

Academic Policy Council

Undergraduate Courses with Contact with Animals/Tissues/Body Fluids

Steps Proposed by a Faculty and EH&S Task Force:

1. The Provost's Office will generate a "policy" that instructors must provide class-specific safety training that addresses the specific animal hazard.
2. Incorporate specific questions in the approval.ufl.edu that will ask submitters questions that will assist in determining the level of risk in each course.
3. Place a hazard statement in the syllabus

"This course involves contact with vertebrate animals or their tissue or body fluids. Health and safety hazards may be associated with animal contact, including animal-related injuries, allergens, or zoonotic diseases. The specific hazards depend on the animal species and procedures involved. Your instructor will provide additional information and training to minimize risks from animal contact.

Individuals are at higher risk for adverse health effects from animal contact if they are immune compromised, have a history of animal allergies, have diabetes or other serious medical conditions, or are pregnant. These individuals should discuss their risks with a medical provider."

4. Include information in the flyer in the syllabus or in Canvas (see attached).
5. An on-line canvas course would be developed by EHS and the student would need to provide a copy of their certificate to the instructor before animals/animal tissues/body fluids are contacted.