

## Cooperative Programs

The university participates in a number of cooperative arrangements in the state and region to extend resources and take advantage of special facilities.

### Associated Western Universities Program

The university is a member of Associated Western Universities, which is a cooperative venture of certain institutions to make use of national laboratories located in the west. Financial support is available from the U.S. Department of Energy for graduate students and faculty to spend periods of time, up to one year, pursuing research projects at a number of these laboratories.

### Cooperative Programs with Other Universities

Located only eight miles apart, the University of Idaho and **Washington State University**, in order to take advantage of unique strengths of each institution, have for some time operated a cooperative graduate and undergraduate course program. Courses available on either campus are identified in departmental listings, and offerings are listed in the *Class Schedule*. In addition, the two schools cooperate in programs in medicine, veterinary medicine, and food science and technology.

In 2002, the University of Idaho, in cooperation with **Lewis Clark State College** located in Lewiston, Idaho, began offering cooperative courses in Nez Perce language. Courses available on either campus are identified in departmental listings, and offerings are listed in the *Class Schedule*.

### Interuniversity Program in Public Administration

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The University of Idaho, with Idaho State University and Boise State University, offers a cooperative graduate program leading to the M.P.A. degree to provide present and prospective public administrators with a professional education and to prepare them to understand and adjust to a changing and challenging environment. Courses in core areas and in optional areas of emphasis, such as general public administration, natural resources administration, public works administration, and public finance, management, and budgeting, may be taken at any of the participating institutions without restriction. For further information, consult the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs Research.

### Medical Education (WWAMI Program)

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WWAMI is a cooperative medical education program between the University of Washington School of Medicine and the five state WWAMI region (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho). WWAMI has the mission and goal of increasing the training and education of medical students in their home states or neighboring northwest states, with the intent of exposing them to the unique needs and opportunities for medical careers in the region. In Idaho, students can complete three of their four years of medical school in Idaho, at UI for the first year, and in Boise and regional communities for the required third year clerkships and the required and elective fourth year courses. With small class sizes and individual clinical placements, Idaho WWAMI students have the opportunity to interact closely with the faculty and area physicians.

The WWAMI program allows access to medical education for Idaho residents by contract between Idaho and the UWSOM. Currently, 20 first-year students are admitted annually. The WWAMI program was developed in Idaho to train Idaho residents in medical studies, to address the need for more primary care physicians practicing in rural areas, to extend the resources and facilities of an excellent medical school into Idaho, to improve the quality of

patient care, and to minimize the cost of medical education by the use of existing facilities. Eligibility for consideration as a WWAMI medical student requires certification as an Idaho resident. UI's Undergraduate Admissions Office is responsible for residency certification.

Students interested in WWAMI apply directly to UWSOM. Idaho residents take their first year of medical studies at UI. First-year courses are offered conjointly by UI and WSU in parallel with courses at UWSOM. All participating WWAMI faculty at UI and WSU hold affiliate faculty appointments at UWSOM and are eminently qualified scientists and teachers.

Many of the physicians in the Moscow-Pullman-Lewiston area are involved in the preceptorship program in which the students work a half a day each week with local physicians and observe/participate in their practice, either in the office or at the hospital.

Participants in the WWAMI program are matriculated students of the University of Washington Medical School. Upon completion of their studies, they receive the M.D. degree. Following graduation, a postgraduate (internship/residency) training period of three to five years is required for medical practice. Medical students may also be approved for graduate studies at the University of Idaho or UWSOM leading to the M.S. or Ph.D. degree. The UWSOM M.D.-Ph.D. program usually requires a minimum of six years of study.

## **Veterinary Medical Education (WI)**

The University of Idaho cooperates with Washington State University in a program of veterinary medical education, research, and service. When accepted in the WI program, students from Idaho take the first three years and most of their fourth year of professional training in veterinary medicine at Washington State University. In the fourth year of the program, students also receive part of their training at the UI Caine Veterinary Teaching Center at Caldwell, Idaho, where they can specialize in food animal production medicine. Cooperative graduate programs leading to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees are also available. Idaho students seeking to enter the professional program must complete a Washington State University Uniform Undergraduate Application Form as well as a WI Program application. Both may be obtained from and returned to the Office of Student Services, College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington 99164-7012. In addition, Idaho applicants must secure certification of Idaho residency status by completing and submitting the appropriate residency certification forms available through the University of Idaho Undergraduate Admissions Office.