

ANIMAL WELFARE AND BEHAVIOR, MSAWB

This online Master of Science in Animal Welfare and Behavior provides in depth training in the science of animal welfare to working professionals engaged in animal protection, animal agriculture and food production, animal research, animal oversight or animal health as well as students interested in developing a career in these areas. The degree includes eight or nine online courses that can be completed in two-four years

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Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
Four Online Core Courses		
VCSP 6330	Fundamentals of Animal Behavior	6
VCSN 6390	Animal Welfare Science	6
VCSP 6390	Animals & Society	6
VCSN 6500	Applied Animal Welfare and Behavior	6
Four Online Advanced Courses		
VCSN 6590	Contemporary Issues in Animal Welfare	3
VCSN 6600	Animal Welfare Assessment	3
<i>Track Specific Electives</i>		
VCSN 6520	Regulations and Animal Welfare	3
VCSN 6580	Evolution of Animal Welfare	3
Original Research		
Proseminar Course		6
Capstone Seminar		6
Field Research ¹		6
Total Credit Hours		54

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For field research students only

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2022 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

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First Year		
<i>FALL</i>		
VCSN 6390	Animal Welfare Science	6
VCSP 6390	Animals & Society	6
<i>SPRING</i>		
VCSP 6330	Fundamentals of Animal Behavior	6
VCSN 6500	Applied Animal Welfare and Behavior	6
Second Year		
<i>FALL</i>		
VCSN 6600	Animal Welfare Assessment	3
VCSN 6520	Regulations and Animal Welfare	3

Proseminar Course		6
<i>SPRING</i>		
VCSN 6580	Evolution of Animal Welfare	3
VCSN 6590	Contemporary Issues in Animal Welfare	3
Capstone Seminar		6
<i>SUMMER</i>		
Mentored Thesis Research, Writing and Defense		6