MINOR IN 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 Minor 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.

Learn more about this program (https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/programs/undergraduate/animal-studies/)

Program requirements

The table below includes only discipline-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 including a minor to your degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory Courses		
AHL 2110	Introduction to Animal Studies I	3 Units
AHL 2111	Introduction to Animal Studies II: Fieldwork	3 Units
ANT 3106	Environmental Anthropology	3 Units
BIO 1300	The Human Animal	3 Units
PHI 2100	Animal Ethics	3 Units
SRS 2172	Religion, Animals, Nature	3 Units
Optional Courses		
6 course units from:		6 Units
ART 2952	Drawing: Animals, Humans and other living forms	
CML 3145	Animals and the Law	
FEM 3109	Feminism, Animality and Posthumanism	
6 course units from:		6 Units
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	
PHI 2396	Bioethics	
PHI 2398	Environmental Ethics	
SOC 3105	Environmental Sociology	
SRS 3119	Shamanic Traditions	
Total:		**30 Units**