

## REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN COURSE DESIGNATORS

The Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences is requesting a change to the course designators ANS and RNG to become one course designator: AnRS. This change was intended to happen when the two departments merged but somehow managed to get left out of the proposal.

**Purpose:** The proposed course designator should have an identified purpose within the curricular structure of Oregon State University.

- *What academic programs, including majors, certificates, options and minors will be served by courses within the designator?*
  - All programs on campus potentially could be affected due to a few courses also being recognized in the Bac Core
  - The College of Agricultural Science, College of Forestry, and College of Science all utilize courses in these majors.
- *In what ways do the general area and scope of the content constitute a coherent body of knowledge?*
  - Nothing is changing except for the course designator and some course numbers.
- *Is the proposed usage of the designator consistent with practice at OSU and other institutions? Give examples.*
  - The Animal and Rangeland Sciences departmental structure and program offerings are in better alignment with a single course designator. Learning outcomes within each program do have some level of overlap, so it is in better practice to designate these courses under the same subject code. An example course is ANS 446, designed for non-Animal Sciences majors but specifically to develop skills for Rangeland Sciences majors. By offering as ANRS 446, the subject and course content align. Existing options within Animal Sciences include a Rangeland Science focus, and proposed options within Rangeland Sciences include pastoral systems and livestock ranching foci. With consistent overlap, a single-course designator reinforces OSU's Learning Goal for Graduates with competency and knowledge in multiple fields and collaboration.

**Accountability:** Responsibility for the integrity and oversight of the proposed course designator should be clearly identified.

- *What is the academic College of the designator?*
  - College of Agricultural Sciences
- *Who is responsible for administering courses in the designator, e.g. scheduling and catalog updates. Who are the faculty contact persons?*
  - Dodi Reesman
- *Who is responsible for consistency and outcome assessment for courses in the designator?*
  - Will be handled by the Departmental Teaching and Curriculum Committee
- *Which units get credit for the SCH generated by courses in the subject code?*
  - The Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences
- *Who is responsible for communicating information about the new designator to stakeholders, including advisors, Admissions, and students?*
  - The Department Head
  - Department Head Advisor

**Impacts:** Who will benefit from the new designator and what changes will result from its implementation?

- *Will courses in the new designator duplicate or compete with existing ones?*
  - No

- *Are there expected cross-listings or curricular equivalencies?*
  - No
- *How will the new designator affect transfer credits?*
  - There should be no effect on transfer credits – all ANS or RNG courses being transferred in will become AnRS courses.
- *Will any previous existing designators expire as the new one appears?*
  - No
- *How will the new designator benefit students?*
  - Students within the department will be able to more clearly identify content and course overlap for degree objectives. Students seeking to explore opportunities within Animal Sciences and Rangeland Sciences will more easily see offerings. Students within undergraduate and graduate programs in AnRS will appreciate the interdisciplinary overlap of offerings, allowing increased communication and collaboration on common learning outcomes.