

ANIMAL SCIENCES, B.S.

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

Internships

Animal sciences majors take part in a number of internships around campus and beyond. Past students interned at veterinary clinics and hospitals, genetics companies, animal feed companies, Extension, food companies, farms, animal pharmaceutical companies, animal councils, and more.

Opportunities at Bucky's Varsity Meats, an on-campus meat-processing facility, and the Livestock Laboratory give students hands-on experience with all aspects of meat production.

Research experience

There are numerous opportunities to conduct research with faculty and staff in the department. Around 75 percent of animal sciences majors have completed independent study projects, and research stipends are available. Some students also take part in research as part of an honors thesis.

Student organizations

By joining a student organization, animal sciences majors connect with other students and build relationships with faculty and staff. Organizations available to animal sciences students include Pre Vet Club (<https://prevetassociation.weebly.com/>), Badger Meat Science Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/badgermeatscienceclub/>), Saddle and Sirloin Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/saddleandsirloin/>), and Poultry Club (<https://www.facebook.com/PoultryClubUWMadison/>).

There are additional opportunities for students to get involved in animal-related organizations on campus such as Hooper Riding Club (<https://www.hooferriding.org/>), Badger Dairy Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/badgerdairyclub/>), Collegiate FFA (<http://collegiateffamadison.weebly.com/>), and Association of Women in Agriculture (<http://awamadison.org/>).

Competitive teams

Students can join teams and compete against other universities for events such as the Animal Welfare Assessment and the Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition.

Global engagement

The department encourages students to study abroad and offers globally focused courses that look at livestock production, health, animal agriculture, and sustainable development. Students can find more information on the International Academic Programs website (<https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>) and the CALS study abroad advising page (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/international-programs/study-abroad-advising/>).

Community engagement and volunteering

Animal sciences students engage in a number of volunteer opportunities including working at the Livestock Lab, the Poultry Research Lab, the Dairy Cattle Center, Bucky's Varsity Meats, and Animal Farm Units.

Students also participate in Extension, 4-H and undergraduate student recruitment events.

On campus, the Morgridge Center for Public Service (<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/>) provides resources to help students connect with volunteer opportunities based on their interests and goals.