

ANIMAL STUDIES OPTION

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 option 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.

What is a Transdisciplinary option?

Transdisciplinary options are microcredentials that allow you to tailor your degree and develop competencies outside of your Honours BA, Major or Minor. These thematic microcredentials range from 9 to 18 course units and can be taken from your electives. Options can be added to most of the B.A. and B.Sc. programs at the Faculty of Arts and the name of the option will appear on your transcript. Adding one or several options to your degree allows you to be the architect of your degree and develop additional competencies beyond your fields of study.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the option-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-3-program-of-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: 9 Units

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