Core Themes

In September 2011, the university submitted four core themes to its accrediting body, The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Each core theme, which is summarized below, describes a key aspect of our mission. A complete description of the core themes, which include objectives pertaining to access, relevance, quality, and culture, can be accessed at http://academics.boisestate.edu/planning/accreditation-standard-one/.

**Undergraduate Education.** Our university provides access to high quality undergraduate education that cultivates the personal and professional growth of our students and meets the educational needs of our community, state, and nation. We engage our students and focus on their success.

**Graduate Education.** Our university provides access to graduate education that addresses the needs of our region, is meaningful in a global context, is respected for its high quality, and is delivered within a supportive graduate culture.

**Research and Creative Activity.** Through our endeavors in basic and applied research and in creative activity, our researchers, artists, and students create knowledge and understanding of our world and of ourselves, and transfer that knowledge to provide societal, economic, and cultural benefit. Students are integral to our faculty research and creative activity.

**Community Commitment.** The university is an integral part of the community, and our commitment to the community extends beyond our educational programs, research, and creative activity. We collaborate in the development of partnerships that address community and university issues. The community and university share knowledge and expertise with each other. We look to the community to inform our goals, actions, and measures of success. We work with the community to create a rich mix of culture, learning experiences, and entertainment that educates and enriches the lives of our citizens. Our campus atmosphere is civil and collegial.