

PRINCIPLES OF RANGE MANAGEMENT

RANGE 3600

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Welcome to Range Management. This is a critical time for this profession and the range livestock producer. Everyone should have a basic understanding of rangelands, their proper management, and the consequences of such proposals as Rangeland Reform 94.

You should be aware that this is an upper division (Junior level) course and it will be taught at that level. If you are an entering freshman or a sophomore you should consider whether you want to remain in this course or find another one.

Lecture for this class is scheduled for 8:30 - 9:50 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday in SC 122. I insist that you be in class on time and in your seats by 8:30 sharp. Talking with your friends during lectures will be strictly forbidden. You are encouraged to ask questions, but only so the entire class can hear them. If you have a cell phone be sure that it is turned off and will not ring during class time.

Labs will be held on Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. until 5:20 p.m. for about the 1st half of the semester, then we will have an all-day field trip in early December. Labs are required and not optional. I will accept no excuses for missing a lab and your grade will be affected if you choose to be absent. Some labs may be used for making up lectures that have been missed. Later in the semester some labs may be used to make up for missed lectures.

Your grade will be based primarily on your performance on several 1 hours exams spaced throughout the semester. My grading system is as follows:

A	94-100%	C	74-76%
A-	90-93%	C-	70-73%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
B	84-86%	D	64-66%
B-	80-83%	D-	60-63%
C+	77-79%	F	Less than 60%

We will use *Range Management Principles and Practice* by Holechek, Piper and Herbel as the text in the course, and you will have many reading assignments. Test material will come from lectures, labs, and reading assignments.

Tentative Course Outline*
*(Dates and topics subject to change)

Week 1	Introduction to range management - no lab
Week 2	Physical characteristics of rangelands - Field trip
Week 3	History of range management - Field trip and possible exam
Week 4	Rangeland types - Field trip
Week 5	Range plant physiology - Field trip
Week 6	Range ecology - Field trip and possible exam
Week 7	Range condition, trend and monitoring - Field trip
Week 8	Livestock distribution and grazing methods - Field trip
Week 9	Range nutrition - Field trip and possible exam
Week 10	Poisonous plants - No lab
Week 11	Range improvements - Field trip
Week 12	Range wildlife management - No lab
Week 13	Range watersheds and water - No lab
Weeks 14 & 15	Subjects to be determined at a later date - No labs One all-day field trip on Monday, December 12.

Important dates during the semester

- a) Last day to drop with out a “W” appearing on your transcript: Friday, 16 September
- b) Last day to drop a course: Friday, 28 October
- c) Holidays:
 - Monday, 5 September (Labor Day)
 - Monday, 24 October (Harvest vacation)
 - Wednesday, 23 Thursday 24, and Friday, 25 November (Thanksgiving)
- d) Last day of classes: Friday, December 9. Monday, December 12 - all-day field trip.
- e) Final Exam: Wednesday, December 14, 9:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Academic integrity:

Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by Student Services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, and the intellectual property policy, for information about procedures and about what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior.

Students with disabilities:

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring academic adjustments, accommodations or auxiliary aids will need to contact the Southern Utah University Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in Room 206F of the Sharwan Smith Center or phone (435) 865-8022. SSD determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

Disclaimer:

Information contained in this syllabus other than the grading, late assignments, makeup work and attendance policies may be subject to change with advance notice as deemed appropriate by the instructor.