Animal Behavior

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Admission Requirements
Students must be admitted to a Ph.D. program in the Department of Biology, the Department of Psychology, or the program in neural science or other related departments or programs (e.g., program in medical sciences, anthropology). They must also apply to the program in animal behavior. Students should select an advisory committee made up of at least three members of the graduate faculty. For students whose home department or program is biology, at least one member of the advisory committee from the Department of Psychology or the program in neural science is expected. For students whose home department or program is the Department of Psychology or the program in neural science, at least one member of the advisory committee from biology is expected. At least two of the student’s committee members must be members of the program in animal behavior.

Ph.D. Minor in Animal Behavior

Course Requirements
At least FOUR courses taken from at least two different departments/graduate programs, as specified below:
(1) ONE ABEH A501 Seminar in the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior
(2) ONE course from the following list, emphasizing mechanisms of behavior:
NEUS N500 Neural Science I
NEUS N501 Neural Science II
NEUS N550 Seminar in Sensorimotor Neuroplasticity
BIOL L560 Physiological Ecology
MED P548 Neuroethology
(3) ONE course from the following list, emphasizing evolutionary perspectives:

- ANTH B568 Evolution of Primate Social Behavior
- ANTH B600 Evolutionary Theory of Anthropology
- BIOL L567 Evolution
- BIOL L573 Quantitative Genetics and Microevolution
- BIOL L581 Behavioral Ecology
- BIOL Z540 Population Genetics

(4) ONE additional course from above or from the list below:

- BIOL L505 Evolution and Development
- BIOL Z460 Ethology
- BIOL Z466 Endocrinology
- COGS Q551 Brain and Cognition
- COGS Q700 Theoretical Issues in Animal Cognition
- MED P561 Comparative Animal Physiology
- PSY P417 Animal Behavior
- PSY P504 Learning and Motivation
- PSY P526 Neurobiology of Learning and Memory
- PSY P527 Developmental Psychobiology
- PSY P717 Evolutionary Bases of Learning

Examination
As required by home department or program.

Graduate Area Certificate in Animal Behavior

Course Requirements
The requirements for the Area Certificate in Animal Behavior include all of the requirements of the minor, plus the following:

(1) One additional ABEH A501 Seminar in the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior

(2) ABEH A502 Professional Ethics for the Bio-Behavioral Sciences or PSY P595 First-Year Research Seminar

(3) One additional course from 1-4 above.

Examination
As required by home department or program.

Statistics Requirement
As required by home department or program.

Thesis
Required.

Courses

A500 Introduction to Animal Behavior Research (1 cr.) Introduces students to research opportunities in animal behavior. Local researchers will present their recent research efforts, emphasizing the integrative aspects of their work and its application to functional and mechanistic explanations of behavior.

A501 Seminar in the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior (2-3 cr.) Investigation of functional behavior of animals (e.g., migration, parental behavior, mate choice) using an interdisciplinary approach that attempts to integrate the perspectives of developmental psychology, ecology and evolutionary biology, neural science, and the science of learning and memory. Topic will vary. May be repeated for credit.

A502 Research and Professional Ethics in Bio-Behavioral Sciences (1 cr.) Readings and discussion dealing with general ethical issues in science, with a particular focus on animal behavior. Topics include treatment and protection of animals; the acquisition, analysis, and use of data; student-mentor and student-teacher relations; credit, authorship, and peer review.