EXTENDED STUDIES MISSION

Extended Studies extends higher education beyond traditional boundaries to provide college access and lifelong learning opportunities to people of varying ages and circumstances.

A partner to the academic colleges of the University, Extended Studies champions and serves as an expert resource for the alternative programs, delivery methods and services that address the diverse academic, professional development, and personal enrichment needs of the metropolitan area, Idaho and beyond.

PRINCIPLES

The valued members of the Extended Studies team are recognized as the Division’s greatest resource for achieving the mission. Employees’ commitment to the following principles is central to organizational success:

- **Lifelong Learning** (supporting relevant educational opportunities for people of all ages)
- **Responsiveness** (providing excellent, timely service to students, faculty, academic departments and other partners)
- **Innovation** (enterprising, forward-thinking, agile, technology-savvy, creative and committed to continuous improvement)
- **Partnership** (collaborative, looking for and acting on opportunities to achieve shared goals)
- **Integrity** (carrying out duties with respect, accountability and openness)
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION

Boise State University is a public, metropolitan, research university offering an array of undergraduate and graduate degrees and experiences that foster student success, lifelong learning, community engagement, innovation and creativity. Research and creative activity advance new knowledge and benefit students, the community, the state and the nation. As an integral part of its metropolitan environment the university is engaged in professional and continuing education programming, policy issues, and promoting the region’s economic vitality and cultural enrichment.

FOCUS ON EFFECTIVENESS:
A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY 2012-2017

Goal 1: Create a signature, high-quality educational experience for all students.

Strategies:
• Develop the Foundational Studies Program into a memorable centerpiece of the undergraduate experience.
• Provide bountiful opportunities within and across disciplines for experiential learning.
• Facilitate respect for the diversity of human cultures, institutions, and experiences in curricular and co-curricular education.
• Cultivate intellectual community among students and faculty.
• Invest in faculty development, innovative pedagogies, and an engaging environment for learning.

Goal 2: Facilitate the timely attainment of educational goals of our diverse student population.

Strategies:
• Identify and remove barriers to graduation.
• Bring classes to students using advanced technologies and multiple delivery formats.
• Design and implement innovative policies and processes that facilitate student success.
• Connect students with university services that address their individual needs.
• Ensure that faculty and staff understand their roles and responsibilities in facilitating student success.

Goal 3: Gain distinction as a doctoral research university.

Strategies:
• Recruit, retain, and support highly qualified faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds.
• Identify and invest in select areas of excellence with the greatest potential for economic, societal, and cultural benefit.
• Build select doctoral programs with a priority in professional and STEM disciplines.
• Build infrastructure to keep pace with growing research and creative activity.
• Design systems to support and reward interdisciplinary collaboration.

Goal 4: Align university programs and activities with community needs.

Strategies:
• Include community impact in the creation and assessment of university programs and activities.
• Leverage knowledge and expertise within the community to develop mutually beneficial partnerships.
• Collaborate with external partners to increase Idaho students’ readiness for and enrollment in higher education.
• Increase student recruitment, retention, and graduation in STEM disciplines.
• Evaluate our institutional impact and effectiveness on a regular basis and publicize results.

Goal 5: Transform our operations to serve the contemporary mission of the university.

Strategies:
• Reinvent our academic and business practices to improve service and efficiency.
• Simplify or eliminate policies and regulations that waste effort and resources.
• Invest in faculty and staff to develop key competencies and motivate top performance.
• Break down silos that inhibit communication, collaboration and creativity.
• Provide widespread and timely access to reliable and understandable data, and use it to drive decision-making across the university.
• Build an infrastructure to encourage and accommodate external funding, philanthropic support, private-sector relationships, and a diversity of funding models.
• Develop and implement a model for resource allocation that supports strategic goals and promotes innovation, effectiveness, and responsible risk-taking.