

ANIMAL AND RANGE SCIENCES

Undergraduate Program Information

The Department of Animal and Range Sciences provides opportunities for you to follow a variety of interests in modern scientific agriculture. The animal science curriculum provides a background for many phases of the food animal industry, from farm animal production on rangelands to management positions in the food processing industry to highly technical careers in research and companion animal management. The range science curriculum provides you with knowledge and skills necessary to sustainably manage rangelands for multiple uses. These curricula allow you to acquire the background necessary to adjust easily to variations in specific job opportunities. If you are majoring in either animal science or range science, you must meet general education requirements, have a minimum of 48 credits of upper-division courses (numbered 300 and above), and complete a minimum of 35 credits in courses in the College Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Graduate Program Information

The Department of Animal and Range Sciences offers graduate work leading to the Master of Science and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees with majors in animal science and range science. The Doctor of Philosophy degree in animal science is only in the areas of reproductive physiology or ruminant nutrition.

Prerequisite for admission as a regular graduate student in the department is the completion of a curriculum, substantially equivalent to that required of undergraduate students in animal or range science at this institution, 3.0 GPA, and three letters of reference.

For the Master of Science degree, a minimum of 30 semester credits of graduate work in the major and related subjects will be required, together with a thesis for most majors. A non-thesis option is available for certain students.

For the Master of Agriculture with specialization in Domestic Animal Biology, students must complete 32 credit hours of graduate courses which include 2 credits of ANSC 598 Special Research Programs for the creative component.

The Doctor of Philosophy student must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language or research tool, such as experimental statistics, philosophy of science, computer science, or mathematics. Choice of the research tool will remain the option of the student subject to approval by the student's graduate committee. Demonstration of proficiency may be accomplished by satisfactory completion of courses or by other suitable evidence acceptable to the student's committee. In addition, doctoral students are required to complete advanced courses in a field of study closely related to animal science or range science. The number of courses to be completed in the related area will be determined by the student's committee. Related areas of study often are biology, chemistry, or experimental statistics.

The Department of Animal and Range Sciences is a sponsoring department in the recently approved interdisciplinary graduate degree program that offers both a MS and Ph.D. degree in Water Science Management. The degree program is being handled through the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES), and the program description, including application guidelines, classes involved,

and topic areas being supported can be found in the catalog under the section describing ACES Programs. Interested students are encouraged to contact the Department Head of Animal and Range Sciences, Shanna Ivey at (575) 646-2515 for more information.

Graduate work in the department is designed to prepare the student for work in the fields of research, extension, teaching, production, and conservation.

Facilities available to graduate students include herds and flocks of the major livestock species, animal nutrition laboratories, physiology laboratories, meats laboratory, small animal laboratory, 25,000-specimen herbarium, two ranches of approximately 92,000 acres, and a 1,000-head experimental feedlot. Active cooperation is maintained with federal research agencies located on and off the campus.

A number of graduate assistantships will be available each year. Inquiries should be addressed to the head of the department.