



**Idaho State  
University**

## **Welcoming You Back to Campus**

*Dear Bengal,*

*We look forward to welcoming you back to our campus in August!*

*Idaho State is ready to resume full campus operations for the fall semester, which will include in-person instruction and an adjustment to our academic schedule. Please know that your health and safety is our top priority, and a number of health guidelines will be implemented this fall when you return to campus.*

### **FALL 2020 SCHEDULE**

*The University will adjust the Fall 2020 academic calendar to ensure that all face-to-face instruction has been completed by Tuesday, November 24, two days before Thanksgiving. The University will shorten the Thanksgiving Break to three days (Wednesday through Friday), and classes will meet on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving Week. Following Thanksgiving, the University will have one week of online final exams (November 30 - December 4). The start date for the fall semester will remain on Monday, August 17.*

*This adjustment to the calendar will allow Idaho State to complete all face-to-face instruction before late fall, when projections in our neighboring states suggest greater prevalence of general illness and perhaps an increased threat from COVID-19. We want you to feel comfortable traveling home for the holidays without having to return before spring semester.*

*The schedule change also supports your academic progress and ensures the University meets all federal and accreditation requirements. Some limited, in-person exceptions will be necessary for clinical and technical programs to meet following Thanksgiving, and those exceptions will be communicated by your instructor. All grading and graduation deadlines will remain the same.*

**Fall Classes Begin**  
August 17

**Mid-Term Week**  
October 5 - 9

**Face-to-Face Instruction  
Concludes**  
November 24

**Thanksgiving Break  
(No Classes)**  
November 25 - 27

**Online Final Exams**  
November 30 - December 4

**Semester Grades Due**  
December 15

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

*The University is closely working with state and local health experts to implement a number of safety recommendations from the Centers for Disease Controls. Classes are being moved into larger meeting spaces for increased social distancing, some class times are being changed to accommodate room availability, and some instruction will make use of hybrid in-person and online models. Housing will also reopen in the fall for residential students, setting aside adequate space for self-quarantine, if needed.*

*Additional communication will be shared in the coming weeks about our plans for the fall semester. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please [reply to this email](#).*

*Roar, Bengals, Roar!*

*Idaho State University*