MISSION

Staff and students make important contributions that balance theory and practice across diverse areas of contemporary scholarship, including the following:

• Democratic and Collaborative Governance in the New American West
• Policy Analysis
• Systems of Law and Justice
• Sustainability
• Regional Planning and Development

VISION

The vision of the School of Public Service is to:

• Empower students to become innovative and responsive public service leaders within local, state, national, and global communities.
• Achieve national and international recognition for relevant theoretical and applied research.
• Promote and facilitate informed discourse and civic engagement across diverse groups.
• Serve as a recognized and trusted resource for policymakers searching for effective solutions to pressing public concerns.

VALUES

The characteristics of how we do our work in the School of Public Service include:

• Transparency
• Respect and Civility
• Community Engagement
• Collaborative Partnerships
• Creativity and Innovation
• Integrity
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Bachelor of Science in Political Science with emphasis in:
   American Government and Public Policy
   International Relations and Comparative Politics
   Public Law and Political Philosophy

Political Science, Social Science, Secondary Education

Canadian Studies Minor

Criminal Justice Minor

Conflict Management Certificate

Dispute Resolution Certificate

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

Master of Arts in Political Science

Master of Public Administration

Military Science Minor

Political Communication Minor

Political Science Minor

Doctor of Philosophy of Public Administration
Boise State University’s School of Public Service is dedicated to excellence in innovative teaching, cutting edge scholarship and meaningful community outreach, serving the State of Idaho and regional, national, and global communities.

The School is comprised of rich and diverse undergraduate and graduate academic degree programs as well as numerous minors and certificate programs. We know that many of the professions of the future will come with job titles that don’t yet exist. And our graduates will soon be tasked with solving problems that are not yet known or understood. We believe that our emphases on public service and practical, real-world problem-solving will serve our graduates well as they become the leaders of the very near future.

The School prepares students, public servants, and leaders to think both regionally and globally in an interdependent world. As such, it serves as a resource for policy makers and as a mechanism for faculty and students to actively connect and engage with the community and participate in policy decisions. This bridging of disciplines across the university and the larger community enhances the education of students, allowing them to apply their knowledge and skills to the critical challenges facing them.

The mission of the School is supported by a variety of centers and institutes designed to help inform public debates and facilitate civil dialogue by engaging in applied research and active public engagement.

Most recently, the School has embarked on three substantial strategic initiatives.

- **The Marilyn Shuler Human Rights Initiative** will offer human rights education and teach smart advocacy skills on campus. In the future it will include an academic certificate in human rights issues and advocacy, as well as host events open to all in the community.

- In addition, the School will implement two major public opinion research projects, a survey of Treasure Valley residents and an annual statewide public policy survey.

- Finally, the School is partnering with faculty and staff across the University to develop an innovative program in **Geographic Information Systems** that will ensure that students have 21st Century job skills and that communities across Idaho can benefit from the knowledge and skills of our students.

In short, it is an exciting time of growth in the School of Public Service!

*Corey Cook, Dean of the School of Public Service*
The strength of Idaho’s economy and our communities depends on leaders and elected officials having the tools needed to make informed decisions. Effective policy development and implementation also depends on independent and objective research, rigorous analysis, and robust discussion.

The Idaho Policy Institute (IPI) leverages the expertise and existing resources of Boise State University to facilitate exactly this, helping state and local leaders develop innovative solutions to pressing challenges.

As an independent source of research and analysis for decision-makers throughout Idaho, the Institute utilizes economic impact studies, demographic research, and implementation of high quality opinion surveys to stimulate constructive discussions about innovative solutions to community concerns among the public, private and nonprofit sectors. IPI also serves as a resource to connect organizations with any number of experts in a variety of disciplines across the School of Public Service and the University.

**ON OUR WORK - STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY**

The Idaho Policy Institute is more than a research center. Our projects focus on strengthening community and providing assistance to business, government and nonprofit agencies across the state.

Past projects include an economic development partnership with Idaho National Laboratory and the City of Arco that provided leadership training for startup businesses in Butte County, a tourism and marketing component to build a website promoting Arco’s regional assets, and assistance in integrating art into the city’s beautification efforts.

