ANIMAL AND VETERINARY BIOSCIENCES, B.S.

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

INTERNSHIPS

Animal and Veterinary Biosciences majors take part in a number of internships around campus and beyond. Past students interned at veterinary clinics and hospitals, genetics companies, animal feed companies, Extension, food companies, farms, animal pharmaceutical companies, animal councils, humane societies, and more.

On campus opportunities at department animal care facilities, UW veterinary school, and at Bucky’s Varsity Meats, give students hands-on experience each semester.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

There are numerous opportunities to conduct research with faculty and staff in the department. Around 75 percent of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences majors have completed independent study projects. Several research stipends are available and some students also take part in research as part of an honors thesis.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

By joining a student organization, Animal and Veterinary Biosciences majors connect with other students and build relationships with faculty and staff. Organizations of particular interest to Animal and Veterinary Biosciences students include Pre Vet Association (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/prevetassociation/), Saddle and Sirloin Club (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/saddleandsirloin/), Poultry Club (https://www.facebook.com/PoultryClubUWMadison/), Badger Dairy Club (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/badgerdairyclub/), and Badger Meat Science Club (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/badgermeatscienceclub/).

There are additional opportunities for students to get involved in animal or agriculture related organizations on campus such as Hoofer Riding Club (https://www.hooferriding.org/), Association of Women in Agriculture (http://awamadison.org/), Babcock House (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/babcock_house/), and Collegiate FFA (http://collegiateffamadison.weebly.com/).

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The department encourages students to study abroad and offers globally focused courses that look at animal health, animal agriculture, and sustainable development. Students can find more information on the International Academic Programs website (https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/) and the CALS study abroad advising page (https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/international-programs/study-abroad-advising/).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

Animal and Veterinary Biosciences students engage in a number of volunteer opportunities including working at the Livestock Lab, the Poultry Research Lab, the Dairy Cattle Center, Bucky’s Varsity Meats, and Animal Farm Units. Students also participate in undergraduate student recruitment events, 4-H and Extension events, Dane County Humane Society, and spay/neuter clinics.

On campus, the Morgridge Center for Public Service (https://morgridge.wisc.edu/) provides resources to help students connect with volunteer opportunities based on their interests and goals.