
HUMAN-ANIMAL STUDIES MINOR

Human-Animal Studies

College of Arts & Humanities
Human-Animal Studies
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The Human-Animal Studies minor investigates animals themselves, as well as past and present relationships between human and non-human animals. Drawing from the social sciences and the humanities, it seeks to spark new conversations about ethical and moral concerns surrounding animals, the protection of animals, and representations of animals. The minor will be especially beneficial for students pursuing a broad range of animal-related careers, including but not limited to careers in animal shelters, sanctuaries, veterinary centers, research labs, zoos, farms, and wildlife management.

Academic Map/Degree Plan at www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All

POLICIES/INFORMATION

No more than two of the six courses required for the minor may be taken P/N.

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Core

Take all 3 (10 credits)
ENG 319 Animals and Literature (4)
PHIL 477 Animal Minds (3)
SOC 214W Animals & Society (3)

Restricted Electives

Take 3 classes (9-12 credits) from at least two departments; at least 1 class must be at the 300-400 level. Electives in the first group will automatically count toward the minor. Electives in the second group are variable content and may count depending on the topic; these courses require approval from the minor coordinator.

Electives that do not require prior approval:

Choose 0 - 12 Credits
PHIL 120W Introduction to Ethics (3)
PHIL 226W Environmental Ethics (3)
PHIL 481 Philosophy of Biology (3)
RPLS 282 Wildlife as a Recreational Resource (3)
SOC 460 Environmental Sociology (3)

Electives that require prior approval by minor coordinator:

Choose 0 - 12 Credits
ART 494 Topics (3)
ENG 213W Perspectives: Ethics and Civic Responsibility in Literature (4)
ENG 425 Topics in Children's Literature (2-4)
ENG 499 Individual Study (1-4)
PHIL 499 Individual Study (1-6)
SOC 497 Internship: Sociology (1-12)
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