

# ***ANIMAL STUDIES: Social Science & Humanities Perspectives***

## **Graduate Specialization -- Recommended Electives**

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Students must select one elective course with the supervision of the specialization director ([LKalof@msu.edu](mailto:LKalof@msu.edu)). Below are *examples* of recommended courses and their descriptions. With approval, other courses may be accepted as electives.

### ***CJ 847 Global Risks, Conservation and Criminology***

Description: Theories, actors, characteristics and legal instruments associated with risk, conservation, and criminology related to globalization. Current case studies in criminological conservation. Fall of every year.

### ***FW 438 Philosophy of Ecology***

Description: Conceptual issues in the science of ecology, including connections between ecology and environmental philosophy. Western and non-western perspectives. Spring of odd years.

### ***FW 481 Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife***

Description: Global issues and their impacts on implications for the management of fisheries and wildlife resources. Spring of even years.

### ***FW 810 Human Dimensions Research in Fisheries and Wildlife***

Description: Quantitative and qualitative methods of involving the public in fish and wildlife management. Human dimensions research and current case studies. Spring of even years.

### ***GEO 432 Environmental Ethics***

Description: Ethical dimensions of environmental and spatial issues and associated public policies. Fall of every year.

### ***LAW 565B Wildlife Law***

Description: Course explores the legal systems' impact on wildlife. Fall of every year.

### ***PHL 442 Ethics and Animals***

Description: Moral standing for non-human animals, basis for human moral obligations to animals, animal's cognitive abilities. Ethics of using animals in specific ways: medical research, for food, in zoos, in the wild and in biotechnology. Fall of odd years.

***ZOL 489 Seminar in Zoo and Aquarium Science***

Description: Scientific writing and oral presentations related to zoo and aquarium studies. Departmental approval required, contact the Department of Zoology. Fall of every year, Spring of every year.

***ZOL 897 Ecosystem Ecology***

Description: Structure and function of natural ecosystems and their responses to global environmental change. Biogeochemical cycles, food webs, energy flow, nutrient cycling, and ecosystem management and restoration. Departmental approval required, contact the Department of Zoology. Spring of odd years.