Idaho State University in Idaho Falls provides a hometown university to one of Idaho’s most economically important cities and its surrounding metropolitan and rural areas. ISU offers a broad array of 83 programs for which the coursework can be completed at least 90% on the Idaho Falls campus. This includes 15 associate degrees and technical certificates, 33 bachelor’s degrees, 21 master’s degrees, 6 doctoral degrees, and 8 academic certificates. Some programs may be completed entirely online and others primarily through in-person or televised coursework, but most are through some combination of course formats. A partnership with the College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) allows for a smooth transition from a CEI associate degree to an ISU baccalaureate degree. Through its partnerships with the University of Idaho and CEI, students can simultaneously take classes from any of the three higher education institutions in Idaho Falls. Local high school students can take dual credit courses either on the Idaho State University campus in Idaho Falls or at their local high schools.

Students interested in STEM fields may pursue degrees in several engineering disciplines, computer science, biology, and Geo Technology. Healthcare programs such as nursing, medical laboratory science, and paramedic sciences are popular. Education programs provide degrees leading to K-12 teacher certification in a range of subjects, as well as graduate opportunities. Students interested in business can earn associates or bachelor's degrees, as well as a Master of Business Administration or Master of Accountancy. Depending on the program, day and/or evening courses are available. Lecture and laboratory courses are offered primarily in the Center for Higher Education building. The Tingey Administration building contains an auditorium, a few classrooms, and faculty offices.

The campus is located on the banks of the Snake River near U.S. Department of Energy facilities for the Idaho National Laboratory, an important research and technology partner for the University. As a Carnegie-classified research institution, ISU offers both graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge research with faculty in a wide array of disciplines, particularly in science and engineering fields. Much of this research occurs at the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) on the Idaho Falls campus. In 2017, the Idaho Legislature allocated funds to the Idaho State University campus in Idaho Falls to develop a Polytechnic Initiative. This Polytechnic Initiative has allowed the campus to hire more engineering and computer science faculty to further expand these programs and enhance partnerships with the Idaho National Laboratory.

An Idaho Falls campus centerpiece is the Samuel H. Bennion Student Union that includes study and games areas, cafeteria, bookstore, childcare center, and computer labs. Academic advising, financial aid advising, counseling services, disability services, veteran’s services, TRIO, and Benny’s pantry food bank help support students. Student clubs and activities create a community atmosphere for students, while writing, math, and tutoring centers, as well as the University Library Center, provide resources for academic success.