

CAL POLY

College of Agriculture, Food
& Environmental Sciences

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Department



FACT SHEET

Cal Poly's Animal Science Department provides one of the finest Learn by Doing programs in the nation. Extensive on-site facilities and state-of-the-art laboratories provide the resources for students to learn the principles required for successful careers in fields such as veterinary medicine, animal biotechnology, animal facility management, animal nutrition, and feed manufacturing.

Students are immersed in a hands-on culture from day one: foaling horses, breeding cows, raising chickens and quail, riding and training horses, operating the campus dairy, working in the meat processing center, and learning the techniques needed to operate a veterinary clinic.

In addition, students are involved with faculty in research and development of new technologies related to animal health and production, using cutting-edge equipment, facilities and technologies. Through extensive undergraduate research opportunities, students are prepared for careers in discovery, science and innovation.

MAJORS: Animal Science; Dairy Science

MINORS: Equine Science; Dairy Science; Meat Science and Processing; Poultry Management; Rangeland Resources

GRADUATE PROGRAMS: Master of Professional Studies in Dairy Products Technology

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Number One

In 2016, Cal Poly had more students accepted into the veterinary medicine program at UC Davis than any other California State University campus.

6,000 + 3,200

The number of acres adjacent to the San Luis Obispo campus core used for agricultural production, processing and research land and facilities. The department also assists in the management of the 3,200-acre Swanton Pacific Ranch in Santa Cruz County, California.

\$36,000

Median salary of animal science graduates within one year of graduation.

\$38,000

Median salary of dairy science graduates within one year of graduation.

Dairy Innovation Institute

Cal Poly's Dairy Innovation Institute is one of the most advanced academic facilities in the U.S. Students are closely involved in research and development.

Student Clubs

The department offers a wide assortment of co-curricular activities, including 10 student clubs: Block and Bridle Club; Cal Poly Dressage Team; Cal Poly Equestrian Team; Horse Judging Team; Los Lecheros Dairy Club; Polo Club; Poultry Club; Veterinary Science Club; Young Cattleman's Club; and Zoo and Exotic Animal Careers Club.

USDA Certification

Cal Poly's state-of-the-art meat processing center holds the sole USDA certification on a university campus and provides students with the opportunity to produce, package and market meat products. Cal Poly produces and sells fresh beef, pork, lamb, poultry and specialty meat products, including bacon, sausage and jerky.

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