Bachelor of Science in Zoo Science

A unique partnership

Since 1989, Friends University and the Sedgwick County Zoo have been providing college students with the education and training necessary to become successful zoo professionals.

The University provides general education courses in the liberal arts and sciences, plus program-specific courses in biology, chemistry, math, business and psychology. The zoo provides on-site zoological courses taught by staff that include hands-on experiences.

The result is an undergraduate program that is uniquely effective at preparing students for careers in zoo-keeping, zoo education, zoo administration and zoo exhibit design among others.

Leaders in zoo professions education

The Zoo Science program at Friends University began as an innovative concept more than 30 years ago. Throughout the years, the curriculum has been strengthened to prepare graduates for a changing professional marketplace.

Zoo Science practicum

All students are provided the opportunity to leave the classroom and get hands-on experience working with zoo professionals. Students can choose the area of the zoo where they will spend one semester learning about operations with a mentor. Practicum students learn the skills of animal husbandry, exhibit maintenance and animal enrichment.

Networking

Students will not only learn the skills needed to be a zoo professional, but will also be in constant contact with current zoo professionals who can help them in their pursuit of a future career in the animal care field.

Upon graduation, students will have acquired a thorough knowledge of zoology, developed a skill set unique to zoo professions and cultivated relationships with existing zoo professionals.

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