

Animal Sciences Program Graduate Student Requirements Doctor of Philosophy

General requirements:

- Complete Form 2 (Program of Study) and Supervisory Committee by the midpoint of your 2nd semester after convening a meeting with the committee.
- Supervisory Committee must have 4 UF Graduate Faculty members (at least two from the department and one external Member (outside the department, must have an UF Graduate Faculty Appointment)
- Committee members outside UF can serve on the committee as a 'Special member', but they cannot replace one of the four UF members.
- Meet with Supervisory Committee regularly preferably at least once a semester.
- Attend and make a presentation at the Annual Animal Sciences Research Symposium in the Fall semester (for a student who has completed at least 1 semester as a PhD)
- Enroll in Advance Research, ANS 7979- before Qualifying Exam (QE) - Pass QE the next semester enroll in ANS 7980-Doctoral Research

Course requirements:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on all coursework.
- At least 90 course credits are required beyond the Master's (MS) degree and ½ of the required credit hours in the major including research. No more than 30 eligible credits from a MS in the same degree program can be transferred.
- If MS is not from UF then a Transfer of Credit is required. The request can be made after the midpoint of the 2nd semester
- Take 3 credits of Supervised Teaching (ANS 6940) and/or Supervised Extension¹ (ANS 6942). Students who take 3 credits of Supervised Extension should serve as the TA for at least one semester during their program.
- Take 2 credits of Graduate Seminar (Dissertation section) ANS 6933 or a substitute approved by your committee.
- Take an Ethics course approved by your committee such as one of the following:
 - AG / Natural Resource Ethics – AEB 4126
 - Animal Ethics – WIS 6934 or VME 6934
 - Ethics and Ecology – PHM 3032
 - Environmental Ethics – PHI 3640
 - Ethics in Genetics – GMS 6221
 - Concepts of Applied Ethology – ANS 6040
 - Research Ethics in the Biological Sciences – ZOO 6927

Courses in the Animal Sciences major are listed in the **Graduate Catalog** showing the maximum credit hours you can take per semester.

- Find the [Graduate Catalog here](#).

Examination requirements:

- Pass the Qualifying Exam/Candidacy Admission by the midpoint of your 7th semester and transfer MS credits (if applicable)
- Meet all Graduate Degree Application deadlines.
- In the final semester (defense), degree candidates must submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline, submit the transmittal form and enroll in ANS 7980 (at least 3 (fall or spring) 2(summer). Students on an UF assistantship must register for a total of 9 credit hours in Fall or Spring and total of 6 credit hours in Summer. All other students must register for at least 3 credit hours in Fall or Spring or 2 credit hours in the Summer.
- Successfully defend the Dissertation and pass the Final Dissertation Exam (enter results in GIMS) and submit the electronic Pro-Quest UMI form to the EDT office. Complete UF Graduate School requirements by the deadline.

Additional requirements:

- Review the Graduate Student Handbook.
- **Review additional requirements in the UF graduation checklist at <https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/calendar/> and the UF dissertation checklist at <https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/calendar/>**
- Complete the Binding Request /Exit Checklist Form. See Graduate Advisor

Attend each of the following at least once:

- CALS Teaching Enhancement Symposium, which is typically in August.
- Attend an extension program like the Beef Cattle Short Course (May), the FL Ruminant Nutrition Symposium (Jan / Feb), the CALS Extension Faculty Symposium (April), the Corn Silage Field Day (April/May), Florida Dairy Production or a substitute approved by your Graduate committee.
- Attend a grantsmanship workshop or submit a grant to a funding agency approved by your committee. (The Dean for Research usually organizes a grantsmanship workshop in the Spring semester)
- Participate in a journal club or take a course involving journal discussions.
- Publish your work in at least one peer-reviewed journal article before your program ends.
- **Notice: Federal regulation pertaining to foreign students studying in the U.S.** No more than the equivalent of one online/distance education class or **3 credits per academic semester (3 credits is the maximum)** may count towards the "full course of study" requirement, if an online or distance education course "does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class."

