

# Jacobs School of Music - IU

## Guided Tour

When my tour at the Jacobs School of Music began, I sat in a room with other prospective students wanting to also apply, and we were lectured by some of the admissions staff about how to apply and audition and financial aid and other information relating to that. Afterwards, I had signed up to observe different classes, my first being a lesson with Dale Clevenger, one of the horn instructors at the school. After chatting with him about horn related affairs, he gave a lesson to one of his students, a junior working towards her undergraduate degree. Finally, I observed the Jacobs School Orchestra. I watched the entire hour long rehearsal, conducting a Sibelius piece.

The people there were very nice, and the campus was very beautiful (#15 in the country, according to <http://www.thebestcolleges.org/most-beautiful-campuses/>). Dale Clevenger was one of the nicest instructor's I had ever met. He gave me a tour of his office, telling me about all of these different experiences, going ALL across the world numerous times, playing in orchestras, conducting them. The man can fluently speak like, 3 different languages! It was actually very heartwarming to know after all of these years (he's quite old) that he still loves to talk about what he does. He's not super modest, but in this case it makes him a wonderful person. The orchestra I sat in sounded amazing, and they were only sightreading! It was absolutely fantastic, and it's very possible that I might decide to go there, depending on costs and my audition. Overall, the tour was outstanding.