

## Ranching Systems Degree

The Ranching System degree in the Montana State University [Dan Scott Ranch Management Program](#) is designed to produce successful ranch managers equipped for the ever-changing landscape of the ranching industry. The Program is seeking applicants that display commitment to the ranching industry, an exemplary work ethic, and an evident desire to learn. Direct agriculture experience is not required, but students can greatly enhance their educational experience by bringing as much practical ranch experience as possible to the program.

### Learn By Doing: Summer Internships

Admission to the Dan Scott Ranch Management program's upper level is limited to 10 students per year to ensure the experience is singularly tailored to each student. As such, the Program is seeking exceptional students that exhibit unique potential to learn and grow into a management position. Strong work ethic, problem solving skills, and a desire to learn are key to student success in this program.

Students accepted into this unique program are paired with a partner ranch for two consecutive, summer-long internships. These for-credit internships are hosted by exemplary working ranches and provide the hands-on opportunity to effectively bridge the gap between the principles learned in the classroom and real-world application in ranch management.

During the second summer, students work closely with their host ranch to solve a specific problem or to explore a potential opportunity, allowing them to apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world situation.