

Species Specific Course on Laboratory Animal Science: RODENTS AND RABBIT

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Objective

The objective of these courses is to present basic and appropriate biology, care, health and management, recognition of pain, suffering and distress in these animals and minimally invasive procedures without anaesthesia to be applied on these animals. This course meets the standards for the species-specific education and training requirements for persons designing projects and procedures for rodents and rabbits.

Competence

For the function 'designing procedures and projects' the Dutch government requires competency.

On December 18, 2014 the new legislation regarding animal experimentation was implemented. Due to this implementation the course on Laboratory Science has been adapted. The course contains now of two parts, a basic course (Introduction to laboratory animal science) and a species specific course. The basic course certificate and, at least, one species specific certificate will give the required competence.

From August 1, 2015 the competence is limited. You are not allowed to perform any procedure on animals, unless there is supplementary education. From now you are competent when you are skilled (competence profile, species and skill(s) stated).

After successful completion of the new basic course and after successful completion of the present species specific course, you will be competent to design procedures and projects and to execute simple procedures on these animals. Further skills have to be obtained by working under supervision until competence is demonstrated. Only then are you allowed to work with animals independently.

Learning outcomes in accordance with the EC Training and Education Document relating to Directive EU/2010/63,

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/pdf/Endorsed_E-T.pdf

Further reading on this website of ETPLAS (Education and Training Platform for Laboratory Animal Science) <http://www.etplas.eu/>

Requirements for course participation

- An MSc degree in a biological or zootechnical discipline
- Knowledge of the basic subjects of biology up to 18,75 ECTS (=500 study hours) including at least 7.5 ECTS on anatomy/zoology and 7.5 ECTS on physiology. If your educational background does not cover this requirement you have to take an additional exam. You will receive information regarding this exam after registration for the course.

Workload

The number of credits that can be obtained after successful completion of the species specific course is 1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). The length of the course is one week (fulltime, 09.00-17.30 hrs). Participation in all parts of the course is mandatory.

Language

English

Content of the course

For the study guide Species Specific Course on Rodents and Rabbit: click on this [LINK](#)

Course material

During the course the book Principles of laboratory animal science, revised edition, 2001, L.F.M. van Zutphen, V. Baumans and F. Ohl (eds.) (ISBN 13: 978-0-444-50612-2) will be used. Further reading material will be provided on a usb-stick.

Certificate

If the participant has met all legal requirements and has successfully passed the exam at the end of the course, the participant will receive a certificate for this species specific course.

If you do not meet all legal requirements, like not holding a Master degree (yet), you will receive a written confirmation stating that you followed the module and successfully passed the exam. Together with the certificate for the basic course, after obtaining your Master degree, you can request the final certificate confirming that you meet all legal requirements of the Dutch legislation to be registered for the function “designing projects and procedures”.

Registration

Registration will be accepted after receipt of the registration form on 'first come, first served' basis. Please fill in (using the Tab-key) and send it by email to las@uu.nl or regular mail to: Department Animals in Science & Society, Course on Laboratory Animal Science, P.O. box 80.166, 3508 TD Utrecht, the Netherlands

- Master students of the Graduate School of Life Sciences registered at Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience and cognition of Utrecht University should enroll in consultation with the Master Administration Office, e-mail infobms@umcutrecht.nl and by means of the separate registration form for Master students Biomedical Sciences.
- Master students of the Graduate School of Life Sciences registered at Biological/Chemical/Pharmaceutical sciences of Utrecht University should enroll in consultation with their education administration, email: s.goubitz@uu.nl and by means of the by means of the separate application form for master-GSLS Faculty of Science.

Please send in together with your registration form:

- A copy of your master diploma
- A complete list of all relevant courses (including BSc studies) that you followed and the

number of hours that they took (if your academic training was not one of the aforementioned disciplines)

Prices (incl. course material)

- Course Rodents and Rabbit: €710

Employees of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University:

- Course Rodents and Rabbit: €370

Starting January 1, 2016 payment has to be done through our webshop.

All participants receive a link to this webshop. Payment can be finalized with Ideal (preferably) or credit card.

Exception: master students GSLS. For their participation we send an invoice to their master administration.

Cancellation Policy

If registration is canceled:

- 22 or more days prior to the starting date of the course: the payment is fully refunded.
- 7 - 21 days prior to the starting date of the course, 50% of the payment is refunded to the client.
- 7 or less days to the starting date of the course or no-show, the payment is not refunded.

For more information you may contact the Main Office of the Laboratory Animal Science Course.