In addition to a core group of faculty members the Department of Animal Biosciences works closely with professionals from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), and other affiliated organizations. The graduate program encompasses MSc by course work, MSc by thesis, and PhD options in four main fields:

- Animal Breeding and Genetics (quantitative or molecular)
- Animal Nutrition (monogastric or ruminant)
- Animal Physiology (environmental and reproductive)
- Animal Behaviour and Welfare

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Admission Requirements

An honours baccalaureate, with a minimum average grade of 'B' during the last 2 years of full-time equivalent study. For Canadian degrees, we interpret this as the last 20 semester courses, however we do not split a semester and we will not consider any fewer than 16 courses.

Program Requirements

Students enrol in one of two study options:

1. thesis, or
2. course work and major research paper.

Thesis

Candidates for the thesis-based MSc degree must successfully complete a prescribed series of courses, prepare and submit a thesis proposal to their advisory committee, conduct a research project, prepare a thesis based on their results and defend this in a final examination. The number of course credits required in this option will be decided by the student's advisory committee in consultation with the student, and may exceed the minimum 1.5 credits required by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Generally, 4 or 5 courses (1.5-2.0 credits) will be taken, including the mandatory ANSC*6610 Scientific Communication, Knowledge Dissemination and Professional Development (0.50 credits).

Course Work and Major Research Paper (MRP)

Candidates for the MSc degree by course work and major paper option must complete a minimum of 4.0 credits (7 courses). Of these courses, one will be ANSC*6900 Major Paper in Animal Biosciences and another must be the mandatory ANSC*6610 Scientific Communication, Knowledge Dissemination and Professional Development (0.50 credits). The major paper will be a detailed, critical review of an area of study related to the specialization chosen by the student and should include analyses and interpretations of relevant data.

At the beginning of the program, the student and student's advisory committee will design the coursework program according to the program guidelines and the aspirations and background of the student.

Students will normally choose a minimum of 4 courses in the area of specialization, and a minimum of two courses outside the area of specialization. These latter courses can be offered by departments other than Animal Biosciences.

A maximum of one approved senior-level undergraduate course can be included in the list of prescribed courses. Recommended graduate courses in the three areas of specialization are as follows:

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The MSc by course work and major paper degree will require a minimum of three semesters of full-time study (or the equivalent).

PhD Program

The PhD program is research oriented and provides instruction and experiences that develop the student's ability to independently formulate hypotheses and design and execute experiments or conduct observational studies to reach definitive conclusions.

Admission Requirements

Students entering a PhD program should show potential for independent, productive, and original research. A PhD program can be entered by three routes: following completion of an MSc program; following transfer prior to completion of an MSc program; and directly from a bachelor degree.
In general, a minimum average grade of ‘B’ for a completed MSc program plus strong letters of reference are required. Students wishing to be considered for transfer to a PhD program prior to completion of the MSc program must request the transfer before the end of the fourth semester and have an excellent academic record as well as a strong aptitude for research.

Direct admission to the PhD program may be permitted for applicants who hold a bachelor’s degree and have an excellent academic history and strong indications of research potential.

**Program Requirements**

Satisfactory completion of a PhD program requires a comprehensive knowledge of the area of emphasis and the ability to conduct original research in this area, plus a sound general background in two related areas of study. This competence is demonstrated in a qualifying examination and through the preparation and submission of a thesis proposal to their advisory committee that outlines the design and plans to execute a substantial and original research project. Based on this research, a thesis is prepared and defended in a final examination.

The number of courses required for a PhD program will be decided by the student’s advisory committee in consultation with the student. All PhD students are required to complete the mandatory ANSC*6610 Scientific Communication, Knowledge Dissemination and Professional Development (0.50 credits). Students taking this course as an MSc student are not required to take it as a PhD student.

**Collaborative Specializations**

**Neuroscience**

The Department of Animal Biosciences participates in the MA/MSc/PhD collaborative specialization in neuroscience. Please consult the Neuroscience (calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/collaborative-specializations/neuroscience/) listing for a detailed description of the MA/MSc/PhD collaborative specialization.

**One Health**

The Department of Animal Biosciences participates in the collaborative specialization in One Health. Master’s and Doctoral students wishing to undertake thesis research or their major research paper/project with an emphasis on one health are eligible to apply to register concurrently in Animal Biosciences and the collaborative specialization. Students should consult the One Health (calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/collaborative-specializations/one-health/) listing for more information.

