Make your passion your career.

Accredited | 100% Online | 8 Start Dates a Year

B.S. in Animal Health & Behavior

Do you love animals and want to turn your passion into a career? As an Animal Health and Behavior student, you will learn how animals think, behave, and evolve, and learn what animals need for rehabilitation, care, and health.

Cost: $470 per credit
Military Discount: $423

Job Outcomes, Growth*, & Salary**

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Program Features

+ One-on-one academic and professional advising as our world-class faculty and trained staff strive to make your professional and academic goals a reality.

+ Unity College is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

+ Experiential Online. Experiential programs are delivered 100% online with field work designed with the working professional in mind.

+ Study when and where you want and finish your degree while still working full-time.

+ Make professional connections with leaders in your field.

+ Get job placement assistance through our career services department.

+ Transfer friendly! We will accept up to 90 credits.
B.S. in Animal Health & Behavior

The B.S. in Animal Health and Behavior from Unity college prepares students for careers at zoos and aquariums, in the veterinary fields, as animal welfare officers, and for a future focused on the care and well-being of wild and captive animals around the world. This degree provides students with the essential knowledge and professional skills to succeed in settings such as veterinary medicine degree programs, companion and wild animal care facilities, wildlife rehabilitation, and preserves. Unity College has been a leader in educating animal caretakers for over 50 years, and now this important biology-focused degree is available online to anyone, anywhere.

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Veterinary Assistant
Median Salary: $37k
Growth: +19.3
Veterinary Assistants are responsible for the care of animals under the supervision of a veterinarian or veterinary technician. Job tasks include: feeding, bathing, exercising the animals, and restraining animals when needed during examinations and treatments.

Zoologist
Median Salary: $48k
Growth: +7.7
Zoologists specialize in the study of animals and their ecosystems. Job tasks include: researching animal behavior, collecting zoological data for analysis, and contributing to the publication of scientific journals.

Animal Trainer
Median Salary: $39k
Growth: +11.1
Animal caretakers care for animals at shelters, zoos, kennels, pet shops, stables, aquariums, and research labs. Job tasks include: feeding the animals, bathing, grooming, and exercising the animals, providing companionship, recording data on their conditions, and reporting any problems.

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Graduates of the B.S. in Animal Health & Behavior will be able to:

+ Explain biological, ethical, psychological, medical, legal, and social concepts underlying the care and maintenance of wild and captive animals.

+ Choose and implement appropriate laboratory techniques used in the care of animals in both wild and captive settings.

+ Identify and explain the training, health, and habitat needs for optimal wild or captive animal health.

+ Critically evaluate information using scientific and quantitative reasoning skills.

Program Core

- ANIM 103 Animal Training and Care
- ANIM 205 Animal Nutrition
- ANIM 301 Animal Husbandry and Genetic
- ANIM 302 Animal Comparative Anatomy
- ANIM 304 Animal Comparative Physiology
- ANIM 305 Animal Health and Disease
- ANIM 307 Designing Captive Animal Environments
- ANIM 401 Animal Care Technical Skills
- BIOL 203 Ecological Principles: Applications to Conservation and Wildlife
- BIOL 301 Animal Behavior: The Evolution, Ecology, and Social Behavior of Animals

Environmental Professional Core

- EVPC 101 Professional Skills
- EVPC 301 Environmental Justice OR EVPC 305 Building a Better World: Ethical Decision-Making
- EVPC 401 Transformational Leadership
- EVPC 490 Transdisciplinary Capstone

General Education Core

- BIOL 103 Biology: Foundations of Life
- BIOL 104 Biology: Foundations of Life Laboratory
- BIOL 105 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution
- BIOL 106 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory
- ENVS 201 The Warming Planet: Understanding Climate Change
- MATH 101 College Algebra for Environmental Professionals
- MATH 201 Statistics for Environmental Professionals
- PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
- An Arts course
- 2 Communications courses
- Check here if only one COMM course complete
- A Humanities course
- A Language course

General Electives

40 credits of general electives

College Wide Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned credit hours, 30 credits at the 300 level or above, a minimum of 30 credits earned at Unity, and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
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☐ BIOL 103 Biology: Foundations of Life
☐ BIOL 104 Biology Laboratory 1
☐ BIOL 105 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution
☐ BIOL 106 Biology Laboratory 2
☐ MATH 201 Statistics for Environmental Professionals

Environmental Professional Core

Required:

☐ EVPC 101 Professional Skills
☐ EVPC 490 Transdisciplinary Capstone
☐ EVPC 401 Transformational Leadership

Choose From:

☐ EVPC 201 Environmental Issues: Deforestation, Biodiversity Loss, and Overpopulation OR

☐ EVPC 301 Environmental Justice OR
☐ EVPC 305 Building a Better World: Ethical Decision-Making

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Undergraduate Concentrations

**Emergency Disaster Management**
Learn how to proceed in the face of disasters to protect our environment.

**Renewable Energy**
Explore green technologies, such as wind, solar, geothermal and biomass power.

**Environmental GIS**
Develop in-demand Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping skills.

**Hemp Industry & Science**
Explore the potential of the hemp industry and its products.

**Environmental Justice & Social Change**
Protect our environment through policies and social change.

**Wildlife Ecology**
Understand how to manage different types of wildlife.

**Animal Health & Behavior**
Explore fundamental aspects of animal training and care.

**Adventure Ecotourism**
Bring adventure to clients while respecting the environment.

**Recover Energy**
Explore green technologies, such as wind, solar, geothermal and biomass power.

**Sustainable Business**
Develop sustainable business solutions and strategies for a modern world.

**Sustainable Food & Farming**
Learn the systems that create a sustainable food culture.

**Marine Biology & Sustainable Aquaculture**
Explore all aspects of oceanography, from vegetation to mammals.

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**Animal Health & Behavior**
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