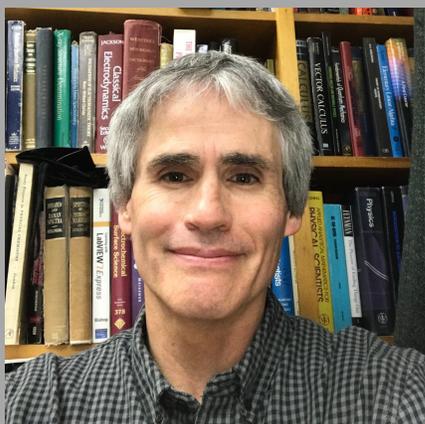




What's Happening in CoSE



Dr. René Rodriguez Named Associate Dean

Dean Snyder is pleased to announce Dr. René Rodriguez has accepted the position of Associate Dean for the College. He would also like to thank the other candidates for making it a strong applicant pool.

René joined ISU's Chemistry Department in the fall of 1988. A portion of his research currently focuses on using infrared thermography to recover serial numbers from firearms that may have been used in crimes. He's also looking into how thin films of materials - sometimes just a hundred atoms thick - can be used in semiconductors and other technology-based applications and the properties of ionic liquids, a relatively new class of materials. His research has led to publishing more than 30 different papers. In addition to his research, he's taught more than 20 different courses at ISU and served as the Chemistry Department's Chair from 2013 to 2018.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Colorado, a Master of Science in Physical Chemistry from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Idaho. René has also served as the Treasurer of the Idaho Section of the American Chemical Society, President and Journal Editor for the Idaho Academy of Science and Engineering, President of the Snake River Section of the Society for Applied Spectroscopy, and more. He will step into his new role as Associate Dean this summer.



Idaho State University Graduates First Students with MS in Computer Science, Ph.D. with Computer Science Concentration

A pair of Idaho State University students will be going down in the history books as the first graduates to earn two advanced degrees from the Department of Computer Science.

On May 7, Porter Glines and Pepo Mena will walk across the commencement stage at Holt Arena as the first-ever graduates to receive a Master of Science in Computer Science and Ph.D. with a concentration in Computer Science, respectively.

[Read more](#)

Governor's Cybersecurity Task Force Report Released

Wednesday, Dean Scott Snyder was in Idaho Falls as Governor Brad Little unveiled his Cybersecurity Task Force's recommendations.

The proposals will help keep Idaho safe from cyberattacks and allow Idaho State University to meet critical cyber workforce needs. Dean Snyder was one of the members of the Task Force.

[Click here to read the Governor's Cybersecurity Task Force's Report](#)

Change Major Request Process Adjusted

The new student-centered process is similar in many ways to the previous one, except for two primary adjustments:

1. The student is now able to initiate the major change
2. The academic advisor signs off on the major change to ensure the student is aware of any potential impacts

The revised Change Major Request will be activated in BengalWeb in the coming days. All university advisors have already been trained on the revised process and are prepared for this to move forward.

[Review the guide here](#)

Help Us Share Your Accomplishments!

Our College's outstanding faculty, staff, and students achieve many notable research and professional accomplishments. In addition, our departments regularly have newsworthy advancements. We want to make sure those stories are shared publicly. Here are a few ways you can provide a news tip to help get the word out:

Use this [Story Submission Form](#) to send your news tip to the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Send an email to Logan McDougall (loganmcdougall@isu.edu) with a brief description of the news to be shared.

You are always welcome to create a draft story, submit it via the [Story Submission Form](#),

or send it to Logan. The Office of Marketing and Communications and Logan will coordinate to get the story finalized and distributed to the media outlets/platforms that best tell the story.

From Around ISU

New Indirect Cost Allocation Announced

After extensive discussion with stakeholders across Idaho State's campuses, Office for Research is pleased to announce the **new Indirect Cost (IDC) Allocation** effective FY23 (July 2022).

For external grants that provide IDCs to the University, they will be allocated as follows:

- 5% to Principle Investigator
- 30% to Colleges
- 39.5% to the Office for Research
- 4% to Research Overhead and General University Support (electricity, etc.)
- 16.5% to Grants and Contracts Accounting
- 5% to the Library

Open Enrollment Wraps May 13

Benefits changes made during this open enrollment period are **effective for the FY23 benefits plan year** (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023).

The open enrollment period for benefit-eligible faculty and staff ends Friday, May 13, 2022.

Nearly 2,000 Graduates to be Recognized at Saturday's Commencement

A total of **1,989 spring and summer 2022 graduates will receive 2,144 degrees and certificates** during Idaho State University's annual spring commencement ceremonies on May 7. Graduates will be recognized at two ceremonies.

Holt Arena, which has been home to the University's commencement ceremonies for more than 50 years, is currently undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation, so guest seating will be limited to the south side of the venue. Both ceremonies will also stream live on the University's YouTube channel.

Moodle ISU Annual Upgrade for Fall Semester 2022

Moodle ISU will be upgraded in August 2022 to the latest version as part of our normal annual upgrade process. **With this upgrade**, you will notice improvements to the overall navigation and dashboard; improved ISU theming; and other behind-the-scenes improvements.

Commuter Bus Program Discontinued

After careful review and consideration of operations of the University's commuter bus program, Idaho State has made the decision to **cease operations of the commuter bus route** between Idaho Falls, Blackfoot and the Pocatello campus as of December 17, 2022.

Bus passes will remain available to the campus community for the Fall 2022 semester. However, Transportation Services will no longer offer commuter services starting with the Spring 2023 semester.

Summer Hours Start Monday

Idaho State University will continue our **longstanding tradition of summer hours for employees**. To support employees in fully enjoying the summer season, the University's administrative office hours will shift to Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break, beginning on Monday, May 9. Summer hours apply to telework and on-campus working arrangements. Standard office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break, will resume

Dates to Remember

May 7	Commencement (May & August 2022 graduates)
May 10	Late 8-week and full semester course grading closes at 5:00 pm
May 16	Classes begin for Early-4, Early-6, Early-8 and Full term
May 30	Memorial Day holiday (Monday - no classes)
May 31	Early-4 final grading opens
June 13	Early-6 final grading opens
June 13	Middle-4 and Late-8 courses start
June 14	Early-4 final grading closes at 4:00pm
June 20	Juneteenth Day (Observed Monday – no classes)
June 27	Early-8 and Middle-4 final grading opens
June 27	Late-6 courses start

Upcoming Events in the College of Science and Engineering

For a complete list of CoSE events, check out the [College Event Calendar](#) and click an event to get more details. Updates can also be found on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#). To add events to the calendar, please contact the Administrative Assistants in your department. The university-wide calendar of events is available [here](#).



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