

Animal Science (ANSC)

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Degrees Conferred:

M.S., Ph.D. (ANSCMS, ANSCPH)

Areas of Study: Graduate studies in subject matter areas of genetics, nutrition, parasitology, meats and physiology may be pursued. Beef cattle, swine, sheep, and laboratory animals are available for research programs in the Animal Science Department.

Primary Areas of Faculty Research: Animal nutrition; animal physiology; animal breeding (genetics); meat science (muscle biology); parasitology.

M.S. in Animal Science

Prerequisites to Degree Programs: The student pursuing a program for a Master of Science degree must meet all general requirements of the Graduate School. In addition, the student must have completed the B.S. degree, preferably in a college or university with a major or equivalent in one of the areas of the Animal Science Department. Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation.

Requirements for the Master of Science Degree: (Minimum 30 hours.)

Thesis Option. The thesis option requires a minimum of 24 hours of graduate course work, plus six hours of thesis research credit. The student and adviser will prepare a program of work that may include additional undergraduate basic courses and at least 24 semester hours of studies plus the successful completion and defense of a thesis and submission of one research paper suitable for submission to a peer reviewed professional journal. The defense of the thesis will consist of an oral defense administered by the graduate adviser and the thesis committee. Any deficiencies in undergraduate major requirements or prerequisites for advanced courses may be included in the student's program in addition to the 24 hours.

Non-thesis Option. The non-thesis option requires the completion of the plan of study outlined below, and successful performance on a final exam, but does not require the preparation of a thesis.

Requirements for application and admission to the non-thesis option:

- Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the University of Arkansas Graduate School.
- An undergraduate B.S. degree in Animal Science or a closely related field of study, OR

- B.S. degree in another field with strong emphasis in the area of biological sciences (deficiency courses in addition to the prescribed 30 hour plan of study may be required).
- B.S. applicants without a strong background in biological sciences may be considered for admission to the program, but will be required to complete deficiency courses, as determined by the graduate admissions committee, in addition to the prescribed 30 hour plan of study.

Students must be accepted by a graduate adviser to begin the non-thesis program. The graduate adviser and the student's graduate committee will administer the non-thesis program. Degree requirements will be completed when the student has satisfactorily completed course work that meets the requirement for the non-thesis degree as listed below, and has satisfactorily completed a final exam. Students must have a final GPA # 2.85 to graduate from the program.

Non-Thesis M.S. Program Requirement: 30 hours minimum
Core Courses: 18-19 hours

Basic Program Core: 4 Hours

ANSC 59001	Seminar	1
AGST 50203	Principles of Experimentation	3
STAT 50133 & STAT 50131	Statistical Methods and Statistics Methods Laboratory	4
ESRM 53903	Statistics in Education and Health Professions	3
ESRM 64003	Educational Statistics and Data Processing	3

OR, any graduate level statistics course approved by the advisory committee.

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Animal Science Core Courses: 8-9 Hours 8-9

Genetics: 3 hours

ANSC 51203 Advanced Animal Genetics

Nutrition: 3 hours

Any 5000 level or higher nutrition class in ANSC

Physiology: 2-3 Hours

ANSC 59302 Cardiovascular Physiology of Domestic Animals

ANSC 59403 Endocrine Physiology of Domestic Animals

ANSC 59502 Respiratory Physiology of Domestic Animals

ANSC 59602 Gastrointestinal/Digestive Physiology of Domestic Animals

ANSC 59702 Renal Physiology

ANSC 68303 Reproduction in Domestic Animals

ANSC Electives: 9 Hours 9

Any graduate-level course in ANSC

General Electives: 9 Hours 9

CHEM 38103 Elements of Biochemistry (Graduate School approval is required)

GRSD 50003 The Professoriate: Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Any 5000- or 6000-level course in departments within AFLS or in BIOL, CHEM, ESRM, or STAT

Or any graduate-level course approved by the graduate advisory committee.

Other program requirements

No more than two credit hours of seminar can be included in the 30 credit hour total.

At least 15 credits of ANSC courses must be at the 5000 level or above.

Non-thesis programs may include no more than three (3) hours of special problems in the minimum 30-credit hour requirement.

No more than six (6) hours of 4000-level graduate courses may be counted toward the 30-credit hour requirement.

Students are expected to meet with the graduate mentor at least once per semester.

Students are required to complete the annual graduate student progress report.

Total Hours **30**

Transition Between M.S. Programs: A student can transition from the non-thesis to a thesis program with the approval of the graduate adviser and the department head. A student desiring to transition from the thesis to the non-thesis program must have the approval of the graduate adviser, the M.S. thesis committee, the department head, and the graduate dean. In addition, no credit will be granted for thesis hours, and a maximum of six hours of course work completed at the time of transition can be counted in the non-thesis degree program. Students in the non-thesis option are not eligible for departmental assistantships.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to master's degrees (<http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degree requirements/#mastersdegreestext>).

