ANRS UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

FALL 2014

WELCOME!

The 2014-15 academic year in Animal & Rangeland Sciences is bringing new and interesting happenings for all of us.

To the new first-year and transferring students from other colleges and universities, a special welcome! We hope that all of you had an enjoyable summer. For those returning students who were able to avoid being on campus this summer and for those less fortunate, we hope that you are excited about the offerings that this new school year is bringing. As you begin this year remain focused upon your short- and long-term goals but if you encounter an elephant in the room acknowledge its presence and adjust your goals.

THE STUDENT LOUNGE HAS MOVED!!!!!

The AnRS Student Lounge and the third floor computers have been moved to the basement in Room 065. The good news is that the room is air conditioned so you won’t be too hot during those unbearably hot days. The room is also warm in the winter months. There are also cubicles for privacy studying and the couches, tables, and chairs that were in the old student lounge. If you have any issues/concerns/problems with this, let Dodi know.

ADVISOR’S NAMES & PHONE NUMBERS

Advising within the department is seeing a significant change. Incoming students will be assigned one of four advisors; however, the rest of you will remain with your current advisor until you graduate unless you specifically request a change. The four main advisors within the department are Dr. Jim Hermes (Lead Academic Advisor), Dodi Reesman (Lead Academic Advisor), Matt Kennedy (Academic Advisor and Instructor) and Janell Rice (Academic Advisor and Instructor).

Remember, your advisor is here to assist you so please utilize their skills, knowledge, and willingness to help you navigate through your college career. Communication between you and your advisor is your responsibility. If you have forgotten who your advisor is, please contact either Dodi or Dr. Jim Hermes.

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EMAIL

Communication is critical to your success. AnRS uses the ONID email for distributing announcements, etc. If you do not receive announcements, confirm your ONID address with Dodi (With 126). Both the university as well as the department relies on the ONID system for communications, announcements, tuition billing, etc.
Please remember when corresponding with faculty members that you use your ONID account and include your name and OSU ID.

**SAT/ACT Scores**

For incoming freshmen: if you have not already done so, be sure to have your SAT and/or ACT scores sent to the University as soon as possible. This is essential for your registration for winter term. If these scores are not received you will be unable to register for the winter 2014 term.

**Dates to Keep in Mind**

**September 22-28** — CONNECT events

**September 29** — Classes begin

**September 29** — Late registration begins (late registration fee of $50 for initial registrations)

**October 5** — Last day to add a class by Web without departmental approval

**October 5** — Tuition bills emailed to ONID accounts. Bill due November 1.

**October 6-10** — Second week adds by Web with departmental approval

**October 6-10** — Audit registration period (Requires instructor approval; tuition and fees assessed)

**October 10** — **Deadline to apply online for Fall 2014 Graduation**

**October 10 @ 10:00 p.m.** — Last day to drop a course by Web

**October 10 @ 5:00 p.m.** — Last day to register or add a course (this requires both instructor and departmental approval - for ANS courses you need to see Dodi for approval and for RNG courses you need to see Connie for approval)

**October 14-December 5** — Late Registration fee increases to $100

**October 31** — Halloween!!

**November 2 @ 2:00 a.m.** — Daylight Savings Time ENDS; set your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR!!**

**November 14 @ 5:00 p.m.** — Last day to change to or from S/U Grading (change of registration fee; requires approval of Academic Advisor/Dean)

**November 14 @ 10:00 p.m.** — Last day to withdraw from a course (W grade is entered on transcript; change of registration fee is assessed)

**November 16** — Priority registration for Winter begins

**November 27-28** — Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 6 @ 5:00 p.m.** — **Last day for total withdrawal from the University** (W grade for each course and a change of registration fee for each course is assessed)

**December 8-13** — Finals Week

**December 17** — Grades available via Web, Kiosk, or Telephone Information System

**December 13-January 4** — Winter break between terms

**ANRS Web Home Pages**

You are encouraged to check the Animal and Rangeland Sciences websites for valuable information. The internet address for the Animal Sciences portion is:

http://ans.oregonstate.edu

The website for the Rangeland Sciences portion is:

http://oregonstate.edu/dept/range/

You are encouraged to check these pages as they contain valuable information and are revised frequently.

