



## Information about the subject

**Degree:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Veterinary Medicine

**Faculty:** Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Experimental Sciences

**Code:** 1262503 **Name:** Specialisation in animal research

**Credits:** 6,00 **ECTS** **Year:** The course is not offered this academic year **Semester:** 1

**Module:** Module of elective courses

**Subject Matter:** Animal Reproduction and Production **Type:** Elective

**Department:** Animal Medicine and Surgery

**Type of learning:** Classroom-based learning

**Languages in which it is taught:**

**Lecturer/-s:**



## Module organization

### Module of elective courses

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
Intensifications per animal group	24,00	Specialisation in Clinic of Wild and Exotic Animals	6,00	5/1
		Specialisation in the Equine Clinic	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Specialisation in treatment of small animals	6,00	5/1
		Surgical pathology of the musculoskeletal system of small animals	6,00	5/1
Animal Reproduction and Production	30,00	Fighting bull	6,00	5/1
		Reproductive Technology	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Specialisation in animal production	6,00	5/1
		Specialisation in animal research	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Specialisation in aquaculture	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26



Feeding	12,00	Microbiology in Food	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Quality management in the agri-food industry	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26

## Recommended knowledge

Biology, anatomy and animal physiology

## Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

- R1 The student is able to apply the skills acquired during the career with respect to animal experimentation.
- R2 The student participates in work requiring the use of animals for the development of the activity.
- R3 The student is able to understand the ethical aspects of animal experimentation and existing legislation in the field.
- R4 The student understands and knows how to apply the 3 Rs.
- R5 The student knows the accommodation and the breeding of laboratory animals.
- R6 The student recognizes the existence of problems that can appear with laboratory animals and knows how to act on them.
- R7 The student knows how to recognize the symptoms of pain in experimental animals, as well as the best analgesic and euthanasic techniques.
- R8 The student is able to solve problems related to the contents of the module.



## Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

BASIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CB3	Capacity to gather and interpret relevant data usually within their specific field of study and capacity to make judgments that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues.		X		
CB4	Capacity to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions at specialist and non-specialist levels.			X	
CB5	Capacity to develop those learning skills needed to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.			X	
GENERAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CG0	Capacity to speak well in public.	X			
CG2	Understanding and applying prevention, diagnosis and individual or collective treatment, and control of animal diseases, individually or in groups, with special attention to zoonoses.		X		
CG3	Understanding and applying control of animal breeding, management, health, reproduction, protection, and feed as well as improving production.			X	
SPECIFIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
E23	Knowing and applying principles and bases of the description and pathogenesis of general alterations of the structure and function of cells, tissues, organs and systems.		X		
E32	Knowing and applying reproduction, birth and postpartum: care and disease.			X	



E33	Knowing and applying assisted reproduction.				X
E34	Understanding and applying fish pathology.	X			
E54	Knowing and applying aquaculture.	X			
E67	Knowing and applying epidemiology and diagnosis.		X		

TRANSVERSAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
T1	Capacity of analysis, synthesis, implementation of knowledge for problem-solving and decision-making.		X		
T2	Understanding and applying the scientific method to professional practice including evidence-based medicine.				X
T3	Basic knowledge of the veterinary profession: legal, economic, administrative, planning and time management issues and the veterinarians' society together with the importance of monitoring quality, standardization and protocols of veterinary practice.		X		
T4	Mastering fluency in oral and written mother tongue communication, listening and responding effectively using a language appropriate to audience and context.		X		
T5	Knowledge of a second language, preferably English, especially technical vocabulary of veterinary science.			X	
T6	Using information technology to communicate, share, search for, collect, analyze and manage information, especially related to the veterinarian practice.		X		
T7	Ability to adapt to new situations, self-critical ability, being aware of personal limitations and understanding when and where seeking and obtaining advice and professional help.	X			
T8	Efficient and effective work, both independently and as a member of a multidisciplinary team or unit, showing respect, appreciation and sensitivity to the work of others.	X			
T9	Keeping an ethical behaviour in the exercise of given responsibilities toward the profession and society.				X



T11 Ability to work in an international context, appreciating diversity and multiculturalism, through the knowledge of foreign cultures and customs.

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## Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
	20,00%	Evaluation of the use of the practical lessons in the classroom, of problems or computer science, seminars and tutorials, by means of participation, computer-supported problem solving and the elaboration of the corresponding reports.
	40,00%	Evaluation of the practical laboratory work, which must demonstrate the competences acquired by the student and his or her ability to use them to solve the different situations and problems that arise in a laboratory; this assessment may consist of one of the following methods, or a combination of several of them: an individual written test, the individual or group performance of a laboratory experience, the delivery of an individual or group report on the work carried out in the laboratory.
	40,00%	Evaluation of practical work in a clinic through which the student must demonstrate the competences acquired and the ability to use them to solve the different situations and problems that arise in a clinic; this assessment may involve one of the following methods, or a combination of several of them: a written individual test, the individual or group performance of a clinical experience, the delivery of an individual or group report on the work carried out in the laboratory.

