

Mission Statements

Department of English and Philosophy

The mission of the Department of English and Philosophy is to provide a foundation for a liberal arts education—to think and write clearly, to read carefully and critically, to reason effectively and systematically, and to engage with the works and problems in our disciplines. All these prepare our students to address the complexities of the twenty-first century world. In Philosophy, we study profound questions about reality and human experience: questions concerning God, the mind, freedom, and morality. In English, we study literature, writing, and the structure of language; these investigations yield insight into the human condition, including the function of identity, culture, and history. Our graduate programs combine these areas of focus with specialized training in college English pedagogy. Across the Department, we pursue research and creative endeavors that contribute to our fields. Our service brings our disciplinary expertise to the needs of university, regional, national, and international communities.

College of Arts and Letters Mission

The College of Arts and Letters offers a variety of academic programs that develop skills in written and oral communication and critical thinking while exploring the diversity and scope of the human experience with both undergraduate and graduate students. Faculty in the College provide instruction and training of superior quality in the fine arts, humanities, social sciences, and behavioral sciences and produce innovative scholarship that advances knowledge. Through student and faculty collaborative endeavors, the College promotes opportunities for research and creative activities that investigate and enrich our shared cultural, economic, environmental, health, political, and social systems.

Idaho State University Mission

Idaho State University is a public research-based institution that advances scholarly and creative endeavors through academic instruction, and the creation of new knowledge, research, and artistic works. Idaho State University provides leadership in the health professions, biomedical, and pharmaceutical sciences, as well as serving the region and the nation through its environmental science and energy programs. The University provides access to its regional and rural communities through delivery of preeminent technical, undergraduate, graduate, professional, and interdisciplinary education. The University fosters a culture of diversity, and engages and impacts its communities through partnerships and services.