



Final Exam Policy

With finals week just a month away, please review [Idaho State University's final exam policy](#).

Dates to Remember	
Nov. 22-26	Fall recess (no classes -- Thanksgiving Break)
Dec. 6	Late 8-week and full semester course grading opens
Dec. 13 - 17	Finals week
Dec. 13	Summer 2022 Class Schedule viewable online (subject to change)
Dec. 18	Commencement (August and December 2021 graduates)
Dec. 21	Late 8-week and full semester course grading closes at 5:00 pm
Jan. 10	Spring classes begin

Call for Faculty Fellows in Openness, Pedagogy, Advocacy, & Leadership (OPAL)

The Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) is assembling a second cohort of OPAL Faculty Fellows and seeks general education faculty from Idaho's eight public postsecondary institutions to apply.

The OPAL Program supports three faculty teams across two years as they learn about, critically evaluate, collaboratively (re)develop, and even teach with Open Educational Resources (OER)—teaching, learning, and research materials that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license, such as a Creative Commons license, that permits free use and repurposing by others. The goal of the program is to develop faculty leaders in open and digital education.

To apply, complete the [Google Form](#) and upload your current CV by Nov. 26.

For more info about the fellowship, visit idaho.pressbooks.pub/opal/front-matter/overview.

Faculty Input Sought on ISU's General Ed Program

The General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) is nearing the end of the review cycle of the [General Education program](#). The eight completed Objective Review Committee reports are available on [GERC's Course & Program Assessment webpage](#) (expand the Objective Review Schedule tab at the bottom of that webpage). Objective 9, Cultural Diversity, is scheduled for an objective review in Spring, 2022. With the completion of all objective reviews, GERC will conduct an overall review/assessment of our General Education program in 2022-2023. This is an opportune time to evaluate the success of the program in serving the critical mission of general education, and in the spirit of continuous improvement, consider how we would like to move forward.

Thirty credits are required in Objectives 1 through 6 by Idaho State Board of Education Policy III.N. Institutions are required to offer 36 credits of General Education, with the remaining six credits offered as institutionally designated credits (our Objectives 7 or 8, and 9).

If you have questions, concerns, or opinions about the direction, focus, or form of our General Education program, please contact Benjamin Crosby (Representing: Biosciences/Chemistry/Geosciences, crosby@isu.edu) and DeWayne Derryberry (Representing: Math/Engr/Physics/ComputerScience, dewaynederryberry@isu.edu) by December 17, 2021. The preliminary information gathered now will be used in designing a survey that will be sent to all faculty prior to the overall review of our General Education program in 2022-2023. If you prefer to provide feedback anonymously, you can email your responses to gercmail@isu.edu, which goes to GERC's administrative assistant, not GERC members.

CoSE in the News

[HERC Grant Funds Undergraduate Robotics Research at Idaho State University](#)

[Idaho State University Paleontologist's Fossil Finds Shed Light on Life after Permian Mass Extinction](#)

[October Career Path Intern of the Month is Bailey Vahsholtz](#)

Help Us Share Your Accomplishments!

The outstanding faculty, staff, and students in our college 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.

1. Use this [Story Submission Form](#) to send your news tip to the Office of Marketing and Communications.
2. Send an email to Logan McDougall (loganmcdougall@isu.edu) with a brief description of the news to be shared.
3. You are always welcome to create a draft story and submit it via the [Story Submission Form](#) or sent 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 will best tell the story.

Congrats, Dr. Leslie Kerby!

Dr. Kerby was honored as one of the [Be a Bengal](#) award winners for October. To nominate a faculty or staff member for the award, visit isu.edu/beabengal.

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](#), and [Instagram](#). To add events to the calendar, please contact the administrative assistant in your department. The university-wide calendar of events is available [here](#).

Nov. 14 -20, 2021

Department/Program	Event	Details
Geosciences	Colloquium: Department Thanksgiving	Wed, November 17 4pm – 5pm PS 220
Biology	Seminar: Dr. Acer VanWallendael	Thu, November 18 4pm – 5pm LC 10

Nov. 21-27, 2021

Department/Program	Event	Details
	Fall Recess	

Nov. 28-Dec. 4, 2021

Department/Program	Event	Details
Geosciences	Colloquium: Donald Penman Utah State University	Wed, December 1, 4pm – 5pm PSC 144
Biology	BLT Lunch Discussion: How to teach vocab through morphemes	Fri, December 3 12:30pm – 1:30pm Location is TBA

Dec. 5-11, 2021

Department/Program	Event	Details
Geosciences	Colloquium: Seminar Trip Review	Wed, December 8 4pm – 5pm PS 220 A review of the Fall seminar trip to the Ruby core complex, Nevada
ALL	CoSE All-College Meeting	Thurs, December 9 3 - 4 p.m. Zoom link: https://isu.zoom.us/j/85063831996?pwd=WjZ5RXhaZTR3dnVrRkN0NzViYmJlQT09 Meeting ID: 850 6383 1996 Passcode: 128559