Observations



## MENTION OF DISTINCTION:

In accordance with the regulations governing the assessment and grading of subjects in force at UCV, the distinction of "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded to students who have achieved a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of "Matrículas de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in the group for the corresponding academic year, unless the number of enrolled students is fewer than 20, in which case a single "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with 9 Distinction) may be awarded. Exceptionally, these distinctions may be assigned globally across different groups of the same subject. Nevertheless, the total number of distinctions awarded will be the same as if they were assigned by group, but they may be distributed among all students based on a common criterion, regardless of the group to which they belong. The criteria for awarding "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) will be determined according to the guidelines stipulated by the professor responsible for the course, as detailed in the "Observations" section of the evaluation system in the course guide.

## Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

- M1 On-site training activity aimed primarily at acquiring knowledge acquisition skills. It is characterised by the fact that students are spoken to. Also called master class or exposition, it refers to the oral presentation made by the teacher, (with the support of blackboard, a computer and a projector for the display of texts, graphs, etc.), in front of a group of students. They are expository, explanatory or demonstrative sessions of contents. The size of the group is determined by the limit or physical capacity of the classroom; therefore, it is a single group.
- M2 On-site training activity aimed primarily at obtaining knowledge application and research skills. Knowledge is built through interaction and activities. The activity consists of supervised monographic sessions with shared participation (teachers, students, experts). The size of the group is variable, from one large group to various small groups, with a minimum of 6 students to ensure interaction. The evaluation will be based on follow-up records kept by the teacher. Participation and the development of the capacity to problematize should be taken into account.
- M3 On-site group-work training activity oriented toward problem solving under the supervision of a teacher. It would correspond to "Animal-free supervised practical work", type e1, from the European evaluation of EAEVE. The size of the group is variable, in a range of 10 to 20 students, to differentiate it from a master class.



- M6 On-site training activity in groups carried out in the laboratory. It includes the sessions where the students develop laboratory experiments, make dissections or use the microscopes for the study of histological or histopathological samples actively and autonomously, under the supervision of the professor. It also includes work with healthy animals, objects, products, corpses (e.g., animal handling, bacteriological practices, physiology or biochemistry, meat inspection, etc.). It would correspond to the "Supervised practical non-clinical animal work" type e2 of the European evaluation of EAEVE. The size of the group is variable, in a range of 10 to 20 students.
- M7 On-site training activity that is defined as the clinical practical work developed in the Veterinary Clinical Hospital or clinical centres ascribed to the University, as well as itinerant clinical practices, mainly with ruminants, equids, pigs, birds and aquatic animals. Also included are necropsies, surgical workshops and training in clinical examination techniques or diagnosis with healthy patients. In these practical sessions the student will always work with animals, which can be healthy (e.g. propaedeutic or obstetrics) or clinical cases (individual or collective), including a protocol or work scheme, being supervised by a teacher and assuming the provision of a service. This type of training corresponds to type e3 of the EAEVE European evaluation called "Clinical Training" (strictly hands-on)". The size of the group will be 5 students or fewer.
- M8 A set of on-site training activities carried out by the teacher to provide personalised attention to the student or in small groups with the aim of reviewing and discussing the materials and topics presented in classes, seminars, readings, carrying out projects, etc. The aim is to ensure a truly comprehensive education of the student rather than a mere transfer of information. It is, therefore, a personalized assistance relationship in which the tutor assists, facilitates and guides one or more students in the learning process.
- M9 Set of processes that attempt to evaluate the learning outcomes of students expressed in terms of acquired knowledge, capacities, skills or abilities developed and manifested attitudes. It covers a wide range of activities that can be developed for students to demonstrate their training (e.g. written, oral and practical tests, projects or assignments). It also includes the Official Calls.
- M11 Autonomous training activities related to personal study, or the preparation of individual course assignments. The individual preparation of readings, essays, problem solving, papers, reports, etc. will be evaluated through presentations or submissions during theoretical classes, practical classes, seminars and/or tutorials. The evaluation of the submitted papers will consider the structure of the paper, the quality of the documentation, originality, spelling and presentation.



## IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Theoretical lessons (TL) M1	R1, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8	40,00	1,60
Seminars (S) M2, M3	R2, R4, R5, R7	5,00	0,20
Problem-solving Practice (PSP) M3	R3, R4, R8	15,00	0,60
In-Classroom Practice (ICP)		37,00	1,48
Laboratory Practice (LP) M6	R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	8,00	0,32
Clinical Practice (CP) M7	R6, R7	10,00	0,40
Tutorial M8	R1	6,00	0,24
Evaluation (Ev) M9	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8	4,00	0,16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>125,00</b>	<b>5,00</b>

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Group work M9	R1, R2, R3, R8	15,00	0,60
Individual work M11	R1, R4, R8	10,00	0,40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25,00</b>	<b>1,00</b>



## Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

### Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents
Animal experimentation	Biology of animal experimentation species Facilities and management of animal experimentation species Pathologies of animal experimentation species Sanitary control Legislation, ethics committees and authorized bodies 3 R's Standard procedures in animal experimentation

### Organization of the practical activities:

	Content	Place	Hours
PR1.	Manejo y manipulación de roedores	Laboratory	4,00
PR2.	Diseño de instalaciones	Lecture room	2,00
PR3.	Elaboración de proyectos para el comité de ética	Lecture room	2,00

### Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
Animal experimentation	62,50	125,00

## References