As a side note: the two sites will be merged into one due to the departmental merger. When this happens students will be informed of the new website; however, the current links should direct you to the new site when it is available.

**Academic Regulation 12. Withdrawal from Individual Classes**

I want to bring to your attention the change in Academic Regulation 12 – Withdrawal from Individual Classes. The regulation has changed effective fall 2012 to state the following:

“Any student may withdraw from a maximum of 12 individual OSU credit bearing classes throughout their undergraduate career** at OSU***. Any student may petition for an exception from this limitation if the justification for withdrawal is clearly associated with circumstances beyond the student’s control. Withdrawal
from a class with a W grade begins after the tenth day of classes and continues through the end of the seventh week of classes. After the seventh week of classes, students are expected to complete the program attempted and will receive letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, I, S, U, P, N) for all classes in which enrolled unless they officially withdraw from the university. Procedures for withdrawal from individual classes are outlined in the term Schedule of Classes.”

* Complete withdrawal from the university, as defined in AR 13, is not included.
** This regulation applies to undergraduate, post baccalaureate, and nondegree undergraduate students.
*** The maximum withdrawal count will begin for all students starting fall 2012.

S/U Grading in Classes

As a reminder, students may S/U a maximum of 36 credits to be taken on a S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) basis. “S” grades are A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C- and “U” grades are D+, D, D-, and F. Grades of S or U have no grade point equivalents and do not affect GPA but S grades are counted toward graduation.

Foreign Language Requirement

There are have questions asked about OSU’s foreign language requirement. The rules are as follows:

“If the student is bilingual the requirement isn’t automatically cleared, but if they take the test through Foreign Language and Literature and get a high enough score that will clear the requirement. Also, if a student has had instruction in a language other than English for long enough they can clear it that way with documentation.

The foreign language requirement may be met in one of the following ways:

- Completing two years of the same high school-level foreign language.
- Earning a grade of C- or higher in the third year of a high school-level foreign language
- Completing two consecutive quarters of the same college-level foreign language knowledge
- Demonstrated proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL)
- Completing grades 1 through 7 at a school in which all courses are taught in a language other than English (documentation is required).”

OSU’s Animal Policy

The following policies apply to dogs and animal pets on campus:

A. Dogs and other pets on campus must be on a leash not exceeding six feet, and under competent control.

B. Dogs and other pets may not be tethered unattended on campus.

C. Dogs and other pets are not allowed within any campus building.

D. Exceptions:

i. Animals for approved research purposes.

ii. Animals delivered for observation by Veterinary Clinic personnel

iii. Guide or companion-dogs accompanying disabled persons

E. Violators will be cited and animals will be impounded according to provisions of Corvallis Municipal Ordinance No. 50.63.

With regard to the Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, dogs (and other atypical animals) for classes, as well as working dogs, has to have approval granted by Dr. Killefer in Withycombe 108.

Animal & Rangeland Sciences Scholarships

The availability of scholarship funds for the 2015-2016 year will be limited — greater competition for few dollars so you need to study diligently in order to be competitive.

The AnRS Scholarship WEB page is a source for scholarship from other sources. This page is updated whenever new information is received. It is advisable to check for updates every several weeks. The applications (both the departmental and Dora Krueger) will be available for students in a both a printable and/or fillable PDF format as well as in Word sometime in January/February 2015. More information will become available to all students at the beginning of the winter 2015 term.
GRADUATING SENIORS

If you are a senior and are planning on graduating in the next two to three terms and haven’t already done so, you need to go online to your Student Records and Apply for Graduation. Please learn to interpret the audit; it is your degree and time. The audit can be found in MyDegrees online under your Student Records. Please become familiar with it and if there are any problems, please see either Dodi, Connie, or Jim Hermes. If you plan on graduating by the end of the fall 2014 term, you must apply for graduation by OCTOBER 10, 2014 or you will not be allowed to graduate fall term.

