

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences (AVSC)

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Vision

The department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences strives to be recognized as a center of excellence in animal and veterinary sciences education, research and outreach. The Department works to promote and support the veterinary science program to attract and maintain a diversified and highly qualified student body.

Mission

The main function of the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences is to produce qualified graduates capable of serving the region in all areas of animal and veterinary sciences: research, services, business, and education. The Department offers a BS degree in Veterinary Sciences and two graduate programs of study leading to MS degrees in Animal Science and Poultry Science that prepare students for life-long learning and professional advancement in the field. The Department also serves the animal and veterinary sector in Lebanon and the region by providing extension work, consultations, and diagnostic support.

Graduate Programs

The department offers two graduate programs of study and research leading to MS degrees in animal science and poultry science. The candidates have the choice of selecting a thesis or non-thesis program. The non-thesis candidate is required to take additional credits, and his/her research will be normally more field-oriented, with a research report presented instead of a thesis. The department is especially qualified and equipped for graduate study and research in the following areas:

- nutrition of livestock and poultry
- diseases of livestock and poultry, including preventive immunology and the epizootiology of diseases
- production of milk, meat, and eggs as related to breeding and feeding

Graduate students in the department may become candidates for a degree in the interfaculty program in nutrition by meeting the requirements described on pages 471-72 of this catalogue.

MS in Animal Science

Core Courses for the MS Degree in Animal Science*

AGSC 301 **Statistical Methods in Agriculture** **2.3; 3 cr.**

An investigation of the statistical techniques needed to design experiments and analyze and interpret agricultural research data. *Prerequisites: STAT 210 or EDUC 227 and CMPS 209. Fall and spring.*

AVSC 304 **Preventive Immunology and
Patterns of Animal Diseases** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Basic aspects of specific and non-specific body defense mechanisms and the role of vaccination in population protection; study of the patterns of diseases. *Prerequisite: BIOL 224 or AVSC 224.*

AVSC 306 **Diseases of Livestock** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Etiology, clinical characteristics, identification, and control of some selected infectious and metabolic diseases of economic impact on animal production.

AVSC 330 **Advanced Livestock Production** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Recent advances in livestock production practices as related to interactions between animal and milieu with reference to the specific nutritional and climatic conditions of the Middle East.

AVSC 336 **Ruminant Nutrition** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Recent advances in the nutrition of cattle, sheep and goats with reference to microbiological aspects of digestion and its relation to practical feeding.

AVSC 388 **Animal Production and Environmental Management** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Characterizes the impact of extensive and intensive livestock systems on the environmental sustainability of the two systems in terms of technical constraints and feasible corrective environmental management strategies.

AVSC 395 **Graduate Seminar in Animal Science** **1.0; 1 cr.**

AVSC 399 **MS Thesis**

Elective Courses for the MS Degree in Animal Science

AVSC 300 **Graduate Tutorial** **1–3 cr.**

Directed Study.

AVSC 305 **Poultry Diseases** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Etiology, clinical characteristics, identification, prevention, and control of the major infectious and metabolic diseases of poultry.

AVSC 307 **Poultry Production in Warm Regions** **3.0; 3 cr.**

Recent advances in poultry production practices under high temperature conditions with special emphasis on physiology of heat stress in birds as related to housing, management, and feeding. *Prerequisite: AVSC 226.*

*Students majoring in ANML should take the following four courses: AVSC 304, AVSC 307, AVSC 330 and AVSC 388 in addition to AGSC 301 and AVSC 395

AVSC 306 Diseases of Livestock 3.0; 3 cr.
Etiology, clinical characteristics, identification, and control of some selected infectious and metabolic diseases of economic impact on animal production.

AVSC 329 Advanced Animal Physiology 2.3; 3 cr.
Comparative physiology of domestic animals with special emphasis on digestion, reproduction, lactation, and thermo-regulation. *Prerequisite: AVSC 275 or equivalent.*

AVSC 330 Advanced Livestock Production 3.0; 3 cr.
Recent advances in livestock production practices as related to interactions between animal and milieu with reference to the specific nutritional and climatic conditions of the Middle East.

AVSC 336 Ruminant Nutrition 3.0; 3 cr.
Recent advances in the nutrition of cattle, sheep and goats with reference to microbiological aspects of digestion and its relation to practical feeding.