

CALS Honors Program in the Department of Animal Sciences

What the student should do:

1. Any undergraduate student interested in the CALS Honors Program in the Department of Animal Sciences should contact Dr. Stephanie Wohlgemuth (Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, Building 459, Rm. 202C, Telephone No. 352-392-7563), email steffiw@ufl.edu). Dr. Wohlgemuth is the Honors Program coordinator for the Department of Animal Sciences. Dr. Wohlgemuth will discuss the Honors Program with the student. Following this discussion with Dr. Wohlgemuth the student should contact one or more of the faculty (normally in the Department of Animal Sciences) that will be willing to serve as a mentor in the area of research interest of the student (there is a list). Following the discussion(s) the student will be in a position to select a mentor with which to conduct research.
2. Once the faculty mentor accepts the student, the mentor contacts Dr. Wohlgemuth via email and informs her of his/her willingness to serve as the student's mentor. Then, the student will follow the procedures outlined in the CALS Honors Program. The Website for this program is http://cals.ufl.edu/current_students/honors_program.shtml. Information at this site includes: How to apply to the CALS Honors Program, Courses and Requirements, Forms and Resources and Thesis instructions.
3. Through mentor/student discussions a decision is finally made on a specific research project or creative work which the student will initiate and complete for his/her Honors Program. The student must register for 3 credit hours in ANS-4905 during the semester the research or creative work is to be conducted. The student's academic advisor should be informed of his/her entrance into the Honors Program.
4. Soon after being accepted by the mentor the student and the mentor should select one or two additional faculty members from the Department of Animal Sciences to serve as the student's Honors committee. Following the selection of the committee, the student and committee should continue to meet on a regular basis and discuss the progress of the student's Honors research project or creative work. Meeting dates and times will be the responsibility of the student. The student should also keep Dr. Wohlgemuth informed periodically of progress in the program, and this can be done via a short email to her no less than once each semester.
5. At least one semester prior to the completion of the Honors research project or creative work the mentor should contact Dr. Wohlgemuth and inform her as to the progress of the student's research project or creative work and also in which semester the student plans to graduate. An Honors Thesis Proposal will have to be submitted to the Dean's office (after

examination by the faculty mentor, committee and Dr. Wohlgemuth; see above). For procedures regarding Honors Thesis Proposal and Honors Thesis see above.

6. Following the completion of the research project or creative work, the student and committee will decide on a date for presenting a seminar and final defense of their research project. Once the date is set for the seminar, it is the responsibility of the mentor to send out to the Department of Animal Sciences an announcement of the seminar at least one week prior to its presentation. However, Dr. Wohlgemuth will be willing to send out the announcement and make appropriate room reservations for the seminar if she is notified within one week of the seminar. This seminar will be followed by the final defense of the project in the presence of the committee if the committee decides to have a final defense. The seminar should be approximately 30 minutes long.
7. Once the student has successfully completed the seminar/final defense of the Honors project, the written Honors Thesis and the cover sheet will be given to Dr. Joel Brendemuhl in the main office for his signature. The Honors Thesis submission form will then be submitted to the College office in McCarty Hall by Dr. Brendemuhl. If all is acceptable then the Honors Thesis submission form will be submitted to the Honors office via campus mail and the diploma of the student will then indicate that the student graduated Summa or Magna Cum Laude.