

Department of Psychology & Communication Studies

Human Factors

Founded in 1984, the Human Factors emphasis is an interdisciplinary effort between human factors specialists in the Department of Psychology of Communication Studies (PCS) and the College of Engineering. The program consists of a broad array of graduate courses, including: Ergonomics and Biomechanics, Human-Computer Interaction, and Advanced Human Factors. In addition, students take advanced courses in statistics and research methods.

Graduate students in the Human Factors program participate in the University of Idaho Chapter of the national Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. The Chapter sponsors presentations by human factors specialists from the U.S. and Canada and organizes field trips to regional human factors organizations.

Besides the on-campus program the University of Idaho offers a degree in Human Factors for distance students, taking courses through the Engineering Outreach program. Many of the students participating in this program are already working in human factors in industry or the military.

Our graduates commonly obtain human factors positions in industry (e.g., Battelle, Diamond Technology Partners, IBM, Lockheed, Martin Rockwell Collins, Microsoft, Boeing, Intel), engage in consulting work, or continue their academic studies in a Ph.D. program.

This web site gives an overview of the program, the associated faculty, students and our alumni, course offerings, research activities, and general information on the field of Human Factors.