

Animal Science Concentration

Companion Animal Option

Career Opportunities

Many exciting and rewarding career opportunities await the animal science graduate in today's ever-changing society. While the animal husbandry field was once primarily confined to those with a vast amount of practical experience with farm animals, the needs of a modern animal industry have created many new careers for the traditional farm student and those urban students with a keen interest in animals.

The program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a concentration in Animal Science is offered through the UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. The program combines basic science and technical courses related to companion animals with a sound background in humanities and social sciences. Through the wise use of elective courses, a student can focus on companion animal management and care, veterinary technology, or animal biotechnology. Of particular interest is the demand for women and minority students to fill positions of responsibility in the animal industry.

Employment Possibilities

A wide variety of professional careers are available to the animal scientist in vocations such as companion animal management, Agricultural Extension Service, and veterinary technology. There are also careers in the business-related areas of companion animal management such as retail pet specialist, animal health product sales, and veterinary office managers. Excellent opportunities are available for those with special training in agricultural communications, working on companion animal publications and in public relations. For the student desiring to pursue an advanced degree, the bachelor's in agriculture with a concentration in animal science prepares individuals for further studies in agricultural economics, business administration, animal biotechnology, food technology, and other studies leading to careers in teaching and research.

Facilities

A nearby Companion Animal Laboratory and UT Martin Agricultural and Natural Resources Field Teaching/Demonstration complex is available for research, teaching, and demonstration. Modern agricultural laboratories and classrooms are located in Brehm Hall and the Ned R. McWherter Agricultural Complex. The student is taught to use the computer, and numerous computer facilities are available for the student's convenience. In some cases, field trips are made to nearby companion animal industries and veterinary clinics to learn their operating procedures.

The University of Tennessee at Martin
Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
ANIMAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION
COMPANION ANIMAL SCIENCE OPTION
(Major code 1125)

Program Description: www.utm.edu/majors

Agriculture Fine Arts – 3 hrs

Requirement

- Choose 1 course from ART 110; ARTH 210, 211; DANC 110; MUS 111, 112; THEA 110, 111 (3 hrs)

Animal Science-Comp. Animal Biological & Physical Sciences – 16 hrs

Requirement

- BIOL 110 (4 hrs)
- BIOL 120 (4 hrs)
- CHEM 111 (4 hrs)
- CHEM 112 (4 hrs)

University Wide Communication – 9 hrs

Students who place in ENGL 100, will use ENGL 110 instead of ENGL 111 in the ENGL sequence.

Requirement

- ENGL 111 (3 hrs) (Min C grade)
- ENGL 112 (3 hrs) (Min C grade)
- COMM 230 (3 hrs)

University Wide Humanities – 9 hrs

Requirement

- Choose 3 courses from ENGL 250, 251, 260, 261, 270, 271; FREN 250; GERM 250; HIST 121, 122, 201, 202; HONR 111; PHIL 110, 120, 130, 160; SPAN 250 (9 hrs)

Animal Science Mathematics – 6 hrs

Requirement

- MATH 210 (3 hrs)
- Choose one course from MATH 140, 160, 185, or 251 (3 hrs)

Animal Science Social & Behavioral Science – 6 hrs

Requirement

- ECON 201 (3 hrs)
- ECON 202 (3 hrs)

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Ag Core – 18 hrs

Requirement

- **AGRI 390 (2 hrs)**
- **AGEC 110 (3 hrs)**
- **AGET 110 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 110 (3 hrs)**
- **PLSC 110 (3 hrs)**
- **SOIL 210 (4 hrs)**

Animal Science – Companion Major – 37 hrs

Requirement

- **ANSC 119 (1 hr)**
- **ANSC 230 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 240 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 260 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 320 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 330 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 350 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 351 (1 hr)**
- **ANSC 360 (3 hrs)**
- **ANSC 371 (4 hrs)**
- **ANSC 372 (3 hrs)**
- **MBIO 251 or 310 (4 hrs)**
- **Choose 3 hours from ANSC 410, 420, 430, 440**

Animal Science – Companion Animal Choices – 12 hrs

Requirement

- **English, Comm, Writing Elective, Choose 3 hrs from : ENGL 305, 310, 315 or 325 or COMM 200 or 210**
- **Choose 9 hours from ACCT 201 & 202 or ACCT 300; BLAW 201 or AGECE 375; FIN 301 or AGECE 465; MGT 300 or AGECE 471; MKTG 301 or AGECE 364**

Animal Science- Companion Animal Electives– 4 hrs

Requirement

- **Choose enough general hours to satisfy the 120 hour degree requirement from the upper division requirement**

As a general rule:

100 & 200 level courses are lower division courses and target freshman and sophomore years;

300 & 400 level courses are upper division courses and target junior and senior years;

However, this is variable and student should work closely with faculty advisor to meet individual needs