**Rangeland Resource Science**

**Bachelor of Science degree**  
with a major in Rangeland Resource Science

**Bachelor of Science degree**  
with a major in Rangeland Resource Science — concentration in Wildland Soil Science

**Minor in Rangeland Resource Science**

**Minor in Wildland Soil Science**  
See Natural Resources for information on the Master of Science degree.

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**The Program**  

Students completing this program will be able to:

- Identify plants and quantify vegetation attributes
- Describe, classify and evaluate soil resource attributes
- Evaluate rangeland health using national standards
- Communicate effectively, using oral and written means, the factual basis, interconnectedness, and interpretation of rangeland/wildland soil science and management
- Demonstrate reasoning and critical thinking skills in solving scientific and resource management problems

**Rangeland Resource Science.** Learn to manage rangeland ecosystems wisely. Study forage, timber, wildlife, recreation, watersheds, and their interrelationships.

Classroom instruction is enhanced by the university’s soil science laboratories and greenhouses. Research and demonstration sites on private and public lands in Northern California enhance field studies.

Potential careers: soil conservationist, soil scientist, soil consultant, environmental specialist, agricultural inspector, lands or natural resources specialist, restoration specialist, or watershed manager.

The Wildland Resource Science concentration meets the qualifications for “Rangeland Management Specialist” and “Soil Conservationist” classifications for federal employment, and meets the educational requirements to apply to take the California Certified Rangeland Manager examination.

**Wildland Soil Science Concentration.** Learn to address the unique management requirements and problems of wildland soils. Wildland soils are uncultivated, natural soils supporting herbaceous and woody plant communities supplying timber; wildlife habitat, livestock forage, watershed values, and other ecosystem services.

Courses in this concentration cover the basic physical and biological sciences, introductory and advanced soil science, and soil and natural resource management.

Classroom instruction is enhanced by the university’s soil science laboratories and greenhouses. Research and demonstration sites on private and public lands in Northern California enhance field studies.

Potential careers: soil conservationist, soil scientist, soil consultant, environmental specialist, agricultural inspector, lands or natural resources specialist, restoration specialist, or watershed manager.

The Wildland Soil Science Concentration meets the qualifications for “Soil Conservationist” and “Soil Scientist” position classifications in federal employment. This concentration also meets the educational requirements to take the Fundamentals of Soil Science Examination.

**Preparation**  
In high school take courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and earth sciences.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**  
For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 67-82., and “The Master’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 83-84.

**Complete all courses in the major with a C or better.**

**Core Courses**

### Lower Division

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<td>PHYX 106</td>
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**Rangeland Resource Science**

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RRS 420  [3] Intro to Animal Science

Approved Electives

Complete one of the following emphases for the Rangeland Resource Science concentration (5-7 units), or any combination of courses below or advisor-approved electives totaling a minimum of 6 units.

**Botany Emphasis** (6 units)
Take a minimum of 6 units selected from:
- BOT 355  [4] Lichens & Bryophytes

**Ecological Restoration Emphasis** (7 units)

**Geospatial Technology Emphasis** (6 units)
Take 6 units of advisor-approved GSP courses (not already taken in core requirements)

**Fire Emphasis** (5 units)
- FOR 223  [2] Introduction to Wildland Fire
  and one of the following:

**Natural Resource Policy Emphasis** (6 units)
- ESM 325  [3] Environmental Law & Regulation

**Soil Emphasis** (6 units)
Take two of the following courses.
- SOIL 462  [3] Soil Fertility

**Wildland Soil Science Concentration**
Soil courses are embedded in this concentration to meet federal “Soil Scientist” requirements.

In addition to core courses, complete one of the following emphases for the Wildland Soil Science Concentration or any combination of the courses below or advisor-approved electives totaling a minimum of 18 additional units.

**Botany Emphasis** (18 units)
Take minimum of 6 units from:
- BOT 355  [4] Lichens & Bryophytes

Take 12 units from the following:
- FOR 130  [3] Dendrology
- SOIL 462  [3] Soil Fertility
- SOIL 468  [3] Intro to Agroforestry

**Earth Sciences Emphasis** (19-20 units)

Take one additional GSP course not taken in the core (3-4 units)

Take 6 units from the following:
- SOIL 462  [3] Soil Fertility

**Ecological Restoration Emphasis** (19 units)

Take two of the following courses:
- SOIL 462  [3] Soil Fertility
- SOIL 468  [3] Intro to Agroforestry

**Sustainable Agriculture Emphasis** (16 units)
Take three of the following:
- SOIL 462  [3] Soil Fertility
- SOIL 468  [3] Intro to Agroforestry

Take one of the following:
- PSCI 373  [4] Politics of Sustainability

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINORS**

Rangeland Resource Science Minor
- SOIL 260  [3] Intro to Soil Science
- RRS 375  [3] Vegetation Analysis & Health

Wildland Soil Science Minor
- SOIL 260  [3] Intro to Soil Science

At least three courses (including one or more with plus signs *) from the following:
- SOIL 462  [3] Soil Fertility
- SOIL 468  [3] Intro to Agroforestry