



UNIVERSITY POLICY

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Number: 111

Subject: Animal Care and Use Policy

Covered Individuals: All employees

Covered Campus Locations: All locations

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Effective Date of Last Revision:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance by Upper Iowa University (UIU) with guidelines set forth in the external links in the references section regarding the humane care and use of animals.

DEFINITIONS:

IACUC – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

POLICY

1. The transportation, care and use of animals should be in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, as well as other applicable federal and state laws, guidelines and policies, some of which are listed in the references section below.
2. Procedures not involving vertebrate animals will be explored whenever feasible.
3. Procedures involving vertebrate animals will be designed to minimize stress, pain and suffering. Procedures ending in euthanasia of vertebrate animals will be designed to produce an immediate death that minimizes pain and suffering.
4. The living conditions of vertebrate animals will be appropriate for their species and contribute to their health and comfort.
5. This policy establishes the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) as a University committee. The IACUC will consist of two faculty members, one individual from outside the university and a veterinarian. Faculty members are chosen to serve through the procedure for seating faculty members on university-level committees. Faculty members chosen to serve are responsible for ensuring that the

positions not affiliated with the University are filled and for electing a Chair. The Chair will be appropriately qualified and experienced in conducting procedures on living vertebrate animals.

6. University personnel that intend to house living vertebrate animals or that desire to use living vertebrates for teaching or research will submit a plan to the IACUC and receive approval prior to housing the animals or commencing such use. The IACUC shall review all plans semiannually (August and February) or on an as needed basis. Committee members will recuse themselves from discussion regarding proposals they have submitted. To submit a plan, complete the appropriate form at either of the links below and submit to the head of the committee. **NOTE: Upon approval, an email address should be created for this position.**
7. When the referenced documents are silent on a particular use of animals, the IACUC relies on published guidelines of professional societies for guidance to determine if the proposed use is humane and appropriate.

RULES, PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES, FORMS, AND OTHER RELATED RESOURCES

[Plan for Housing Living Vertebrate Animals](#)

[Plan for Using Living Vertebrates for Teaching or Research](#)

REFERENCES

1. United States Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training (<https://olaw.nih.gov/resources/tutorial/relevant.htm#2b>)
2. Regulations of the Animal Welfare Act as promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture (<https://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/animal-welfare-act>)
3. The United States Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (<https://olaw.nih.gov/policies-laws/phs-policy.htm>)
4. The National Academy of Sciences “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals” (<https://www.nap.edu/read/12910/chapter/1>)
5. The Federation of Animal Science Societies “Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching” (FASS Guide)

CONTACTS

The IACUC is responsible for answering questions regarding the application of this policy. The policy itself and any subsequent revisions to the policy have been and will be approved by the UIU Faculty Senate prior to approval by the President's Council.

SANCTIONS

N/A

HISTORY

- October 16, 2018 – policy approved by the School of Science and Mathematics and the School of Liberal Arts in a joint meeting
- November 14, 2018 – policy approved by Faculty Senate
- December 17, 2018 – policy recommended for approval by University Policy Committee
- December 19, 2018 – policy approved by President's Council