

Steve Saunders

Assistant professor, The Gene and Linda Violand School of Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering

Saunders, who has been with chemical engineering and bioengineering since 2013, is known by his students for his effective and organized teaching and generous office hours. He explains concepts clearly through various teaching methods, cares about his students, and makes sure that everybody understands the course material.

In his classes, Saunders strives to keep his students engaged and thinking about the subject at hand by combining active teaching methods with classroom technologies. He has been utilizing various technologies to increase student engagement including Process Simulation Software, Student Response Software, and online videos. For his CHE 441 course, a course that requires students to learn several software packages quickly, he has prepared several videos to reinforce prior knowledge and teach students old concepts in new ways. Saunders is also the recipient of a National Science Foundation CAREER award to support his work on a switchable surfactant for the preparation of supported catalysts.

“My friends and I went to his office so many times and he was very passionate, thoughtful, and helpful all the time,” wrote one student. “English is our second language so we took longer to understand the material, but Dr. Saunders explained to us again and again until we understood. He was the best instructor I had in ChE courses. I hope he will be the same even after many years of teaching.”



WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY



2017
Convocation