**Toxicology**

The Department of Animal Biosciences participates in the masters/doctoral collaborative specialization in toxicology. The research and teaching expertise of these faculty include aspects of toxicology; they may serve as advisors for masters and doctoral students in Toxicology. Students choosing this option must meet the requirements of the Toxicology collaborative specialization, as well as those of their home department. Please consult the Toxicology (calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/collaborative-specializations/toxicology/) listing for a detailed description of the masters/doctoral collaborative specialization.

**Courses**

Some courses are only offered when there is a certain minimum enrolment.

- **ANSC*6010 Topics in Comparative Animal Nutrition** Fall Only [0.50]
  - Current topics in the feeding and nutrition of agricultural, companion and captive animal species. Emphasis is placed on the influence of nutrients on metabolic integration at tissue, organ and whole-animal levels. A nutritional case study will be conducted to allow students to solve practical feeding problems by applying basic nutritional principles. The course is offered annually.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6030 Modelling Metabolic Processes** Fall Only [0.50]
  - Building and testing of mathematical models of metabolic processes using continuous simulation software to assist in weekly assignments. Choice of model based on students’ research interests (e.g. protein synthesis, nutrient uptake, rumen fermentation). Term project to reproduce model from scientific knowledge.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6050 Biometry for Animal Sciences** Winter Only [0.50]
  - For students involved in animal research. The course will provide outlines of appropriate presentation and analysis of experimental data with emphasis on different analytical techniques.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6070 Metabolic Regulation of Reproduction** Fall Only [0.50]
  - #Take ANSC*3040; Minimum grade 050;
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6100 Special Project** Summer, Fall, and Winter [0.50]
  - Supervised program of study in some aspect of animal and poultry science that can involve an experimental project and/or detailed analysis of the literature.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6210 Principles of Selection in Animal Breeding** Winter Only [0.50]
  - Definition of selection goals, prediction of genetic progress and breeding values, and the comparison of selection programs.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6240 Topics in Animal Genetics and Genomics** Winter Only [0.50]
  - Current literature and classical papers pertaining to quantitative genetics, animal breeding and animal genomics are reviewed in detail through presentation, discussion and critical analysis.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
  - **Location(s):** Guelph

- **ANSC*6250 Growth and Metabolism** Winter Only [0.50]
  - Animal growth and metabolism are considered at the cellular level in a manner that extends beyond the basic disciplines of biometrics and biochemistry with attention focused on the main carcass components - muscle, fat and bone.
  - **Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences
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**ANSC*6710 Assessing Animal Welfare in Practice Winter Only [0.50]**
A lecture/seminar course covering the principles of applied animal welfare assessment. Students will learn what influences an animal welfare assessment and will understand the components necessary to create an effective and targeted animal welfare program for industry or regulatory application.

**Offering(s):** Winter offering on-campus, Summer offering Distance Education.

**Prerequisite(s):** ANSC*6700

**Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences

**Location(s):** Guelph

**ANSC*6720 Scientific Assessment of Affective States in Animals Winter Only [0.50]**
Graduate students will explore the biology and validity of behavioural and physiological techniques used in animal welfare assessment such as: sympathetic activation, HPA functioning, stereotypic behaviour and preference responses. A combination of lecture, instructor-led discussion and student-led discussion will explore these methods of animal welfare assessment.

**Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences

**Location(s):** Guelph

**ANSC*6730 Applied Environmental Physiology and Animal Housing Winter Only [0.50]**
A lecture/seminar course covering the principles of applied environmental physiology including temperature regulation, space requirements, animal responses to light and other aspects of the physical environment. Students pursue a topic in depth to develop or update recommended codes of practice and resource-based standards.

**Restriction(s):** Cannot take if credit received for ANSC*4080 or ANSC*4100.

**Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences

**Location(s):** Guelph

**ANSC*6740 Special Topics in Applied Animal Welfare Science Summer Only [0.50]**
A lecture/seminar course covering in depth topics in applied animal welfare science. The course will review the scientific research into the welfare of a specific animal species or a specific animal welfare problem common across species, focusing on the main threats to welfare, relevant indicators of welfare, and possible solutions to improve welfare.

**Department(s):** Department of Animal Biosciences

**Location(s):** Guelph

**ANSC*6900 Major Paper in Animal Biosciences Summer, Fall, and Winter [1.00]**
A detailed, critical review of an area of study related to the specialization of students in the MSc by course work and major paper option that includes analysis and interpretation of relevant data.

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