

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE

Accredited | 100% Online | 5 Start Dates a Year

ANIMAL SCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR

Elevate your career in the captivating world of animals with our MPS in Animal Science and Behavior program. Our comprehensive curriculum delves into the realm of human-animal interactions, placing a strong emphasis on animal companionship, behavior, and welfare. The degree coursework not only nurtures your passion for animals but also hones essential leadership and management skills, setting you up for success in a diverse range of animal-oriented careers. Your journey to a successful and impactful career with animals begins here.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- + 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.
- + Finish in 12 months if you choose to take the full course load.
- + 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.
- + Make professional connections with leaders in your field.
- + Get job placement assistance through our career service department.
- + Unity Environmental University is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



DISTANCE EDUCATION

COSTS

- + \$650 per credit | Military Rate: \$585
- + Full time financial aid is available to students taking as few as 3 credits/term.
- + No textbooks to purchase in over half of our courses!

CAREER OUTCOMES, GROWTH*, & SALARY**

Animal Scientist

\$ \$60k 📈 +7

Animal Trainer

\$ \$36k 📈 +11

Farm Manager

\$ \$71k 📈 +0

*Projected 10-year growth

**National median salary

Source: O*Net



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JOB OUTCOMES, GROWTH*, & SALARY**

At Unity Environmental University, we understand the importance of aligning education with your passions and career goals. That's why our courses are thoughtfully designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a rewarding career with gainful employment in your chosen field. Additionally, our faculty consists of experienced professionals who bring real-world insights, providing you with valuable mentorship and guidance. At Unity, you will find exceptional career development resources and experiential opportunities to further enhance your employability and help you achieve your professional aspirations.



Animal Scientist

Median Salary: \$60k
Growth: +7

Animal scientists are responsible for conducting research in the genetics, nutrition, reproduction, growth, and development of animals. They are responsible for communicating their findings and creating plans for future practices.

Animal Trainer

Median Salary: \$36k
Growth: +11

Animal Trainers work with animals for riding, harness, security, performance, or obedience, or for assisting persons with disabilities. They accustom animals to human voice and contact, and condition animals to respond to commands. Train animals according to prescribed standards for show or competition.

Farm Manager

Median Salary: \$71k
Growth: +0

Farm Managers plan, direct, and coordinate the management and operation of farms, ranches, greenhouses, aquacultural operations, and nurseries. They hire, train, and supervise farm workers to carry out the day-to-day activities.

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UNOFFICIAL MPS CHECKSHEET ANIMAL SCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR

Student Name

Total Transfer Credits Checksheet Date

ANIMAL SCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

Using a transdisciplinary process, the MPS in Animal Science and Behavior program provides students with a deep understanding of human-animal interactions with emphasis on animal companionship, behavior, and welfare. With coursework that develops leadership and management skills, the program prepares students for employment as animal trainers, animal shelter managers, and animal service providers.

GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

- + Evaluate sources of risk to humans and animals in their interactions, as well as processes to minimize risk or harm.
- + Design and evaluate training protocols that incorporate low stress and least intrusive training techniques for animals.
- + Analyze and differentiate the rules, regulations, laws and training for companion, service, emotional support, and therapy animals.
- + Apply theoretical and practical knowledge of animal nutrition to optimize animal welfare.

Professional Skills Core

- PROF 505** Strategic Management of Innovation
- PROF 510** Communication for Environmental Professionals
- PROF 515** Ethical Practice and Policy
- PROF 590** Capstone I
- PROF 690** Capstone II

Animal Science and Behavior Core

- ANIM 505** Animal Behavior and Modification
- ANIM 605** Advanced Animal Training
- ANIM 630** Emotional Support and Service Animals: Rules and Regulations

Complete one of the following tracks:

Canine and Feline Health and Care Track

- ANIM 510** Canine and Feline Nutrition
- ANIM 610** Animal Shelter Best Practices and Management

Equine Health and Care Track

- ANIM 520** Equine Nutrition
- ANIM 620** Best Management Practices for Ranches and Stables

Degree Requirements

30 credits earned

21 credits earned at Unity Environmental University

3.00 minimum cumulative graduate level Grade Point Average