What you can do with your
ZOOOLOGY MAJOR

Major Skills:

Critical Thinking
You learn how to identify, define, and solve
problems, analyzing connections between
the biological sciences and society and the
biological world.

Research and Research Design
You understand how to plan and carry out scientific
experiments by obtaining and evaluating scientific
information (taking professional and ethical
responsibility into account), identifying strengths and
weaknesses of methods and approaches, reporting
findings, and making recommendations.

Data Analysis
You learn to analyze quantitative data, utilize
appropriate tools, predict outcomes, interpret
results of data gathering, and present data.

Written & Oral Communication
Your articulate ideas clearly and effectively in
written communications and oral communications;
you can explain complex ideas to scientific and
non-scientific audiences.

Teamwork
You collaborate with others to achieve common
goals and favorable outcomes.

Digital Literacy
You leverage existing as well as new and
emerging digital technologies ethically and
efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks,
and accomplish goals.

Supplement Your Skills With:

Leadership and
Mentoring

Communicating Science to Non-
Scientists

Lab and Field
Experiences

Career and Self-
Development

Experience Fostering Professional
Equity & Inclusion

Volunteer and Service
Experience

Chart Your
Path Forward

Activate Your
Handshake Account
for connections to jobs,
internships, employer &
alumni networking.

Get Specialized
Career Advising
from the Economics Career
Development Office:
econ.wisc.edu/careers

Get Career &
Internship Advising
from SuccessWorks to make a
plan, whether you’re a first-year
student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu
Put your Zoology major to WORK

Common Job Titles of Alumni:
- Registered Nurse
- Physician Assistant
- Owner / Partner
- Physician
- President / CEO
- Project Manager
- Physical Therapist
- Veterinarian

Common Employers of Alumni:
- Abbvie
- American Family Insurance
- Aurora Health Care
- Covance
- Dane County Humane Society
- Epic
- Exact Sciences
- Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin
- Gundersen Health System
- Labcorp Drug Development
- Mayo Clinic
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- National Park Service
- PPD
- SSM Health
- University of Minnesota
- University of Wisconsin
- US Department of Veterans Affairs
- UW Health
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:
- 64% Employment
- 32% Continuing Education or Grad School
- 4% Volunteer/Service Program

Industry of Employment 2016-2021:
1. Education
2. Life Sciences
3. Healthcare
4. Non-Profit
5. Arts & Entertainment
6. Government
7. Information Technology
8. Marketing / Services
9. Agriculture
10. Natural Resources

Where Alumni Live & Work:
- 41% Wisconsin
- 7% Minnesota
- 7% Illinois
- 6% California
- 39% Other

“My science courses provide the essential background information to explain the ‘why’ behind equipment and physiologic problems I encounter as a respiratory therapist. This solid science foundation helped set me apart from colleagues and allowed me to rapidly advance professionally.”

Ellen Becker, 1983
Professor, Rush University
Chicago, IL

“My analytical and critical thinking skills gained from my Zoology major transcend across careers; From working on non-clinical trials to managing clinical research trials to being a product owner in the HealthTech industry, this major has given me the skills that I have needed at every stage of my career.”

Kristen Labs, 2012
Business Analyst, Geno.Me
Milwaukee, WI

Career Communities for Zoology Majors
SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Zoology majors can start.

- Environment, Natural Resources, & Wildlife
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Scientific Research & Development
- Non-Profit Management & Education

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

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