In the animal science program, you’ll learn about the care and management of a wide variety of animals. You can focus on farm animals, zoo animals, horses, pets, or business within the animal industry. While in the animal science program your studies will include animal health, animal biology, nutrition, breeding and production, genetics, and business management.

CFANS offers many hands-on learning experiences for this major, which is important for anyone who wants to work with animals. You’ll get the chance to gain experience in small or large veterinary hospitals, livestock barns, and modern research labs, right on the St. Paul campus. The Animal Science department includes multiple award-winning faculty members and advisors.

The animal science major will prepare you for veterinary school, work as a manager and technical adviser for animal production systems, various careers in animal industries or biotechnology, or graduate study in animal-related specializations. Depending on your area of emphasis, you can select from the following areas of study: dairy, beef, sheep, swine, equine, companion animal, or poultry.

**Student Experiences**

Consider checking out a student group to connect with other students who share
your interests:

CVM Shelter Medicine Club
Canine Club
The Animal Behavior Club
Pre-Veterinary Club
American College of Veterinary Pathologists - Student Chapter

Students in the Animal Science major choose their emphasis from the following options:

Companion Animals (Pets)
Equine / Horses
Industry and Business
Production
Pre-Veterinary Medicine/Science

Students who are interested in becoming veterinarians specializing in food-production animals and livestock can apply to the VetFast Program: Veterinary Medicine for Food Animals
You might also explore

- Marine Biology Minor
- Agricultural Education
- Sustainable Systems Management
- Agricultural Communication and Marketing
- Agricultural and Food Business Management
- Biology
- Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology

Associated Careers

- Research, Agricultural and Food Scientists, Aquaculturists, Dairy Farmers, Pig and Poultry Farmers, Ranchers, Veterinarians