Whether assisting the Eagle Fire Department in exploring a fire protection partnership, the Department of Health and Welfare in developing a lead risk index, or the City of Post Falls in establishing a way to budget for future growth, IPI works with communities to collect the data needed to make informed decisions.
About the Center
The Andrus Center for Public Policy advances the legacy issues of the late Idaho Governor and Secretary of the Interior, Cecil D. Andrus — wise use of our environmental resources and public lands, proper funding of education for our children and the cultivation of leadership from all segments of our society.

Our Areas of Focus:

Environment and Public Lands
Wise use of our public lands and collaborative land-use decisions through stakeholder inclusive conversations are at the heart of the Andrus Center.

Education
The Andrus Center is a champion of public education. It is our goal to ensure our children can compete in an increasingly global economy.

Leadership
The Women and Leadership Conference is an annual conference highlighting women leaders and is designed to create better leaders and promote gender balance, while The Andrus Award for Leadership recognizes outstanding public leaders who have demonstrated the types of qualities – integrity, courage, bipartisanship and common sense – that defined the distinguished career of Cecil D. Andrus.

ON OUR WORK - WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Women and Leadership is the only leadership conference of its kind in Idaho. The 2017 conference drew over 800 attendees from the pacific northwest and beyond. Welcoming both women and men, the conference format combines keynote presentations from accomplished women leaders in a variety of fields, skills-based training sessions that focus on professional development, and morning and evening reception events that enables attendees to connect with their peers and develop their personal networks.
FRANK CHURCH INSTITUTE

No individual has touched the nation, Idaho or Boise State University quite in the same manner as Frank Church. Church served his native state for 24 years in the U.S. Senate, creating a legacy of unequaled public service. The Frank Church Institute was established in 1982 to honor the achievements and to carry forward the principles of one of Idaho’s most distinguished native sons, Senator Frank Church.

The Institute emphasizes to its students those ideas which the Senator held dear—a strong belief in the rule of law, eloquence firmly based on reason, and an unwavering faith in the American political system.

The Institute’s mission is to “promote civic engagement and understanding of public policy with focus on foreign relations.” The Institute is non-partisan, but it seeks to “provide a forum for open and informed discussion characterized by civility, tolerance, and compromise.” The Institute seeks to fulfill its mission through the sponsorship of the annual Frank Church Conference, the Frank and Bethine Church Chair of Public Affairs, and the Frank Church Scholarships at Boise State University.

ON OUR WORK - THE FRANK CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Frank Church Institute sponsors annual conferences on important issues of the day. Conference subjects have included:

• 2017 - Refugees, Migration and National Security
• 2016 - Clash of Cultures: The Middle East in Turmoil
• 2014 - Wilderness: America’s Heritage
• 2013 - Watching the Watcher: Security vs. Liberty
• 2012 - Afghanistan After America
• 2011 - The Arab Spring
• 2010 - The U.S. and China in the 21st Century
• 2007 - Global Warming: Beyond the Inconvenient Truth

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The Center for Idaho History and Politics promotes an active and engaged appreciation of the essential interaction between politics and history. In doing so, it serves not only the Boise State University campus community, but the broader communities of Boise and Idaho by developing high-level programming and educational opportunities designed to engage the hot-button topics of today in ways that are informed, nuanced, and fair.

The Center for Idaho History and Politics was created by the Idaho State Board of Education in 2004. Its original mission, which it retains today, is to serve as a beacon of community engagement while exemplifying the value of applied history and social science research.

**ON OUR WORK - CIVIL DISCOURSE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Center for Idaho History and Politics strives to facilitate engagement and connections between students, practitioners, and community members. In doing so, it emphasizes the importance of being engaged as well as the need to respect and promote civility and civil discourse. Efforts to do so take numerous forms including:

- The Politics for Lunch Series, sponsored by Zions Bank, that brings political, business, and civic leaders together for civic conversation
- The Blue Review, an award-winning online journal of popular scholarship that brings big ideas on Boise State’s campus and beyond to the broader public
- The Politics & Policy Brownbag Series, which features academic lectures from top scholars from around the United States and the world
- Civility programming, including the 2016 and 2018 civility symposia, debate watch events, film screenings, and more
- Skills workshops and experiential learning opportunities designed to prepare students for professional and civic life after college
MARILYN SHULER HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE

Sparked by a gift from Idaho’s longtime human rights leader Marilyn Shuler, the Initiative endeavors to offer:

• An **academic certificate program** in human rights education and advocacy that will complement any academic major.
• **Open opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community members** to learn about human rights issues.
• **Collaborative opportunities and resources** for people and groups doing human rights work on campus and in the community.