CHANGE OF PERMANENT ADDRESS

If you move during the academic year, please notify Dodi of your new permanent address and/or phone number. The ANRS Advising Office distributes materials to students and needs current information.

Further, be sure that Dodi knows your current email address. This insures that you receive information regarding jobs, scholarships, etc. in a timely fashion. It is also wise that you check your ONID email on a regular basis — you never know what may show up.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Oregon State University is committed to providing equal access to higher education for students with disabilities. Disability Access Services has the responsibility of maintaining and improving the overall quality of student life by providing a broad range of programs and services which help student to achieve their academic goals. Academic accommodations include but are not limited to: note taking, taped textbooks, sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, alternative testing, library assistance, and laboratory assistance. For student who are having academic difficulties and want to investigate the possibility of a learning disability or attention deficit disorder are recommended to contact the DAS office for information on local diagnosticians, 737-4098, http://ds.oregonstate.edu/

HONESTY IN ACADEMIC WORK

Honesty in academic work is extremely important. While we realize you may read this in your Schedule of Classes, we are including it here for your information.

"Academic dishonesty is defined as an intentional act of deception in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or effort of another person or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information in any academic work. It includes "cheating" (intentional use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information, or study aid), "fabrication" (intentional falsification or invention of any information), "Assisting in dishonesty" (intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another commit an act of dishonesty), "Tampering" (altering or interfering with evaluation instruments and documents), and "plagiarism" (intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another person as one's own)" (Regulation 576-15-020)

"The administration of the classroom rests with the instructor. When evidence of academic dishonesty comes to the instructor's attention, the instructor should (a) document the incident, (b) permit the accused student to provide an explanation, (c) advise the student of possible penalties, and (3) take action. The instructor may impose any academic penalty up to and including an 'F' grade in the course after consulting with his/her department chair and informing the student of the action taken. Using the standard form, the instructor must report the incident and the action taken to his/her department chair, who, in turn, shall forward the report to his/her dean.

"If the student is not enrolled in the college or school in which the course is offered, the dean of that college shall forward the report to the dean of the college of school in which the student is enrolled for possible disciplinary action.

"Grade penalties imposed as a result of academic dishonesty may be appealed by the student in accordance with the procedures developed by the department and college of school in which the course is offered."

Essentially, the least a student could receive is a grade of "F" in the class and the most that could possibly happen to a student is expulsion from the University.

Two common examples of deception that can result in academic disciplinary action are: permitting a fellow student to copy your lab results and sharing or copying of answers to online Distance Education Courses.
**STUDENT HEALTH CERTIFICATES**

A quick and important reminder for new students — be sure that your immunization records are turned in to Student Health Services before the middle of October. If these forms are not turned in, the University will put a hold on your Winter Term 2014 registration. This means that you will not be able to register until the Student Health Center receives your records and/or your immunizations are up-to-date.

**EMAILING FACULTY/STAFF**

Just a reminder that when you are sending an email to a faculty or staff member, please be sure to include your full name and your ID number. This helps us in determining who the email is coming from as a professor could have three “Jane Does” or “John Smiths” in their class or several advisees with the same name; therefore the ID number is also very helpful.

**STUDENT AMENITIES**

As you reacquaint yourselves with the special amenities of Withycombe Hall — the Computer lab (WITH 205) and the AnRS Library (WITH 131), and especially your student lounge (WITH 065), please keep the rooms clean and neat. If you make a mess or encounter litter, etc. clean it up — this is your academic home! Also, please remember that the AnRS library is a place for studying and not visiting, so please keep conversations quiet and to a minimum.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Remember if you have any questions or concerns; please contact your academic advisor, Dodi Reesman or Dr. Jim Hermes. If you don’t ask questions, we can’t help you.

Welcome new students and welcome back returning students!

_Dodi Reesman_