

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

For more information, please email onehealth@vet.upenn.edu.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
Four Online Core Courses		
VCSN 6390	Animal Welfare Science	6
VCSP 6390	Animals & Society	6
VCSP 6330	Fundamentals of Animal Behavior	6
VCSN 6500	Applied Animal Welfare and Behavior	6
Original Research		
VPTH 6370	Capstone Proseminar in Animal Welfare and Behavior	6
VCSN 6530	Capstone in Animal Welfare and Behavior	6
Elective Courses		
Select 12 credits of Animal Welfare and Behavior program specific electives		12
Total Credit Hours		48

Program Specific Electives

Code	Title	Course Units
Animal Welfare and Behavior Program Specific Electives		
VCSN 6310	Natural Horse Behavior	3
VCSN 6520	Regulations and Animal Welfare	3
VCSN 6540	Animal Welfare in the Shelter and Community	6
VCSN 6580	Evolution of Animal Welfare	3
VCSN 6590	Contemporary Issues in Animal Welfare	3
VCSN 6600	Animal Welfare Assessment	3
VCSN 6620	Applied Small Animal Behavior: Dog and Cat	6
VCSP 6340	Emergency Preparedness and Response	3
VCSP 6440	Zoo Animal Welfare	3

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

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Elective Courses		
Select 24 credits of Animal Welfare and Behavior program specific electives		24
Professional Portfolio Development (non-credit course)		
Total Course Units		48