



## Grassland Management Student Handbook

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#### Mission Statement

The Grassland Management program provides instruction at the graduate level in grassland ecology and management to advance knowledge, prepare students for career advancement, and help conserve ecosystem goods and services provided by grasslands.

Visit the [Grassland Management program webpage](#) to learn more.

#### Universities Participating

- Kansas State University
- North Dakota State University
- Oklahoma State University
- South Dakota State University
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln

#### Student Learning Outcomes

- Graduates will be able to effectively use oral and written communications to convey knowledge of grassland management.
- Graduates will demonstrate high level of analytical and critical thinking skills to enable problem solving in grassland management.
- Graduates are expected to demonstrate quantitative skills including field sampling and data interpretation for effective analysis and management of natural resources.
- Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of ecological principles as a foundation for understanding and applying principles of natural resource management.
- Graduates will express satisfaction with their academic program and will be prepared for career advancement in grassland management.

#### Graduate Certificate

The Grassland Management program can lead to a 12-credit graduate certificate. We offer seven courses that can be taken in any combination and in any order to complete the certificate. Students may enroll into the graduate program at any one of the universities offering the certificate. To enroll, contact the [campus coordinator](#) of your choice from one of the participating universities.

See when courses are offered using our interactive [Course Planner](#).



### **Course Substitutions Policy**

Substitution of a Grassland Management program course is allowed only in rare cases when a student has a scheduling conflict. The substitution must be approved by the current chair of the grassland management program. A student cannot retroactively substitute a course previously taken; it must be approved before the student has enrolled in that course, and only one course may be substituted during their pursuit of the graduate certificate.

### **Academic Advisor**

A faculty member at the home university will serve as a student's academic advisor when enrolling in courses in the Grassland Management program and when pursuing the graduate certificate in Grassland Management. The academic advisor will assist students in understanding the course material covered in each course and selecting the correct course in accordance with the student's interest.

### **Where to Turn for Assistance**

In addition to faculty involved in the Grassland Management program, the [campus coordinators](#) can assist students navigating through IDEA information and provide assistance. Generally, the campus coordinator serves as a first point of reference for general questions and information regarding the following:

- Enrollment processes
- General policy information at the home university
- Information about the IDEA policies and procedures
- Assistance in the student learning management system at their local university
- Identification of individuals at other universities who can be of assistance when questions arise
- Any other general questions

