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WELCOME BACK!

We're excited to see both new
and old faces back on campus!

With this new semester,
remember to be bold and claw
your way to greatness!

UHP Students: Check Your Honors Credits!

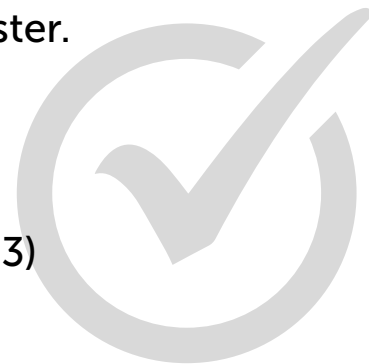
Especially all seniors planning to graduate in the Fall 2025 Semester.

Honors Distinction = 18 honors credits + HONS 3391 (19 total)

Honors Degree = 29 honors credits + (HONS 3393 or HONS 4493)
+ 2 HONS 3391 (32 total)

To see more (and for information on the Bobette Wilhem Civic Scholars Program) go to:

www.isu.edu/honors/current-students/graduating-with-honors/



SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Sarah Rick

UHP Instructor/Coordinator

Hello everyone!

I'm thrilled to be here, settling into my new Instructor/Coordinator role, and

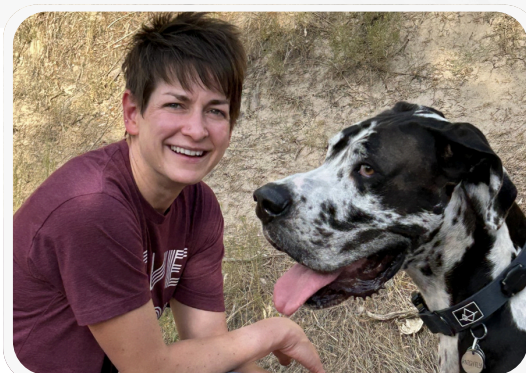
even more excited to start getting to know all of you. Having grown up in southeast Idaho, it's especially meaningful to serve the community that shaped me, and I'm honored to be part of such an incredible program!

A little about me: I earned my BA in English from Idaho State University and my MA in English from Morehead State University in Kentucky. After a few years in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I returned to Idaho to teach composition at the College of Southern Idaho before beginning the PhD program in English and the Teaching of English at ISU. As a doctoral student, I taught courses in composition and literature and had the privilege of serving as editor of *Black Rock & Sage*, our campus creative works journal. My research interests include nineteenth-century British literature, genre studies, animal studies, and ecocriticism.

Outside of academics, I love getting lost in a good book (any genre, really), watching British mystery TV series, and hiking the mountains around Poky. I'm currently training for my first 5K this fall—the jury's still out on whether I actually enjoy running! I also share my life with two dogs: Emma, a cantankerous old Golden Retriever, and Knightly, a lovable (and rather demanding) 150-pound Great Dane house cow.

This fall, I'll be advising and teaching HONS 1100 while I continue to learn more about the program and the work you all are doing. Please don't hesitate to say hello in the hallway or drop by my office if you have a moment!

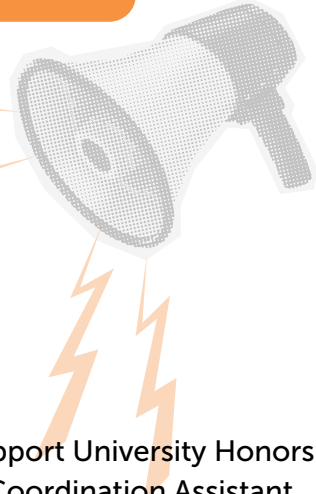
To both our new students and those knee-deep in your programs, I know it can be difficult to find balance between academics and the rest of your life. I will always encourage you to seek that balance: build friendships, chase new experiences, and take real care of yourself. You're driven to succeed—and you will—but don't forget to pause and enjoy the journey. It's perfectly okay not to have everything figured out just yet. I started college as a health science major, and it took a lot of time (and a few detours) to find my true passion. Be patient with yourself—you never know where life might lead!



