

## GRADUATE COUNCIL

### PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING COURSE/PROGRAM

**ORIGINATING UNIT:**

**TYPE OF ACTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Change in existing course

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Change in existing program

**TYPE OF CHANGE REQUESTED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Title

\_\_\_\_\_ Description

\_\_\_\_\_ Prerequisite(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Drop course/program

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Program Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester and Year Change(s) take effect: Fall 2020**

**Appropriate Computer Abbreviation (30 spaces or less):**

**Ranch Management Graduate Certificate**

The Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management is designed to offer graduate-level education in ranch management. The curriculum addresses the needs of the modern-day ranching business through an interdisciplinary program with an emphasis on beef cattle production and resource management. Five weeklong field trips combine classroom teaching with hands-on exposure.

#### **Application Procedure**

An applicant must possess a bachelor's degree from an institution regarded as standard by the University and a regional accrediting agency. Further, the student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the Bachelor level. Applicants meeting academic enrollment criteria should have sufficient working experience in agriculture to understand the nature of the industry. Selection to the program is made after each applicant completes the application, including transcripts and a professional interview. Applications for admission are available through the Ranch Management Program.

#### **Graduate Certificate Requirements**

The Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management requires successful completion of 35 credit hours made up of graduate and undergraduate credit. Each of the four graduate credit courses incorporates a graduate-level project into the curriculum.

### Graduate Credit (12 hours):

RAMA 50503	Range Management	3
RAMA 50603	Ranch Records and Finance	3
RAMA 50213	Ranch Business Management	3
RAMA 50803	Marketing of Livestock and Meats	3

### Undergraduate Credit (23 hours):

RAMA 30102	Ranch Operations and Development	2
RAMA 30403	Soil and Water Conservation	3
RAMA 40103	Beef Cattle Production	3
RAMA 40303	Animal Health Management	3
RAMA 30703	Animal Nutrition and Feeding	3
RAMA 40112	Sheep and Goat Production	2
RAMA 40313	Animal Health and Reproduction	3
RAMA 40903	Forage Production and Use	3
RAMA 40101	Management Plan Capstone Course	1

**Note:** The student must complete RAMA 50503, RAMA 50603, RAMA 50803 and RAMA 50213 as graduate-level courses to be awarded the graduate certificate. \*RAMA 40101 Management Plan Capstone Course must be successfully completed with the grade of C or higher in order to receive the Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management.

*Students must declare their intention to pursue the graduate certificate program prior to their enrollment in any ranch management course.*

#### Pass/No Credit

Courses for the graduate certificate may not be taken on a pass/no credit basis.

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management contact the Ranch Management Program office at 817.257.7145 or by email at ranching@tcu.edu.

## Proposed catalog copy: Ranch Management Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management is designed to offer graduate-level education in ranch management. The curriculum addresses the needs of the modern-day ranching business through an interdisciplinary program with an emphasis on beef cattle production and resource management. Five weeklong field trips combine classroom teaching with hands-on exposure.

#### Application Procedure

An applicant must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year institution. Further, the student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the Bachelor level. Applicants meeting academic enrollment criteria should have sufficient working experience in agriculture to understand the nature of the industry. Selection to the program is made after each applicant completes the application, including transcripts and a professional interview. Applications for admission are available through the Ranch Management Program.

## Graduate Certificate Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management requires successful completion of 35 credit hours made up of graduate and undergraduate credit. Each of the four graduate credit courses incorporates a graduate-level project into the curriculum.

### Graduate Credit (12 hours):

RAMA 50503	Range Management	3
RAMA 50603	Ranch Records and Finance	3
RAMA 50213	Ranch Business Management	3
RAMA 50803	Marketing of Livestock and Meats	3

### Undergraduate Credit (23 hours):

RAMA 30102	Ranch Operations and Development	2
RAMA 30403	Soil and Water Conservation	3
RAMA 40103	Beef Cattle Production	3
RAMA 40303	Animal Health Management	3
RAMA 30703	Animal Nutrition and Feeding	3
RAMA 40112	Sheep and Goat Production	2
RAMA 40313	Animal Health and Reproduction	3
RAMA 40903	Forage Production and Use	3
RAMA 40101	Management Plan Capstone Course	1

**Note: The student must complete RAMA 50503, RAMA 50603, RAMA 50803 and RAMA 50213 as graduate-level courses to be awarded the graduate certificate. \*RAMA 40101 Management Plan Capstone Course must be successfully completed with the grade of C or better, with an overall minimum GPA of 2.75, and no more than 2 grades of C+ or lower may be utilized in satisfying the certificate requirements, in order to receive the Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management. No RAMA courses may be repeated.**

*Students must declare their intention to pursue the graduate certificate program prior to their enrollment in any ranch management course.*

### Pass/No Credit

Courses for the graduate certificate may not be taken on a pass/no credit basis.

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management contact the Ranch Management Program office at 817.257.7145 or by email at [ranching@tcu.edu](mailto:ranching@tcu.edu).

## Supporting EVIDENCE OR JUSTIFICATION:

The requested change is to ensure the understanding that no RAMA course may be repeated. In addition, RAMA 40101 Management Plan Capstone Course must be successfully completed with the grade of C or better in order to receive the Graduate Certificate in Ranch Management..

**Explain how the change(s) will affect the current outcomes and assessment mechanisms?**

Current outcomes and assessment mechanisms will remain in place and unchanged.

***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED:***

**Faculty:** None

**Space:** None

**Equipment:** None

**Library:** None

**Other:**

***CHANGE IN TEACHING LOAD:***

Does this change affect any other units of the University? \_\_\_\_ Yes   X   No

If yes, submit supporting statement signed by chair of affected unit.

If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and the cross-listed units.

**Chair of Originating Unit:**

**Signature:**

**Name:**

**Unit:**

*Kerry Cornelius*  
*Kerry L Cornelius*  
*Ranch Management*