MICROPROGRAM ANIMAL STUDIES

Overview
Animal Studies in an emerging and socially engaged field that explores the ethical, religious, philosophical, political, and sociocultural aspects of animal-human relationships. Animal Studies is concerned with the full range of historical and contemporary dimensions of humans’ relations with other living beings, including the great diversity in humans’ cultural attitudes toward the non-human world, the roles and representations of animals in human societies, and our moral responsibilities toward non-human animals. As such, the academic interest in Animal Studies mirrors a growing sensitivity to the plight of animals found within the broader society.

The 15-course unit cross-disciplinary microprogram in Animal Studies proposes to engage students with ethical questions about the human co-existence with other species. It shares many of the theoretical perspectives, social and animal justice goals, and pedagogical tools of other advocacy-oriented disciplines.

Program Requirements
The table below includes only the microprogram-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/) for information on the possible combinations available within the Faculty of Arts.

Compulsory courses
AHL 2110 Introduction to Animal Studies I 3 Units
SRS 2172 Religion, Animals, Nature 3 Units

Optional courses
9 course units from:

Compulsory courses
AHL 2120 Special Topics in Animal Studies I
AHL 3120 Special Topics in Animal Studies II
AHL 4135 Capstone Seminar in Animal Studies
BIO 1130 Introduction to Organismal Biology
BIO 1300 The Human Animal
BIO 2135 Animal Form and Function
CML 3374 Law and Society
EAS 3103 Indigenous Spiritualities in the Americas
ENG 2141 Literature and the Environment
ENV 1101 Global Environmental Challenges
ENV 2301 History of Environmental Thought
GEG 1301 The Physical Environment
GEG 1302 Places and Spaces of Human Activity
GEG 3114 Biogeography
SOC 3105 Environmental Sociology
SRS 2115 Religious Ways of the Aboriginal Peoples
SRS 3111 Aboriginal Myths and Philosophy
SRS 3119 Shamanic Traditions

Total: 15 Units