RANGELAND ECOLOGY & MANAGEMENT (RNG)

RNG 121, *INTRODUCTION TO WILDLAND ECOLOGY, 4 Credits
Ecological principles will be applied to understand contemporary issues related to wildlands, specifically the rangeland biomes that comprises over 50% of the Earth's surface (FAO, SRM, USDA ERS). Topics to be covered fall into the following categories: Fundamentals of Ecology; Animals (wildlife & livestock); Disturbance (e.g., invasive species, fire, mineral extraction, etc.); Ecosystem Goods & Services (e.g., carbon sequestration, watersheds, biodiversity, recreation, etc.). The course will largely focus on U.S. wildlands, however a portion will examine the ecology and issues of international rangelands in Africa, Eurasia, Australia, and South America. (Bacc Core Course)
Attributes: CPBS – Core, Pers, Biological Science
Available via Ecampus

RNG 299, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits
Equivalent to: RNG 299H
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 299H, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits
Attributes: HNRS – Honors Course Designator
Equivalent to: RNG 299
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 341, RANGELAND ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, 3 Credits
Nature and management of rangelands. Integrated land use with emphasis on plant-animal-soil interactions.
Equivalent to: RNG 241
Available via Ecampus

RNG 351, RANGE ECOLOGY I-GRASSLANDS, 3 Credits
Principles and terminology of grassland ecology. Addresses the spatial-temporal dynamics of structure, function, and process in North American grassland ecosystems. Water, nutrient cycles and energy pathways are explored in context of the variable driving forces of climate (drought), herbivory, and fire.
Recommended: (BOT 313 [D-] and RNG 341 [D-])
Available via Ecampus

RNG 352, RANGE ECOLOGY II-SHRUBLANDS, 3 Credits
Introduces the ecology of shrublands using an autecological approach. Explores the effects of stressors such as temperature, drought, fire, and herbivory on plant morphology, physiology, reproduction, and growth. Covers life histories of common shrubs and descriptions of shrubland communities used to promote understanding of autecological principles.
Recommended: BOT 313 and RNG 341
Available via Ecampus

RNG 353, WILDLAND PLANT IDENTIFICATION, 4 Credits
Students will learn how to identify approximately 100 plant species found in wildlands of North America and Mexico. Individual plant species ecology, basic plant anatomy and identification characteristics observable only through a microscope or dissecting scope, and how to use a dichotomous key for plant ID will also be covered.
Equivalent to: RNG 253
Available via Ecampus

RNG 355, DESERT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT, 4 Credits
A systems-based understanding of hydrologic processes in arid and semiarid landscapes. The class is focused on gaining knowledge of multiple ecological and hydrological interactions occurring in dryland watersheds and on discussing practical methodology aimed to enhance site productivity and ecosystem resilience. Emphasis is placed on land use effects on watershed function; monitoring of soil, water, and vegetation variables; and methods of rehabilitation of degraded landscapes. The course has a strong experiential learning component through a series of ‘hands-on’ practicums and a field trip to a semiarid location in eastern Oregon. Lec/lab.
Available via Ecampus

RNG 399, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits
May be repeated for a total of 16 credits.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 403, SENIOR THESIS, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 405, READING AND CONFERENCE, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 406, PROJECTS, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
Available via Ecampus

RNG 411, ADVANCED PLANT ID, 2 Credits
Advanced rangeland plant taxonomy.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 421, WILDLAND RESTORATION AND ECOLOGY, 4 Credits
Emphasis is placed on understanding the ecology of arid and semi-arid ecosystems through the study of ecological processes responsible for ecosystem function. Range improvement practices for stabilizing and repairing degraded wildlands by directing autogenic recovery mechanisms are discussed. This involves manipulating plants, soil, animals and microenvironments for improved ecosystem function.
Recommended: Course work in soils and ecology
Available via Ecampus
RNG 441, RANGELAND ANALYSIS, 4 Credits
Techniques used to describe vegetation in shrub-lands, grasslands, and forests. Use of measurements in resource management. Course is field-oriented, emphasizing both theory and practice of wildland inventory methods.
Recommended: ST 351 or ST 351H
Available via Ecampus

