USI seniors scored above the national average in most areas.

USI seniors in biology, business, chemistry, psychology, and sociology have consistently scored above the national average since 2005.

Retention Efforts – EBI MapWorks
The EBI MapWorks survey is designed to improve students’ transition to college and ultimately student retention over time. The EBI MapWorks survey was given to all undecided freshmen and those freshmen living on campus (selected residence halls only in 2008).

Using the survey data, University Division advisors and Residence Life staff intervene with students immediately when further assistance is needed. This has proven to be extremely valuable.

One-semester and one-year retention among the 2008 freshmen who participated in the EBI Mapworks survey is significantly higher than freshmen who were not included in the survey project.

Overall, freshmen one-year retention has been on the rise over the past 10 years, from 62% in 2000 to 68% in 2009.

Recent successes across campus
- Radiologic Technology is the only accredited baccalaureate program in the 3-state region (IN, IL, KY).
- Science and Engineering had a 10 percent increase in freshman major enrollment in fall 2009.
- 2008-09 Teacher Education majors surpassed statewide peers with a 99 percent pass rate on the Praxis II content licensure test.
- The new Criminal Justice major has 125 majors and minors.
- Computer Information Systems and Accounting students took 1st and 2nd at national competitions.
- USI student athletes have a four-year graduation rate of 60 percent, third highest in the GLVC (12 universities/colleges total).