ANIMAL SCIENCES, PHD

for the Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences

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Graduate Degree Programs in Animal Sciences

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

Research Areas

The Department of Animal Sciences offers graduate work leading to the Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences degree. Fields of specialization include:

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

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 Ph.D. program must have a bachelor's or Master'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, and three letters of recommendation. Admission is possible for fall, spring, and summer semesters.