**DEPARTMENT OF RANGELAND, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

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**Associate Head:** Gerard Kyle  
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The mission of the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management (RWFM) is to prepare the next generation of natural resource stewards to generate sound, innovative solutions to address increasing demands of natural resources and associated challenges, such as population growth and land use changes. RWFM curriculum integrates foundational knowledge from several disciplines—biological, physical, and social sciences—along with leadership training, promotion of critical thinking skills and experiential learning opportunities rooted in evidence-based science and practical application.

This program offers students field experiences to best shape them to be natural resources leaders. The department has several partnerships in place to offer facilitated internships where students can experience career-specific jobs and build resume credentials for future employment. Hands-on field experience is offered in the majority of RWFM courses to reinforce classroom principles, and the degree curriculum includes a two-week summer course between sophomore and junior years.

Upon graduation, students are equipped with the necessary background and skills to qualify for career building certifications required in natural resource professions. The undergraduate program prepares students to continue their education in graduate and other professional programs or pursue a wide range of careers in leading conservation and science-based agencies at state and federal levels, as well as private land enterprises and non-governmental organizations. In response to the complexity and diversity of the field, the BS in RWFM program offers four unique specialization tracks to further tailor a student’s degree to best meet post-graduation needs.

**Faculty**

- **Barboza, Peregrine,** Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, University of New England, 1991

- **Evans, Steven,** Lecturer  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  MS, Colorado State University, 2018

- **Hansley, Elizabeth,** Instructional Assistant Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Texas A&M University, 2019

- **Hegde, Shraddha,** Assistant Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Mississippi State University, 2022

- **Kyle, Gerard,** Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Pennsylvania State University, 2001

- **Lopez, Roel,** Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Texas A&M University, 2001

- **Lucero, Jacob,** Assistant Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, University of Montana, 2017

- **Matarrita Cascante, David,** Associate Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Pennsylvania State University, 2008

- **Mohammed, Haitham,** Assistant Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  DVM, Assiut University, Assiut, Egypt, 2003  
  PHD, Auburn University, 2015

- **Muhl, Rika,** Lecturer  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Texas A&M University, 2018

- **Schuett, Michael,** Instructional Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1991

- **Shehane, Melissa,** Instructional Assistant Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Texas A&M University, 2014

- **Stronza, Amanda,** Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, University of Florida, 2000

- **Werdel, Ty,** Assistant Professor  
  Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management  
  PHD, Kansas State University, 2022

**Majors**


- Bachelor of Science in Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management and Master of Public Service Administration, 5-Year Degree Program (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/rangeland-wildlife-and-fisheries-management/bs-wfsc-mps/)
Minors


Certificates