Animal Sciences Program Graduate Student Requirements and Expectations Master of Science (thesis)

General requirements:

- ❑ Complete Form 2 (Program of Study) and Supervisory Committee by the midpoint of your 2nd semester after convening a meeting with the committee.
- ❑ Supervisory Committee must have 3 UF Graduate Faculty members (2 Animal Sciences faculty and 1 UF Graduate Faculty member in or outside the department with a Graduate Faculty Appointment)
- ❑ Committee members outside UF can be on the committee as a 'Special member', but they cannot replace one of the three UF members.
- ❑ Meet with Supervisory Committee regularly preferably at least once a semester.

Course requirements:

- ❑ Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on all coursework
 - ❑ Earn at **least 30 credit hours**
 - ❑ At least half of the required credits ((not including 6971; no maximum, but only 6 research credits will count towards the major)) must be in the major at 5000 level or higher. Can include up to 6 hours of undergraduate course work (3000-4999) that is outside of the major when approved.
 - Take 1 credit of ANS 6933 Graduate Seminar (MS Thesis section) or a substitute approved by your committee.
 - There is no maximum, but no more than 6 research credits will count towards the degree (see final semester enroll)
- Courses in the Animal Sciences major are listed in the Graduate Catalog showing the maximum you can take per semester.
- ❑ Find the [Graduate Catalog here](#).

Examination requirements in Final Semester:

- ❑ Must submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline.
- ❑ Enroll in Master Research Credits, ANS 6971, as deemed appropriate (Fall or Spring (3); Summer (2)). Students on an UF assistantship must register for 9 credit hours in Fall or Spring and 6 credit hours in Summer, (Summer A and B or Summer C).
- ❑ Meet Graduate Degree Application deadlines.
- ❑ Successfully defend the Thesis and Pass the Final Exam

Additional requirements:

- ❑ Review the Graduate Student Handbook.
- ❑ **Review additional requirements on the UF graduation checklist and the UF dissertation checklist at <https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/calendar/>**
- ❑ Complete the Binding Request and Exit Checklist Form. See Graduate Advisor

Expectations:

- ❑ Present an abstract at a national or international scientific meeting before your program ends.
- ❑ Participate in a journal club or take a course involving journal discussions.
- ❑ Encouraged to serve as a Teaching Assistant (ANS 6940-Supervised Teaching) for at least one credit hour.

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Animal Sciences Program Graduate Student Requirements and Expectations

Master of Science (non-thesis)

General requirements:

- Complete Form 2 (Program of Study) and Supervisory Committee by the midpoint of your first semester after convening a meeting with the committee.
- Supervisory Committee must have 2 UF Animal Sciences Graduate Faculty members.
- Meet with your Supervisory Committee regularly, preferably at least once a semester.

Course requirements:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on all coursework.
 - Take 30 course credits:
 - 15 credit hours in the major 5000 level or higher with at least 2 credits of either: 6905, 6910 or 6932 and 1 credit hour of ANS 6933 (non-Thesis section)
 - An additional 15 credit hours in the major or outside
 - Up to 6 hours of undergraduate courses (3000-4999) outside the major may be used for support coursework when taken as part of an approved graduate program.

Courses in the Animal Sciences major are listed in the Graduate Catalog showing the maximum credit hours you can take per semester.

- Find the [Graduate Catalog here](#).

Examination requirements:

- In the final semester, register for at least the minimum credits in the major, submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline, Graduate Assistants must register for 9 credit hours in Fall or Spring and 6 credit hours in Summer and all other students must register for at least 3 credit hours in Fall or Spring and 2 credit hours in Summer.
- Meet Graduate Degree Application deadlines.
- Pass Final Oral and/or Written Exam.

Expectations

- Encouraged to serve as a Teaching Assistant (ANS 6940-Supervised Teaching) for at least one semester.

Additional requirements:

- Please view the Graduate Handbook
- Please review the UF graduation checklist at <https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/calendar/> for additional requirements.
- Complete the binding Request and Exit Checklist Form. See the Graduate Advisor

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