

**Animal Sciences Program Graduate Student Expectations
Doctor of Philosophy**

General requirements:

- Complete Form 2 and Supervisory Committee by the midpoint of your second 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, who is outside the department but has UF Graduate Faculty Status)
- Committee members outside UF can service 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 October
- Research Credits, ANS 7979- Advanced Research before Qualifying Exam and 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 bachelor's degree. No more than 30 eligible credits from a MS degree can be transferred into the PhD program. If MS is not in the major then a Transfer of Credit is required.
- Take 3 credits of Supervised Teaching (ANS 6940 – Supervised Teaching) and/or Supervised Extension¹. 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 ANS Graduate Seminar (Dissertation section) 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 – ABE 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 6932
 - Research Ethics in the Biological Sciences – ZOO 6927

Courses in the Animal Sciences major are listed in the Graduate Catalog

Examination requirements:

- Pass the Qualifying Exam/Candidacy Admission by the midpoint of your seventh semester and transfer MS credits(if applicable)
- Meet all Graduate Degree Application deadlines.
- In the final semester, degree candidates must submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline, submit the transmittal form and enroll in ANS 7980. Students on an UF assistantship must register for 9 credit hours in Fall or Spring and 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 and submit the Pro-Quest UMI form to the EDT office.

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), 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. Students who do not meet this requirement are expected to either successfully complete the ARPAS exam prior to the end of their program or invite someone from outside of UF to participate in their defense.
- Review additional requirements in the UF graduation checklist at <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/files/graduation-checklist.pdf> and the UF dissertation checklist at <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/files/checklist-dissertation.pdf>**
- Complete the Binding Request /Exit Checklist Form. See Graduate Advisor

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Animal Sciences Program Graduate Student Expectations

Master of Science (Thesis)

General requirements:

- Complete Form 2 and Supervisory Committee by the midpoint of your second 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)
- 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
- Take at **least 30** course credits including:
 - 1 credit of ANS 6933 Graduate Seminar (MS Thesis section) or a substitute approved by your committee.
 - 11 additional credits in the major
 - Research credits, ANS 6971 ((3 (fall or spring) or 2 (summer)) final exam/graduating semester
 - (no more than 6 research credits will count towards the degree)Courses in the Animal Sciences major are listed in the Graduate Catalog

Examination requirements:

- In the final semester, degree candidates, must submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline and enroll in ANS 6971. 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 C). 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.
- Successfully defend the Thesis and Pass the Final Exam.

Additional 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 the Teaching Assistant (ANS 6940-Supervised Teaching) for at least one credit hour
- Please review the UF graduation checklist at <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/files/graduation-checklist.pdf> and the UF thesis checklist at <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/files/checklist-thesis.pdf> for additional requirements**
- Complete the Binding Request and Exit Checklist Form. See Graduate Advisor

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Animal Sciences Program Graduate Student Expectations

Master of Science (non-Thesis)

General requirements:

- Complete Form 2 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 32 course credits including:
 - 1 credit of ANS 6933, Graduate Seminar (Non-thesis section)
 - 12 additional credits in the major with at least 2 credits of either: 6905, 6910 or 6932
- Courses in the Animal Sciences major are listed in the Graduate Catalog

Examination requirements:

- In the final semester, degree candidates must submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline and enroll in course work that counts towards the degree. Students on an UF assistantship 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.
- Encouraged to serve as a Teaching Assistant (ANS 6940-Supervised Teaching) for at least one semester
- Please review the UF graduation checklist at <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/files/graduation-checklist.pdf> for additional requirements**
- Complete the binding Request and Exit Checklist Form. See the Graduate Advisor

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