Announcements & Opportunities

Honors Student Employment Opportunities!

We are seeking Honors students who are interested in on-campus employment. You must be work-study eligible (this would be indicated in your financial aid documentation) or CPI eligible (www.isu.edu/career/cpi-program/). If you are eligible, any of these positions would be excellent experiences for your future at ISU and beyond.



Work Study Positions (up to 15 hours a week)

Honors Coordination Assistant

The position entails administrative, internal recordkeeping, and organizational tasks that support University Honors Program operations. Specific duties will rotate throughout the academic year. The Honors Coordination Assistant will report directly to UHP leadership. Interested students should contact Dr. Robey at sarahrobey@isu.edu.

Academic Affairs Student Assistant

The position entails support for offices within Academic Affairs, including the Bengal Student Success Center and the Center for Learning and Instructional Excellence. The Academic Affairs Student Assistant will report directly to leadership in Academic Affairs. Interested students should contact Dr. Robey at sarahrobey@isu.edu, who will forward your name on to Academic Affairs.

Career Path Intern (CPI) Position

Honors in Perspective CPI

The position entails writing and editorial work for the 2026 edition of Honors in Perspective. Duties will include interviewing UHP students and leadership, writing articles, and copyediting. Applicants should have some writing, journalism, or editorial experience. The Honors in Perspective CPI will report directly to UHP Leadership.

If you are interested in any of these jobs, please send an email expressing your interest to honors@isu.edu by September 12.

In Memoriam: Dr. Curt Anderson



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Curt Anderson, who died on August 19, 2025. Dr. Anderson was a valued member of the ISU and UHP community. His contributions and dedication to his students will be remembered with gratitude.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to honor Dr. Anderson's memory may contribute to the Curt Anderson Memorial Scholarship at Idaho State University through the ISU Department of Biological Sciences.

Our thoughts are with his family, friends, colleagues, students, and all who knew him during this difficult time.

A full obituary and guestbook is available at: www.wilksfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/curtis-wade-anderson



First 100

This week's events:

UNIVERSITY NIGHT

Tuesday, September 2nd

5-8 pm

ISU Challenge Course

Join in on a night of fun, climbing the new Challenge Course and riding the giant swing!

REED GYM NIGHT

Wednesday, September 3rd

6-8 pm

Cadet Field

Join Recreation and Wellness and the Student Recreation Center for games, food, and fun!

PUTT-PUTT GOLF

Friday, September 5th

5-7 pm

Outback Golf Course

Join ISU Intramurals for some putt-putt fun! Free for students.

Find more of the "First 100" events at:

www.isu.edu/first100/

UHP,


Share Your

Welcome Back

Orange and Black Week

Photos and Stories with Us on

UHP Social Media

 [@idahostatehonors](https://www.instagram.com/idahostatehonors)

 [@Idaho State University Honors](https://www.facebook.com/IdahoStateUniversityHonors)

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Are You Bundling?

Have you heard about the
ISU Book Bundle Program?

isu.edu/bookbundle

The Book Bundle is meant to save you some time and money, but it might not! Add up the costs of your textbooks and then compare to find out.

Book Bundle Charge = \$24.75/credit

Example: 15 credits * 24.75 = \$371.25

If your textbooks for the semester cost more than the Book Bundle charge, it's a good deal for you!

Opt Out Deadline is September 12, 2025

Academic Freedom and the American University: Rights and Responsibilities for Faculty and Students

Presented by Dr. Rick Wagoner, Professor of Practice in the College of Education. This workshop will focus on the development of academic freedom in the context of the United States with an emphasis on the faculty's right to teach and students' right to learn and the concomitant responsibilities that come with those rights.



For more information email the Center for Learning at centerforlearning@isu.edu

Wednesday, September 3 | Noon - 1:00pm | REND 129



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