RNG 442, RANGELAND-ANIMAL RELATIONS, 4 Credits
Domestic and wild animal use of rangelands as related to environmental factors, palatability, food habits, nutrition, physiography, and their effects on management of rangeland-animal resources.
Available via Ecampus

RNG 448, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION ON PASTURE, 4 Credits
Focuses on grazing management in cultivated pastures in Oregon and other regions with similar agro-ecological conditions. Become familiar with the basic principles of pasture production, grazing management, and feed planning and management in large and small ruminant production systems. Provides information on the underlying factors affecting pasture and animal production and product quality in pasture-based production systems. Crosslisted as ANS 448/CROP 448/RNG 448 and ANS 548/CROP 548/RNG 548. Equivalent to: ANS 448, CROP 448

RNG 455, RIPARIAN ECOHYDROLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, 4 Credits
A systems approach to study ecological and hydrological relationships occurring in riparian ecosystems. The class is focused on gaining knowledge of multiple connections between soil, water, and terrestrial vegetation occurring in riparian systems. Emphasis is placed on land use effects on the riparian ecologic and hydrologic function, methods of rehabilitation, and theories of the proper use of riparian ecosystems under a multiple-use philosophy (i.e., fish, wildlife, livestock, aesthetics, recreation, and silviculture).
Recommended: RNG 355
Available via Ecampus

RNG 457, HABITAT ANALYSIS 1: HABITAT USE AND MOVEMENT, 3 Credits
Effective habitat management necessitates an understanding of how animals use and move through the landscape, including rangelands. This is an advanced undergraduate and introductory graduate course designed to familiarize students with multiple techniques of assessing the influence of habitat on site selection of terrestrial animals (wild and domestic). However, topics covered in this course are broadly analogous to other ecosystems. Emphasis will be placed on analysis of habitat use (space use) and animal movement from multiple study designs.
Prerequisite: FW 251 with D- or better and RNG 341 [D-] and MTH 241 [D-] and (ST 201 [D-] or ST 351 [D-])
Available via Ecampus

RNG 458, HABITAT ANALYSIS 2: ABUNDANCE, OCCUPANCY AND DEMOGRAPHY, 3 Credits
Habitat influences abundance, occupancy, and demographic rates of wildlife. Wildlife management is often a component of land management and both benefit from land stewards that have an understanding of how habitat characteristics influence the occupancy, abundance, and performance of wildlife within an area. This is an advanced undergraduate and introductory graduate course designed to familiarize students with multiple techniques of assessing the influence of habitat on abundance, occupancy, and demographic rates of terrestrial animals.
Prerequisite: FW 251 with D- or better and RNG 341 [D-] and MTH 241 [D-] and (ST 201 [D-] or ST 351 [D-])

RNG 470, PASTORAL SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD, 4 Credits
Description and evaluation of ecosystems which support grazing animals and pastoralists. Biology, ecology, and management of these landscapes will be explored through climate, soils, and plant communities and human-livestock interactions. The historic role of trade and contemporary challenges to the ecological, social, and economic sustainability of pastoral systems will be examined.

RNG 490, RANGELAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING, 4 Credits
Administration and management of rangelands; planning processes involving goal setting, inventories, personnel management, environment, conflict resolution, and other constraints affecting decision-making. Use of data collected from field problems to support the execution of class plans. Field trip required. Lec/lab.
Available via Ecampus

RNG 499, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 501, RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 503, MASTER'S THESIS, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

RNG 505, READING AND CONFERENCE, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
Available via Ecampus

RNG 506, PROJECTS, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 507, SEMINAR, 1-2 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
RNG 521, WILDLAND RESTORATION AND ECOLOGY, 4 Credits

Emphasis is placed on understanding the ecology of arid and semi-arid ecosystems through the study of ecological processes responsible for ecosystem function. Range improvement practices for stabilizing and repairing degraded wildlands by directing autogenic recovery mechanisms are discussed. This involves manipulating plants, soil, animals and microenvironments for improved ecosystem function.

Available via Ecampus

RNG 541, RANGELAND ANALYSIS, 4 Credits

Techniques used to describe vegetation in shrub-lands, grasslands, and forests. Use of measurements in resource management. Course is field-oriented, emphasizing both theory and practice of wildland inventory methods.