Ph.D. in Animal Science

Prerequisites to Degree Program: For acceptance into a course of study leading to the Ph.D. degree, a grade-point average of 3.00 on all previous graduate work and three letters of recommendation are required. Students accepted into the Ph.D. program without a M.S. must have a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average on all undergraduate work. The student will have a minimum of 24 hours post-baccalaureate work and 18 hours of dissertation at the end of the program.

Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree: In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, the requirements will consist of a program of research, appropriate course work and seminars as specified by the student's graduate committee, as well as a dissertation and two research papers acceptable to the dissertation committee.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to doctoral degrees (<http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degree requirements/#phdandedddegreetext>).

Graduate Faculty

Coffey, Ken, Ph.D. (University of Missouri-Columbia), M.S. (University of Kentucky), B.S. (University of Tennessee), Professor, 1996, 2003.
Gadberry, M. Shane, Ph.D., M.S., B.S. (University of Arkansas), Professor, 2006, 2019.

Huang, Yan, Ph.D. (University of Wyoming), M.S. (Dankook University), B.S. (China Agricultural University), Associate Professor, 2015.

Jennings, John A., Ph.D. (University of Missouri), M.S. (University of Arkansas), B.S. (Southwest Missouri State University), Professor, 1998.

Kegley, Beth, Ph.D., M.S. (North Carolina State University), B.S. (Virginia Polytech Institute and State University), Professor, 1996, 2007.

Kutz, Bryan Richard, Ph.D. (University of Arkansas), M.S. (Western Kentucky University), B.S. (Oklahoma State University), A.S. (Northern Oklahoma College), Teaching Assistant Professor, 1997, 2021.

Littlejohn, Brittni P., Ph.D., M.S., B.S. (Texas A&M University), Assistant Professor, 2019.

Looney, Charles R., Ph.D. (Louisiana State University), Professor, 2019.

Looper, Michael L., Ph.D. (Oklahoma State University), M.S., B.S. (University of Arkansas), Professor, 2011.

Philipp, Dirk, Ph.D. (Texas Tech University), M.S., B.S. (University of Leizig, Germany), Associate Professor, 2007, 2015.

Powell, Jeremy G., Ph.D. (University of Arkansas), D.V.M. (Oklahoma State University), B.S. (University of Arkansas), Professor, 2009, 2013.

Quadros, Danilo, Ph.D., M.S. (Sao Paulo State University), M.P.S. (Penn State University), B.S. (State University of Southwestern Bahia), Assistant Professor, 2023.

Rivera, Daniel J., Ph.D. (New Mexico State University), M.S. (West Texas A&M University), Associate Professor, 2021.

Rogers, Lauren, D.V.M. (Oklahoma State University), B.S. (University of Arkansas), Teaching Associate Professor, 2016.

Rumley, Elizabeth R., LL.M. (University of Arkansas), J.D. (University of Toledo), B.A. (Michigan State University), Instructor, 2012.

Russell, Mark, Ed.D. (Texas Tech University), M.S., B.S. (Colorado State University), Assistant Professor, 2010.

Setyabrata, Derico, Ph.D., B.S. (Purdue University), Assistant Professor, 2022.

Vierck, Kelly, Ph.D. (Texas Tech University), M.S. (Kansas State University), B.S. (Oklahoma State University), Assistant Professor, 2020.

Zhao, Jiangchao, Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin-Madison), M.S., B.S. (China Agricultural University), Associate Professor, 2015, 2019.

Courses

ANSC 5000V. Special Problems. 1-6 Hour.

Work in special problems of animal industry. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

ANSC 50103. Domestic Animal Energetics. 3 Hours.

Physical, physiological and biochemical aspects of energy metabolism of domestic animals and their applications to livestock production. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

ANSC 50203. Legal Issues in Animal Agriculture. 3 Hours.

An issues-oriented course focusing on the legal issues involved in the production of poultry, swine and livestock. Emphasis will center on the laws, regulations and policy arguments involved in animal confinement, antibiotic use, humane slaughter and veterinary medicine, along with other related issues. The wide range of regulation- from local to state to federal, depending on the issue- will be studied and discussed. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 41203 and ANSC 50203. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

ANSC 50502. Cow-Calf Management. 2 Hours.

Systems of cow-calf management including the practical application of the principles of breeding, feeding, and management to commercial and purebred beef cattle under Arkansas conditions. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 42502 and ANSC 50502. (Typically offered: Fall)

ANSC 5100V. Special Topics in Animal Sciences. 1-4 Hour.