OUR SURVEYS

The School of Public Service conducts surveys across the city, state and region to help decision-makers make informed decisions. Examples include:

• **Idaho Public Policy Survey.** The annual survey asks a statistically significant sample of Idaho adults about public policy issues of interest to researchers, the media and the public.

• **The Treasure Valley Community Survey.** The 2017 survey asked 1,000 adult residents of Ada, Boise, Canyon, Gem and Owyhee Counties for their opinions on a variety of topics, including economic development, employment, housing, taxes and public spending priorities.

Surveys are currently being conducted for employers and utility companies across the region. Our team of researchers can customize a survey for your needs.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Geographic Informations Systems (GIS), captures, stores, analyzes, manages, and presents spatial or geographic data. The School of Public Service has hired a new professor to teach in and administer Boise State growing program, which includes new online options. This initiative allows the School to partner with other academic units to prepare Boise State students for the 21st Century workforce. And just as importantly, it will allow us to better serve Idaho by providing relevant data to decision-makers.
National Education for Women’s (NEW) Leadership Idaho is a transformational leadership program designed to prepare young women to become leaders in their communities. The program is open to undergraduate women throughout Idaho and Idaho residents attending college out of state.

The six-day residential program is held on the campus of Boise State, which allows students close proximity to our state legislature. Attendees are chosen through a competitive application process and the program is limited to less than 30 participants annually.

Students have the unique opportunity to interact with and learn from many of Idaho’s local and state elected officials, as well as a wide variety of community and private sector leaders. Through panels, small group discussion, and traditional classroom instruction, the women study leadership skills applicable in both public and private sector positions, the importance of understanding state and federal political systems, and respect for diversity in opinions.

NEW Leadership is a national bi-partisan program developed by the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). The program was designed to address the under-representation of women in American politics. Participants represent a wide range of socioeconomic, ethnic, racial and educational backgrounds, and academic majors.

ON GOALS

The ultimate goal of NEW Leadership is to see more women running for political office. To this end, the program

- Connects students with women leaders who make a difference
- Explores the demands of effective and ethical leadership in a diverse society
- Cultivates students’ leadership skills
- Enables students to practice leadership through action
- Builds a statewide network of peers and mentors

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The Blue Review promotes scholarship in the public interest. It publishes high-quality, peer-reviewed work by academics and public intellectuals with the goal of reaching and serving the broader public. We strive for independence, transparency, and collaboration and set high editorial standards. The Blue Review is a project of the Boise State University School of Public Service, embracing the university’s state-mandated public affairs mission.

ON OUR WORK - OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Examples of our popular scholarship include:

*Landscapes, Wonders, and Dustups: The Federal Public Lands* John Freemuth and Mackenzie Case, Boise State

*NATO, Allies and Military Defense* Michael Allen, Boise State

*Neighborhoods and Attitudes Towards Income Inequality* Jeffrey Lyons, Boise State and Scott Minkoff, SUNY New Paltz

*Boise’s Forgotten Pandemic* Todd Shallat, Boise State

*Taking Trump Seriously* Justin Vaughn, Boise State


*Adjusting to Reality: The Emerging Trump Foreign Policy* Ambassador Derek Shearer, Occidental College

*Anger and Division in American Politics* Cornell Clayton, Washington State

thebluereview.org
What is Criminal Justice?

Boise State’s Criminal Justice program offers high quality education to those seeking employment with local, state, and national agencies working in the areas of crime and victimization. Given the comprehensive orientation of the University, our educational focus is to prepare students to be fully informed participants at all levels of the justice field and in both public, private, and non-profit aspects of the criminal justice field.

Courses are offered at Boise State’s main campus as well as a variety of classes at campuses in Twin Falls and at Gowen Field. Many courses are offered in evening and weekend formats.

The AfterWork program allows Criminal Justice undergraduate students to earn a degree entirely in the evenings, on weekends, and online.

Criminal Justice Degrees offered at Boise State include:
- Master of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Criminal Justice Minor

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?

Both field work and internships are actively encouraged.

What can I do with this degree?

- Local, state, and federal government careers including law enforcement officer, probation/parole officer, and victim/witness coordinator.
- Private sector and non-profit careers including insurance fraud investigator, addictions counselor, and crime victim advocate.

