ANIMAL SCIENCES, MANSC

for the Master of Animal Sciences in Animal Sciences (on campus & online)

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Graduate Degree Programs in Animal Sciences
Graduate Majors:
Animal Sciences, MASC (p. 1)
Animal Sciences, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/animal-sciences-ms/)
Animal Sciences, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/animal-sciences-phd/)

Graduate Concentrations:
Bioinformatics: Animal Sciences, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/concentration/animal-sciences/bioinformatics/)

Research, Teaching, and Extension Areas
The Department of Animal Sciences offers graduate work leading to the Master of Animal Sciences. Fields of specialization include:

- animal breeding
- animal behavior
- biochemistry
- nutrition
- genetics
- systems
- physiology of lactation
- environmental physiology
- meat science & muscle biology management & production
- physiology of reproduction
- immunobiology
- microbiology

Beef and dairy cattle, horses, poultry, sheep, swine, and a variety of companion and laboratory animals are available for study. Experience in teaching, extension, or outreach is encouraged as part of the academic work.

Admission
Candidates for admission to the MASC program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution equivalent to those from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher (A = 4.0) for the last two years of undergraduate work and for any graduate study is required for admission. Students are encouraged to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores prior to admission for fellowship consideration and are required to submit GRE scores by the first semester in the graduate program. English proficiency requirements for admission follow Graduate College requirements. Application materials include baccalaureate degree transcripts, resume, personal statement, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores, and three letters of recommendation. Admission emphasis is placed on a student's interest and ability in research, teaching, or extension as demonstrated by previous work and letters of recommendation. Admission is possible for fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Code | Title | Hours
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ANSC 590 | Animal Sciences Seminar 1 | 2
or ANSC 591 | Grad Bioinformatics Seminar | 2-5
ANSC 440 | Applied Statistical Methods I 1 | 2-5
or ANSC 445 | Statistical Methods | 2-5
or ANSC 448 | Math Modeling in Life Sciences | 2-5
or ANSC 449 | Biological Modeling | 2-5
Elective 400- or 500-level ANSC courses (excludes ANSC 590, ANSC 591, ANSC 593) | 17-20
ANSC 593 | Res Studies in Animal Sciences 3 | 8
Total Hours | 32

Other Requirements
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Other Requirements and conditions may overlap
Minimum Hours Overall Required Within the Unit: 12
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12
Minimum GPA: 3.0

1 Equivalent course requires departmental approval
2 In consultation with their Animal Sciences faculty advisor, students will select courses that support the individual research studies project and strengthen career opportunities.
3 The individual research/teaching/outreach project or internship experience and a written report will fulfill the ANSC 593 (Research Studies in Animal Sciences) capstone project requirement. The project or internship and the written product will be supervised by the Animal Sciences faculty mentor and provide evidence that the student can understand and apply the scientific method, interpret scientific information; and effectively communicate scientific information in a field of animal sciences.

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