Topics not covered in other courses or a more intensive study of specific topics in animal sciences. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for degree credit.

ANSC 51203. Advanced Animal Genetics. 3 Hours.

Specialized study of animal genetics. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite:

ANSC 31203. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 51203.

ANSC 51403. Biochemical Nutrition. 3 Hours.

Interrelationship of nutrition and physiological chemistry; structure and metabolism of physiological significant carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins; integration of metabolism with provision of tissue fuels; specie differences in regulatory control of tissue and whole body metabolism of nutrients. Prerequisite: CHEM 38103.

(Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 51403.

ANSC 51502. Protein and Amino Acid Nutrition. 2 Hours.

Students will be introduced to the basic processes of protein digestion, amino acid absorption, transport, metabolism, and utilization along with how biochemical function of proteins and their dynamic state affect nutritional status for animals and man. Prerequisite: CHEM 38103. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 51502.

ANSC 51603. Companion Animal Nutrition. 3 Hours.

This course is designed to focus on the digestive anatomy, physiology, and nutrient metabolism of non-herbivorous companion animals, primarily dogs and cats. Topics discussed will also include an overview of the pet food industry, its regulations and commonly utilized ingredients. Students will gain a deeper understanding of nutrition as it relates to life stages and various disease states that can affect both dogs and cats. This course will require a Saturday trip to one or two off campus facilities.

Prerequisite: ANSC 31433 or POSC 43403. (Typically offered: Spring)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 51603.

ANSC 52602. Swine Production. 2 Hours.

Methods in producing purebred and commercial swine with specific emphasis on the management programs needed for profitable pork production in Arkansas. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 42602 and ANSC 52602. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

ANSC 52702. Sheep Production. 2 Hours.

Purebred and commercial sheep management emphasizing the programs of major importance in lamb and wool production in Arkansas. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 42702 and ANSC 52702. (Typically offered: Spring)

ANSC 52803. Horse Production. 3 Hours.

Production, use and care of horses and ponies including breeding, feeding, handling, and management. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 42802 and ANSC 52803. Corequisite: Lab component. (Typically offered: Spring)

ANSC 53303. Diseases of Livestock. 3 Hours.

This course will cover the fundamental principles of disease, body defense mechanisms, disease prevention and the diseases commonly found in our domestic livestock species. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

ANSC 54103. Animal Welfare. 3 Hours.

This multi-disciplinary course introduces students to the principles and application of animal welfare and will emphasize farm animal welfare and production issues.

(Typically offered: Spring)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 54103.

ANSC 54502. Milk Production. 2 Hours.

Principles of breeding, feeding, and management of dairy cattle will be studied.

Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 44502 and ANSC 54502.

(Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

ANSC 54802. Companion Animal Management. 2 Hours.

The study and application of principles of domestication, nutrition, reproduction, parasitology, diseases, behavior, and husbandry management to companion animals. Dogs, cats, and exotic animals will be the species of primary interest. Practical problems of care and management of these species will be solved.

Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 44802 and ANSC 54802.

Prerequisite: BIOL 10103 or equivalent or consent of instructor. (Typically offered: Spring)

ANSC 55402. Concepts in Nonruminant Nutrition. 2 Hours.

Students will be introduced to fundamental concepts in nutrition studies associated with feed/food intake, nutrient digestibility, nutrient bioavailability, and factorial analyses. New and classical nutrition literature will also be reviewed. (Typically offered: Fall)

ANSC 55503. Forage-Ruminant Relations. 3 Hours.

Advanced chemical, physical, and botanical characteristics of forage plants, the dynamics of grazing, intake and digestion, and techniques of measuring forage utilization and systems analysis at the plant-animal interface. CSES 12003 recommended. Prerequisite: ANSC 31433. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

ANSC 56103. Muscle Growth and Development. 3 Hours.

This is a graduate level course offering detailed insights into skeletal muscle morphological, physiological, cellular and molecular factors affecting muscle structure and function, with special emphasis on cellular and molecular regulation of muscle growth and development, such as myo-, fibro-, and adipo-genesis. And the relationship between the properties of skeletal muscle and meat quality. Graduate students will focus on the scientific reading, problem solving, and generating research ideas. ANSC 30303, CHEM 38103 or ANSC 51403 or an equivalent course are recommended as a prerequisite. (Typically offered: Fall)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 56103.

ANSC 56502. Stocker-Feedlot Cattle Management. 2 Hours.

Production and management systems for stocker and feed-lot cattle including practical applications of forage systems, feeding, health management and economics of production of these livestock. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both ANSC 46502 and ANSC 56502. (Typically offered: Fall)

ANSC 56602. Comparative Studies in Panamanian and US Agricultural Practices. 2 Hours.

