RGSC 150. Rangeland Science Profession
1 Credit
Introduction to scientific disciplines and career opportunities in rangeland science and management.

RGSC 250. Special Topics
1-4 Credits
Specific subjects and credits announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a grand total of 9 credits.

RGSC 294. Rangeland Resource Management
3 Credits
Overview of arid and semi-arid ecosystems in the US and abroad, rangeland plant physiology, ecology of rangeland plant communities and ecosystems, sustainable management for multiple uses including grazing livestock production, wildlife habitat, recreation and ecosystem services, and economics of rangeland-based enterprises. Restricted to: Main campus only.

RGSC 302V. Forestry and Society
3 Credits
Global study of the development and use of forest resources for production of wood, fuel, fiber, and food products. Climatic, edaphic, cultural, and economic influences on forests of the world evaluated. Same as HORT 302V.

RGSC 316. Rangeland Plants
3 Credits (2+3P)
Identification, classification, cultural uses, and economic importance of native and introduced rangeland plants.

RGSC 317. Rangeland Communities
3 Credits
Rangeland associations and communities, their plant species composition, and ecological factors affecting management of communities.

RGSC 318. Watershed Management
3 Credits (2+2P)
Management of rangeland and forest watersheds with emphasis on hydrologic cycle and land use effects on runoff and water quality.

RGSC 325. Rangeland Restoration Ecology
3 Credits
Principles and practices of vegetation management and ecological restoration. Course emphasizes problems associated with rangeland degradation, and implementation of rangeland restoration and improvements.
Prerequisite(s): Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

RGSC 350. Special Topics
1-4 Credits
Specific subjects and credits announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a grand total of 9 credits.

RGSC 357. Grass Taxonomy and Identification
3 Credits (1+4P)
Taxonomy of grasses; grass anatomy, variation in reproductive structures, and identification of grasses by sight and through the use of dichotomus keys.
Prerequisite/Corequisite(s): Junior Standing or consent of the instructor.

RGSC 390. Internship
1-3 Credits
Professional work experience under the joint supervision of the employer and a faculty member. A written report is required. No more than 3 credits toward a degree. Graded S/U.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

RGSC 402. Seminar
1 Credit
Topics in range science. Oral and written reports.
Prerequisite: senior standing.

RGSC 406. Rangeland Team Competition
1 Credit
Description and characteristics of range plants. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

RGSC 440. Rangeland Resource Ecology
3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing.

RGSC 440 L. Rangeland Resource Ecology Lab
1 Credit
Living and nonliving factors of the range environment, the life forms and role of range plants and animals on succession and interactions in range ecosystems. Corequisite(s): RGSC 440.

RGSC 448. Problems
1-4 Credits (1-4)
Individual investigation in a specific area of range science. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a grand total of 6 credits. Consent of Instructor required.

RGSC 452. Vegetation Measurements for Rangeland Assessment
4 Credits (2+4P)
Sampling principles, sampling design, and measurement methods used to quantify vegetation attributes and to assess the structure and function of rangeland ecosystems. Laboratory emphasizes practical field techniques, quantitative analysis, and interpretation of results.
Prerequisite(s): RGSC 294 and A ST 311.

RGSC 458. Livestock Behavior, Welfare and Handling
3 Credits (2+3P)
Principles of animal behavior and evaluation of management practices on animal welfare in confined and rangeland livestock operations. Low stress livestock handling techniques. Design of livestock handling facilities. Crosslisted with: ANSC 458
Prerequisite(s): RGSC 294 or ANSC 100.

RGSC 460. Rangeland and Natural Resource Planning and Management
4 Credits (3+3P)
Planning and problem solving in rangeland and natural resource management. Public land planning and policy. Application of land management principles to resolve rangeland, riparian and habitat issues.
Prerequisite(s): Senior or graduate student standing.

RGSC 509. Approaches to Rangeland Research
3 Credits
Experimental design and statistical analysis of experimental results.
Prerequisite(s): A ST 505 or consent of instructor.
RGSC 513. Advanced Rangeland Ecology  
3 Credits  
Overview of the current state of knowledge in selected areas of rangeland ecology, with emphasis on currently developing ideas and issues relevant to rangeland management.  
Prerequisite(s): RGSC 440 or equivalent.

RGSC 515. Graduate Seminar  
1 Credit  
Current topics. Graded S/U.

RGSC 516. Arid Land Management  
3 Credits  
Survey of seminal and current literature dealing with management of arid and semiarid lands including soil-plant-animal interactions, plant community ecology, arid land assessment methods, and arid land hydrology.

RGSC 518. Watershed Methods and Management  
3 Credits  
Management of rangeland and forest watersheds with emphasis on the hydrologic cycle and land use effects on runoff and water quality. Hydrologic monitoring methods problem sets required for graduate credit.

RGSC 520. Arid Land Plant Herbivore Interactions  
3 Credits  
Survey of seminal and current literature dealing with plant- and animal-related factors that influence herbivory patterns in arid landscapes. Although ungulate herbivory is a central focus of the course, the role of plant defenses in deterring both vertebrate and invertebrate herbivores is discussed in detail.

RGSC 525. Advanced Rangeland Restoration Ecology  
3 Credits  
Principles and practices of vegetation management and ecological restoration. Course emphasizes problems associated with rangeland degradation, and implementation of rangeland restoration and improvements. Research paper required for graduate credit.

RGSC 550. Special Topics  
1-4 Credits  
Specific subjects to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester. No more than 9 credits toward a degree.

RGSC 557. Advanced Grass Taxonomy and Identification  
3 Credits  
Taxonomy of grasses; grass anatomy, variation in reproductive structures, and identification of grasses by sight and through the use of dichotomous keys. Additional writing and grass identification assignments are required for graduate credit.

RGSC 598. Special Research Program  
1-4 Credits  
Individual investigations, either analytical or experimental. Maximum of 4 credits per semester. No more than 6 credits toward a degree. Consent of Instructor required.

RGSC 599. Master's Thesis  
15 Credits  

RGSC 600. Doctoral Research  
1-15 Credits  