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ENVIROMENTAL STUDIES

What is Environmental Studies?
The Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary liberal arts degree that provides students with a solid background in the natural, physical and social sciences, emphasizing communication, critical thinking, and problem solving. It allows students to take classes from across campus. The Environmental Studies major is unique in that it provides its majors with an unparalleled level of flexibility to design an area/areas of emphasis that meet their own individual academic and career goals and interests.

What can I do with this degree?
The Environmental Studies degree provides excellent preparation for:
• Jobs with environmental organizations, governmental agencies, and industry.
• Law school.
• Grad school in Public Policy, Social sciences and the Humanities.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?
Internships
Environmental Studies includes a required internship experience. Past internships have included: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Bogus Basin Snow School, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, BLM, Snake River Alliance, Zoo Boise and Idaho Smart Growth.

Capstone Project
All capstone projects have an external sponsor and culminate with a poster presentation at the Undergraduate Research Conference at Boise State. Many students conduct internships with their sponsoring agency.

ON CAREERS
Potential employers include:
Bureau of Land Management
Idaho Dept. of Lands
Idaho Power
Intermountain Gas
Parks and Recreation Depts.
U.S. National Park Service
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Trout Unlimited
Zoo Boise

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What is Global Studies?

- Boise State’s Global Studies program offers a balanced core of courses in the humanities and social sciences.

What can I do with this degree?

- A Global Studies major prepares students to work in any field such as international business, law, government and non-governmental service, social services, natural sciences, health fields and education.
- A Global Studies degree prepares students for graduate education.
- Global Studies fosters the development of skills that are highly prized in the global workforce, such as cross-cultural sensitivity, analysis of historical context, and ability to work in multiple languages.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?

Service learning, study abroad, and internships open paths to careers. Learning a World Language is an integral component of this degree program.

ON CAREERS

Potential careers include:

- Attorney
- Cultural anthropologist
- Foreign service officer
- Geographer
- Humanitarian relief
- Import/export agent
- International trade
- Interpreter
- Museum and cultural arts

Design Your Degree

The Global Studies degree allows students to structure their own distinctive global learning experience by choosing from options within the following program components:

- World Language
- Area of Emphasis
- Regional Focus
- Experiential

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What is Military Science?

Military Science/Army ROTC is minor within the School of Public Service.

Boise State Army ROTC trains young men and women to serve their country as officers and leaders in their community, subsequent professions and in the United States Army. Students will have a normal college experience, but graduate as an Officer in the US Army with either a full-time or part-time job.

Along with leadership and management training, Army ROTC has scholarships and benefits.

What can I do with this minor?

Reserve Officers’ Training Corps’ “Bronco Battalion” at Boise State University and partnership schools have made a significant contribution to the nation. A large number of dedicated officers have served their country with distinction. Many of the officers have chosen military services for their careers.

Learning by Doing

The curriculum is a combination of classroom instruction of basic leadership, management, oral & written communication skills; physical training, counseling, map reading and tactics with hands-on laboratory participation both indoors and outdoors. We build rope bridges, conduct land navigation exercises, rappel, have paint ball battles, conduct first aid training, set-up a tactical field site, lead each other, and study basic soldier tactics to name a few of the activities. You will take one ROTC class a semester and participate in a physical fitness class and lab exercises.

ON SCHOLARSHIPS

ROTC scholarships fall into several categories:

- ROTC Scholarships
- Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarships
- National High School Scholarships
- Campus Based Scholarships

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What is Political Science at Boise State?
A Master of Arts degree in Political Science allows students to deepen their knowledge of American, Comparative, and international politics. Our Bachelor of Political Science degree offers areas of emphasis:
• American Government and Public Policy
• International Relations and Comparative Politics
• Public Law and Political Philosophy
There is also a degree in Political Science, Social Science, Secondary Education.
There are also three Political Science minors:
• Canadian Studies
• Political Communication
• Political Science

What can I do with this degree?
Political Science majors develop skills valued in a wide variety of careers. Students master analytical thinking, written and oral communication, logical reasoning and research skills, gathering and interpreting data, as well as quantitative methods which will make them versatile across occupations. Political Science prepares majors for further study at the graduate level, and many of our students become teachers or lawyers. Others work for large corporations as public affairs officers or for federal, state, or local governments in numerous capacities. Some become reporters, lobbyists, or campaign managers; some have been elected to public office.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?
Political Science students have internship opportunities in Idaho, Washington DC, across the US and internationally. Internship opportunities can be found at: sps.boisestate.edu/politicalscience/internships/.

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What is Public Policy and Administration?