An experiential-learning course with an embedded trip to Panama designed to give students an overview of the agricultural industry and the impact of Panamanian history, culture and geography on agriculture and how this contrasts with practices in the US. Students will participate in a study tour to Panama where they will engage in learning experiences that explore the agriculture, history, and culture of this country. They will have the opportunity to visit and learn from successful producers of livestock and agricultural staples as well as tour the Panama canal and learn about Panamanian culture and history. Prerequisite: Instructor consent and approval from Study Abroad office. (Typically offered: Spring)

ANSC 57403. Advanced Analytical Methods in Animal Sciences Laboratory. 3 Hours.

Introduction into theory and application of current advanced analytical techniques used in animal research. Two 3-hour laboratory periods per week. (Typically offered: Fall)

This course is cross-listed with POSC 57433.

ANSC 58503. Advanced Meats Technology. 3 Hours.

An intensive study of processed meats, relating the science, technology, and quality of further processed meat and poultry products. Product development, sensory and chemical analysis, microbiology, nutritional aspects, and product labeling are covered. Prerequisite: POSC 43104 or ANSC 36103. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

ANSC 59001. Seminar. 1 Hour.

Critical review of the current scientific literature pertaining to the field of animal science. Oral reports. Lecture 1 hour per week. (Typically offered: Fall)

ANSC 59302. Cardiovascular Physiology of Domestic Animals. 2 Hours.

Cardiovascular physiology, including mechanisms of heart function and excitation, and blood vessel mechanisms associated with the circulatory system in domestic animals and poultry. Lecture 3 hours; drill 1 hour per week (for second 8 weeks of semester). Pre- or Corequisite: CHEM 38103. Corequisite: Drill component. Prerequisite: POSC 30303 or ANSC 30303. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with POSC 59302.

ANSC 59403. Endocrine Physiology of Domestic Animals. 3 Hours.

Endocrine physiology, including mechanisms of hormone secretion, function, and regulation. Mechanisms associated with the endocrine system will be discussed for domestic animals and poultry. Prerequisite: POSC 30303 or ANSC 30303. Pre- or Corequisite: CHEM 38103. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)
This course is cross-listed with POSC 59403.

ANSC 59502. Respiratory Physiology of Domestic Animals. 2 Hours.

Respiratory physiology, including mechanisms of lung function and gas exchange. Mechanisms associated with the interaction of the respiratory system with other bodily systems in domestic animals and poultry will be discussed. Lecture 3 hours; drill 1 hour per week for first 8 weeks of semester. Pre- or Corequisite: CHEM 38103. Corequisite: Drill component. Prerequisite: POSC 30303 or ANSC 30303. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with POSC 59502.

ANSC 59602. Gastrointestinal/Digestive Physiology of Domestic Animals. 2 Hours.

Gastrointestinal and hepatic physiology, including mechanisms of digestion, absorption of nutrients with emphasis on cellular control mechanisms in domestic animals and poultry. Lecture 3 hours; drill 1 hour per week (for second 8 weeks of semester). Pre- or Corequisite: CHEM 38103. Corequisite: Drill component. Prerequisite: POSC 30303 or ANSC 30303. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with POSC 59602.

ANSC 59702. Renal Physiology. 2 Hours.

Renal physiology, including mechanisms of renal clearance with emphasis on cellular control mechanisms in domestic animals and poultry. Lecture 3 hours; drill 1 hour per week (for second 8 weeks of semester). Pre- or Corequisite: CHEM 38103. Corequisite: Drill component. Prerequisite: POSC 30303 or ANSC 30303. (Typically offered: Fall)

ANSC 6000V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.

Master's Thesis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.

ANSC 61403. Minerals in Animal Nutrition. 3 Hours.

Mineral nutrients, their sources and functions, as related to nutrition of domestic animals. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: ANSC 31433 or POSC 43403. (Typically offered: Fall; Spring Even Years)

ANSC 62403. Ruminant Nutrition. 3 Hours.

Anatomy and physiology of the rumen. The nutrient requirements of microbial organisms and the relation of microbial digestion in the rumen to the nutrition of cattle, sheep and other ruminants. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

ANSC 63403. Vitamin Nutrition and Metabolism. 3 Hours.

The vitamins required for humans and domestic animals for a healthy life with emphasis on absorption, transport, metabolism, biopotency, mechanism of action, tissue retention and turnover. Prerequisite: CHEM 38103. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)
This course is cross-listed with FDSC 63403, POSC 63403.

ANSC 68303. Reproduction in Domestic Animals. 3 Hours.

Comprehensive review of current theory of reproductive function in domestic animals. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: ANSC 34303. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

ANSC 7000V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.

Doctoral Dissertation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.