

### Learning about Muncie!

Muncie is a small town in East Central Indiana. The ground all around Muncie is very flat. We do not have any mountains. Muncie has four seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

Ball State University is a big part of our town. When you enter Ball State from the Western edge of campus, you will see Christy Woods. This is a beautiful spot on campus. Christy Woods has a lot of special trees and flowers inside its grounds. Students at Ball State study the plants that grow throughout the whole area of Christy Woods. In the middle of Christy Woods you can see a sign that gives information about the research they do there.

If you go out of Christy Woods and follow along Riverside Street to the east, you will come to the main road that is in the center of campus. This road is called McKinley. Many of Ball State's buildings are located along McKinley.

Robert Bell (RB) is the name of the building where the main IEI offices is. In fact, the entire IEI faculty and staff have offices in RB. RB is on the corner of McKinley and Petty roads. When international students first arrive in Muncie, they soon learn about the RB building. After that, they walk around campus to learn more about Ball State. It is easy to find RB because it is close to the Bell Tower. The Bell Tower is easy to spot because it is so tall. Its presence on the Ball State campus is a famous landmark.

At the southern edge of campus there is another landmark. It is a statue of a woman with wings. This statue's name is Beneficence. She reminds us of the generosity of the Ball Family to the Muncie area. Directly in front of Beneficence there are some beautiful flowers. Many students like to take their picture at this iconic place. There is an open ground directly behind the statue. Sometimes there is a stage in the ground area that they use for entertainment and graduations.

If you cross the street in front of Beneficence you will come to the student center. Among the many offices and restaurants in the student center, there is the Rinker Center. The Rinker Center is the central location for international students to get information that they need for their life in Muncie. The local people in Muncie also go there to learn about international students.

Muncie's business district is downtown. Jackson and Walnut streets are the two main streets that run through downtown. Jackson runs an east and west direction and Walnut runs a north and south direction. Once you turn onto Jackson Street from campus, you will see the downtown district just ahead. You will cross the White River on your way to downtown.

The distance of the White River is about 583 kilometers. In some places it is deep, but in other places it isn't deep at all. There are many pretty neighborhoods along the White River. Most of the homes in these neighborhoods have both a front yard and a back yard.

Beyond the city of Muncie there is a small village named Yorktown. Yorktown has some shops and restaurants. It also has a school and a very nice park.