Why Study Animal Science?

If you’re interested in the science or business of animal management, our animal science majors might be a good fit for you. Students majoring in animal science may choose to focus on one of five emphases: animal business, production, science, meat science, and meat science business. In addition, the department also directs the pre-professional course preparation for veterinary medicine and the Equine Science Certificate Program. Degree plans are also available for students interested in pre-professional health and nursing.

Why Choose Animal Science?

The Department of Animal and Food Sciences at Texas Tech University is housed in a state-of-the-art teaching and research labs, the largest retail meat cooler on a university campus and a retail store, “COWamongus!” The department has experienced an unprecedented 45% increase in undergraduate student enrollment during the past five years. This is not surprising considering the diversity of extracurricular activities that are available to students and the “hands on” or experiential education students are offered.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- Undergraduate Research
  The Animal and Food Science Undergraduate Research Scholars Program provides undergraduate student with the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience working on cutting-edge research projects with faculty, graduate students, and research technicians. Take your findings to the TTU Undergraduate Research Conference, an annual campus wide event championing undergraduate student research, scholarship, and creative activity.

- Study Abroad
  The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources offers many opportunities for students to study abroad through faculty-led programs. These programs include, but are not limited to:
  - Agriculture in Belize
  - Commodities Future in Seville
  - Landscape Architecture in the Yucatan

For more information, visit the study abroad website: https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/

- Graduate Education
  The Texas Tech University Department of Animal and Food Sciences offers many challenging and unique opportunities for graduate studies. The faculty is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and public service. Animal Science and Food Science are broad fields of study involving biology, chemistry, microbiology, management, care and value-added processing of animal products. Animal Science and Food Science graduates are employed in all phases of production, research, sales, service, business and education around the world. As the world population continues to rise, it is ever more important to have well-trained professionals to serve the food and fiber needs of mankind.

Within the Department of Animal and Food Science alone, graduate students may select from over 30 different graduate courses. Students may choose an Master of Science degree in Animal Science with either a thesis or non-thesis track.

- Career Opportunities & Development
  Graduates of the Texas Tech University Department of Animal and Food Sciences have boundless and diverse employment opportunities. For example, graduates are qualified to manage animal enterprises and processing facilities; serve as technical advisors and extension specialists; work for state and federal agencies, financial institutions, or private enterprises.

Many graduates pursue careers in teaching and research in both the private and public sectors of the economy. Some develop their own private enterprises. Texas Tech animal and food scientists are making contributions to the food chain around the world. Many are leaders in their professional societies and industries. Professional certification through the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists is encouraged of all our graduates to formalize their professional career development. The Animal Science and Food Science faculty at Texas Tech are eager to assist students in achieving their career aspirations.

- Scholarships
  One way that we show our students we care is through our outstanding scholarship program. Students in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences have an excellent chance of receiving a scholarship. In 2010, the departmental scholarship committee was able to award approximately $35,000 in scholarships. Most of the scholarship money is set up in endowments ensuring that our scholarship program will continue for many years to come. Maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA, becoming active in the department, and participating on judging teams are all ways to enhance your chances of receiving a scholarship.

- Student Organizations
  Students can choose from a variety of organizations to become involved on campus and in the community. Texas Tech also has several judging and competitive teams that students can join to develop knowledge and compete with students across the country! Choose from Wool, Livestock, and/or Meat judging.
Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- **Admission Requirements**
  Application from applytexas.org

  ※  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  ※  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  ※  Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

- **Transfer Admissions Counselors:**

  Zach Fisher—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location: Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

  Maryellen Baeza—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location: Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/