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the most widely recognized educational degree focused on public and nonprofit management. Boise State University’s MPA is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

The Master of Public Policy and Administration degree reflects the nature of the discipline of public administration, a mixture of theory and practice.

In addition, we offer three certificates:

- **An undergraduate 12-credit Dispute Resolution Certificate** serves both current Boise State students and community members who wish additional training and coursework in mediation and conflict management.
- The **graduate-level 12-credit Conflict Management Certificate Program** focuses on developing knowledge and skills in interpersonal conflict management, group and intercultural conflict management, negotiation, and mediation.
- A **graduate-level 18-credit Nonprofit Administration Certificate** draws upon interdisciplinary coursework to assist working professionals and students hone management and leadership skills and policy development expertise.

What can I do with an MPA?

MPA graduates serve in all levels of government in a variety of administrative, research, and policy positions.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?

The MPA program features hands-on projects that address real-world issues.

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Prepared | Practical | Applied

The Public Policy and Administration Ph.D. program in the School of Public Service prepares students for senior level positions as managers and policy analysts in public and non-profit organizations at the state, national, and international level.

Prepared

The PPA Ph.D. program provides extensive, rigorous training in policy analysis. Graduates will take courses in public administration, the policy process, methods, and research design, and will write dissertations that prepare them to apply theory to real-world environments.

Practical

Our PPA Ph.D. is ideal for both traditional students and for working professionals. Classes are often held in the evenings, and small class sizes ensure one-on-one attention from faculty.

Our faculty work closely with students as they navigate coursework, comprehensive exams, and the dissertation writing process.

Applied

The majority of our students are enrolled part-time and already work in policy and public administration positions. Similarly, our faculty are engaged in research and outreach with policymakers and public administrators. Cohorts of students and faculty thus bring a wide range of professional experience and applied policy and administration knowledge with them to class, and both serve as valuable professional resources for future graduates.

ON ASSISTANTSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ph.D. program offers full-time students the opportunity to apply for Graduate Assistantships (GAs). GAs receive tuition waivers and stipends for part-time work completed with a faculty advisor. These competitive assistantships provide an excellent opportunity for students to become part of the PPA research culture at Boise State. Scholarships are also available to interested applicants.

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URBAN STUDIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What is Urban Studies and Community Development?

• Urban Studies and Community Development relates the past to the future of cities. It explores their politics and economics, and environmental and cultural trends. Multidisciplinary and experiential, it builds applied skills highly prized in urban and community development professions through teaching, engagement and research.

• Our graduates are trained as urban analysts who combine strong communication and analytical skills with deep, applied knowledge about how cities, communities, and regions function.

What can I do with this degree?

• Our students work in government, law, business, conservation, advocacy and urban planning. We also nurture a life-long passion for civic engagement.

• An Urban Studies degree also prepares students for law school and many graduate programs.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?

• We build on experiential learning from the first to the last class through service-learning projects, internships, Investigate Boise and the culminating professional Capstone project.

• Urban Studies uses Boise, a booming mid-sized city, to illustrate metropolitan and global trends.

ON CAREERS

Potential careers include:
City Council administrator
Director of Development
Economic Development
Federal Reserve Bank
Grant Manager
Mayor
Program Manager
Rural Development Manager
Sustainability Coordinator
Urban Planner

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE TO THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE

OUR NEW BUILDING!

Our new building will help Boise State fulfill our state-mandated public service mission and amplify our success as a recognized and trusted resource for policymakers searching for solutions to pressing public challenges. The building will consolidate the School down from nine locations across campus and Boise. Naming rights are available for many rooms.

FRANK CHURCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Frank Church Scholars Program for Global Studies issues awards to students who demonstrate potential for leadership in public service and a proven commitment to their communities. The awards provide financial support for opportunities in Washington, D.C. and abroad.

MARILYN SHULER GIFT AND MATCH CHALLENGE TO THE CECIL D. ANDRUS CHAIR

Marilyn Shuler and Governor Andrus held a shared belief in the importance of education. For a limited time, every dollar the Andrus Center raises, the Shuler estate will match it dollar for dollar. Your gift will have twice as much impact on students and honor these two Idaho legacies.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS SCHOLARSHIPS

Interning at the Idaho legislature is an outstanding experience for Boise State students as well as a great opportunity to launch a career in public service. These scholarships cover the cost of tuition to ease the burden on students wishing to serve Idaho.

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