INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Animal Behavior Track/Interdisciplinary Studies Major

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The Program
Animal Behavior is offered as a track within the Interdisciplinary Studies major. For a complete description of course requirements, see the College of Liberal Arts (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/interdisciplinary-studies/animal-behavior-interdisciplinary).

The study of animal behavior has received an increasing amount of attention from the public because of the emphasis placed by zoological parks on behavioral biology and the large number of presentations in the media regarding animal behavior and sociobiology.

The Animal Behavior Track is designed to offer a solid foundation in the diverse approaches used to study behavioral biology. The program uses a carefully selected combination of courses in biology and psychology to achieve this goal. In addition, students are required to complete either an independent research project or an internship in order to apply their knowledge in an intensive research experience.

Students who complete the program may be qualified for positions at zoological parks, aquariums and nature centers. In addition, they will have the necessary technical knowledge to pursue a career in freelance writing about animal behavior. However, students who are considering attending graduate school will need to complete additional courses in either biology or psychology. Most of the students currently enrolled in the program also are majoring in either Biology or Psychology.

Students who are considering the Animal Behavior Track must meet with one of the program coordinators before declaring Interdisciplinary Studies as a major.