

Animal Studies

BOS course name	Pattern of study	BOS course number	Schools Online (Administration) entry advice
Animal Studies (120 hours)	2 units x 1 year	58152 (school/private provider delivered)	Enter this course number in either Preliminary (Year 11) or HSC (Year 12)
		43820 (TAFE NSW delivered)*	
Animal Studies (240 hours)	2 units x 2 years	58153 (school/private provider delivered)	Enter this course number in both Preliminary (Year 11) and HSC (Year 12)
		43821 (TAFE NSW delivered)*	
	or		
	4 units x 1 year	58154 (school/private provider delivered)	Enter this course number in either Preliminary (Year 11) or HSC (Year 12)
		43822 (TAFE NSW delivered)*	
Animal Studies Extension (120 hours) (Cert III qualification pathway)	2 units x 1 year	tba (school/private provider delivered)	Enter this course number in either Preliminary (Year 11) or HSC (Year 12)
		43823 (TAFE NSW delivered)*	

* Application to LINK not required.

AQF VET qualification	Statement of Attainment towards or Certificate II in Animal Studies (ACM20110) Statement of Attainment towards or Certificate III in Animal Studies (ACM30110)
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Minimum work placement	120-hour course – 35 hours 240-hour course – 70 hours Extension course – no additional work placement required
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Exclusions	Nil
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For TAFE NSW delivery only:

TAFE course name	Certificate II in Animal Studies	TAFE course number	18910
	Certificate III in Animal Studies		18911

HSC unit credit and course requirements

HSC unit credit for VET courses can be accredited to the Preliminary and/or HSC pattern of study.

Animal Studies (120 indicative hours)

- accredited for a total of 2 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt ACMOHS201A and units of competency to a minimum of 105 HSC indicative hours.

Animal Studies (240 indicative hours)

- accredited for a total of 4 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt ACMOHS201A and units of competency to a minimum of 225 HSC indicative hours (and to meet qualification packaging rules).

Animal Studies Extension (120 indicative hours)

- this course is only available to students who are currently entered in, or have completed, the Animal Studies (240 indicative hours) course
- accredited for a total of 2 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt units of competency (not previously undertaken) to a minimum of 120 HSC indicative hours (and to meet Certificate III qualification packaging rules).

To count a course towards the HSC program of study students must satisfy the course completion criteria as required by the Board of Studies. Refer to Section 8.4 of the *Assessment, Certification and Examination (ACE) Manual*.

Access by students in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5)

In certain circumstances students in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5) may access this Stage 6 VET course. Further information is available on the Board of Studies website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/stage-5.html

Course content

Unit code	Unit title	HSC indicative hours of credit	Status for AQF VET qualification	
			Cert II in Animal Studies	Cert III in Animal Studies
MANDATORY Attempt the following unit of competency				
ACMOHS201A	Participate in occupational health and safety processes	15	core	–
Total HSC indicative hours for mandatory units of competency				15

ELECTIVE

For 120-hour course, attempt units of competency to a minimum of 105 HSC indicative hours

For 240-hour course, attempt units of competency to a minimum of 225 HSC indicative hours

For extension course, attempt units of competency to a minimum of 120 HSC indicative hours

ACMCAN311A	Care for young animals	20	group B elective	elective
ACMCAS303A	Provide advice on selection and care of aquatic animals	20	group B elective	elective
ACMCAS305A	Maintain aquascapes and aquatic animals	20	group B elective	elective
ACMGAS201A	Work in the animal care industry	20	core	elective
ACMGAS202A	Participate in workplace communications	15	core	core
ACMGAS203A	Complete animal care hygiene routines	25	core	core
ACMGAS204A	Feed and water animals	25	core	elective
ACMGAS205A	Assist in health care of animals	25	core	elective
ACMGAS206A	Provide basic first aid for animals	15	group A elective	elective
ACMGAS207A	Provide reception services for an animal care facility	20	group A elective	elective
ACMGAS208A	Source information for animal care needs	20	group A elective	elective
ACMGAS209A	Provide information on companion animals, products and services	10	group A elective	elective
ACMGAS210A	Prepare for and conduct a tour or presentation	15	group A elective	elective
ACMGAS301A	Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing	25	group B elective	core
ACMGAS302A	Provide enrichment for animals	25	group B elective	elective
ACMGAS303A	Plan for and provide nutritional requirements for animals	25	group B elective	core
ACMGAS305A	Rescue animals and apply basic first aid	25	group B elective	elective
ACMINF301A	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal work	25	group B elective	core

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ACMOHS301A	Contribute to occupational health and safety procedures	20	–	core
ACMSPE301A	Provide basic care of amphibians	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE302A	Provide basic care of birds	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE303A	Provide basic care of common native mammals	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE304A	Provide basic care of dogs	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE305A	Provide basic care of domestic cats	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE306A	Provide basic care of marine fish	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE307A	Provide basic care of freshwater fish	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE308A	Provide basic care of marine aquatic invertebrates	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE309A	Provide basic care of terrestrial and freshwater invertebrates	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE310A	Provide basic care of mammals	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE311A	Provide basic care of non-venomous reptiles	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSPE312A	Provide basic care of rodents and rabbits	20	group B elective	elective
ACMSUS201A	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	15	core	core
ACMVET201A	Carry out veterinary nursing reception duties	20	group A elective	elective
ACMVET202A	Carry out daily clinic routines	25	group A elective	elective
ACMVET203A	Assist with surgery preparation	25	group A elective	elective
HLTFA301B	Apply first aid	20	group A elective	elective
RTE2121A	Provide daily care for horses	25	group B elective	elective

AQF VET qualification

To attain Certificate II in Animal Studies (ACM20110) students must achieve 12 units of competency including:

- a) 7 core units of competency
- b) 3 elective units of competency from Group A
- c) 2 elective units of competency from Group A and/or Group B.

To attain Certificate III in Animal Studies (ACM30110) students must achieve 12 units of competency including:

- a) 7 core units of competency
- b) 5 elective units of competency.