B.S. WILDLIFE CARE AND REHABILIATION

The BS in Wildlife Care and Rehabilitation prepares students to care for and manage a wide variety of wild animals in enclosed environments. This degree is for students interested in pursuing professional work in a zoo, aquarium, wildlife preserve, animal rehabilitation facility, veterinary clinic, animal training center and more. Students in this program will study animal science, wildlife ecology, animal enrichment and management, cutting-edge animal rehabilitation techniques, policy, and animal training methodologies. Throughout the program, students will be supported to embark on impactful careers in captive wildlife conservation and rehabilitation.

Program Outcomes

1. Apply biological and psychological principles to the care and rehabilitation of wild animals.
2. Interpret ethical, legal, and policy frameworks guiding wildlife care, rehabilitation permitting, and conservation management.
3. Evaluate wildlife health, behavior, and welfare data using scientific reasoning and evidence-based approaches to design or assess rehabilitation and management plans.
4. Describe best practices for animal welfare, behavior management, and enrichment in rehabilitation and captive care settings.
5. Communicate wildlife care and rehabilitation practices with scientific, professional, and public audiences.

General Education Requirements		
BY 191	General Biology I	3
BL 191	General Biology Lab I	1
CH 180	Principles of Gen Chemistry	3
CX 180	Prin of Gen Chemistry Lab I	1
CM 221	Professional Communications	3
EH 105	College Writing	3
HE 111	The Husson Experience	1-3
or HE 114	Husson Experience & Building Professional Skills	
MS 132	Probability and Statistics	3
PH 220	Environmental Philosophy	3
PY 111	General Psychology	3
PY 231	Social Psychology	3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective		3
Literature Elective		3
Math I Elective		3-4
Perspectives Elective		3
Major Requirements		
AB 101	Foundations of Animal Studies	3
AB 201	Animal Behavior	3
AB 221	Animal Comparative Anatomy	3
AB 224	Research Design for Animal Studies	3
AB 234	Animal Health and Nutrition	3
AB 321	Introduction to Wildlife Care and Management	3
AB 333	Animal Disease	3
AB 381	Human Dimensions of Wildlife Care and Rehabilitation	3
AB 421	Designing Captive Wildlife Experiences	3
AB 445	Wildlife Rescue, Transport, and Triage	3
AB 491	Animal Care and Behavior Capstone	3
BY 192	General Biology II	3
BL 192	General Biology Lab II	1
CN 346	North American Wildlife/Fisheries Identification	3
WB 142	Conservation Biology	3
Wildlife Care and Rehabilitation Electives		6
Open Electives		27
Total Hours		**118-121**

* Depending upon credit allocation, students may need to take an additional elective course to meet the minimum 120 credit requirement.