Recommended: ST 351

RNG 542, RANGELAND-ANIMAL RELATIONS, 4 Credits

Domestic and wild animal use of rangelands as related to environmental factors, palatability, food habits, nutrition, physiography, and their effects on management of rangeland-animal resources.

Recommended: RNG 341

Available via Ecampus

RNG 548, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION ON PASTURE, 4 Credits

Focuses on grazing management in cultivated pastures in Oregon and other regions with similar agro-ecological conditions. Become familiar with the basic principles of pasture production, grazing management and feed planning and management in large and small ruminant production systems. Provides information on the underlying factors affecting pasture and animal production and product quality in pasture-based production systems. CROSSLISTED as ANS 448/CROP 448/RNG 448 and ANS 548/CROP 548/RNG 548.

Equivalent to: ANS 548, CROP 548

RNG 555, RIPARIAN ECOCYHRDROLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, 4 Credits

A systems approach to study ecological and hydrological relationships occurring in riparian ecosystems. The class is focused on gaining knowledge of multiple connections between soil, water, and terrestrial vegetation occurring in riparian systems. Emphasis is placed on land use effects on the riparian ecologic and hydrologic function, methods of rehabilitation, and theories of the proper use of riparian ecosystems under a multiple-use philosophy (i.e., fish, wildlife, livestock, aesthetics, recreation, and silviculture).

Recommended: RNG 355

Available via Ecampus

RNG 557, HABITAT ANALYSIS 1: HABITAT USE AND MOVEMENT, 3 Credits

Effective habitat management necessitates an understanding of how animals use and move through the landscape, including rangelands. This is an advanced undergraduate and introductory graduate course designed to familiarize students with multiple techniques of assessing the influence of habitat on site selection of terrestrial animals (wild and domestic). However, topics covered in this course are broadly analogous to other ecosystems. Emphasis will be placed on analysis of habitat use (space use) and animal movement from multiple study designs.

Recommended: ST 511 and ST 512

Available via Ecampus

RNG 558, HABITAT ANALYSIS 2: ABUNDANCE, OCCUPANCY AND DEMOGRAPHY, 3 Credits

Habitat influences abundance, occupancy, and demographic rates of wildlife. Wildlife management is often a component of land management and both benefit from land stewards that have an understanding of how habitat characteristics influence the occupancy, abundance, and performance of wildlife within an area. This is an advanced undergraduate and introductory graduate course designed to familiarize students with multiple techniques of assessing the influence of habitat on abundance, occupancy, and demographic rates of terrestrial animals.

RNG 577, AGROFORESTRY, 3 Credits

Theory and worldwide practice of multiple-crop low input sustainable systems involving concurrent production of tree and agricultural products. Biological, economic, social, and political factors that underlie the application of agroforestry technology. CROSSLISTED as FES 477/NR 477 and FES 577/RNG 577.

Equivalent to: FES 577, FS 577, NR 577

Recommended: Introductory course in biology

RNG 590, RANGELAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING, 4 Credits

Administration and management of rangelands; planning processes involving goal setting, inventories, personnel management, environment, conflict resolution, and other constraints necessary for decision-making. Use of data collected from field problems to support the execution of class plans. Field trip required. Lec/lab.

RNG 599, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 601, RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 603, PH.D. THESIS, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

RNG 605, READING AND CONFERENCE, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 606, PROJECTS, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
RNG 607, SEMINAR, 1-2 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 608, WORKSHOP, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

RNG 643, WILDLAND PLANT ECOPHYSIOLOGY, 4 Credits
Emphasizes the physiological ecology of plants living in arid and semi-arid ecosystems. Primary class emphasis will include photosynthesis, respiration, water stress and water use efficiency, stable isotopes, root structure and function, nutrient uptake and stress, and defoliation.
Offered every other winter, odd years.

RNG 662, RANGELAND ECOLOGY, 3 Credits
Studies ecological theory and related resource management implications in rangelands and arid wildlands. Topics include the history and development of rangeland ecology, plant demography, invasive species, plant population dynamics, disturbance theory, succession, vegetation classification and range condition assessments. Offered every other winter, even years.
Recommended: Basic ecology course

RNG 670, ECOLOGICAL INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT, 2 Credits

RNG 699, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.