



Obihiro University
of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

Food Science

Students in the Laboratory of Food Science acquire a broad understanding and up-to-date knowledge and skills regarding the production and processing of foods made from agricultural and livestock ingredients. They learn about the functionality and safety of such foods from the molecular to the industrial level.

Agricultural Economics

Leveraging resources in Hokkaido's Tokachi region, known as Japan's breadbasket, is a critical component in achieving a sound material cycle. The Laboratory of Agricultural Economics gives students advanced knowledge and skills for successful careers in economics and business administration related to food production, distribution, and consumption.

Engineering for Agriculture

Hokkaido's Tokachi region is known as the breadbasket of Japan. Its abundant resources are integral components in realizing a sound material cycle that ensures local resource management. The Laboratory of Engineering for Agriculture provides students with an advanced education and research skills to take leading roles making environmental improvements for food production using mechanical, biological, and civil engineering approaches.

Plant Production Science

The Laboratory of Plant Production Science provides students with advanced knowledge and skills in fields related to the qualitative and quantitative improvement of plant production based on expertise in plant physiology, ecology, and genetics as well as soil science. The goal is to teach how to achieve a sound material cycle and ensure local resource management.



Master 's / Doctor 's Degree Program of Animal and Food Hygiene

The program is open to all students who major in animal science and agriculture, regardless of the courses they are enrolled in. It provides professional-level training in food safety, and its goal is to train individuals who can maintain international safety and hygiene standards required by businesses involved in the global distribution of food.

The program's specialized curriculum includes courses on management systems for the safety and hygiene of agricultural and livestock products. Students who successfully complete this program will receive a degree in their area of specialization and be ready to work as animal and food hygiene professionals with exceptional skills in their chosen field.

Degree: Master of Animal and Food Hygiene Year: 2-year

Degree: Doctor of Animal and Food Hygiene Year: 3-year

Doctoral Program of Animal Science and Agriculture

The Doctoral Program of Animal Science and Agriculture prepares students to be creative educators and researchers equipped with professional research and teaching skills necessary to respond to the globalization of agriculture and food supply. The program offers courses that combine the fields of animal science and agriculture with veterinary medicine in the areas of animal production science, environmental ecology, food science, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, plant production science, and animal and food hygiene.

Degree: Doctor of Agriculture Year: 3-year

Doctoral Program of Veterinary Science

Students completing the Doctoral Program of Veterinary Science are prepared to play a leading role in education and research that contribute to the enhancement of food safety as well as animal and human health. The program develops students' practical skills and leadership abilities that are necessary to meet the ever-diversifying social needs of globalized agricultural and livestock businesses from a perspective of both veterinary medicine and agriculture. Students who successfully complete this program are ready to engage in cutting-edge research in basic veterinary science, but also pathological, applied and clinical veterinary science, or to work as clinical veterinarians who use the most current medical treatments for companion, industrial, and wild animals.

Degree: Doctor of Veterinary Science Year: 4-year

Entrance and Tuition Fees

Students, except for Japanese government scholarship students and OUAVM scholarship students are required to pay entrance examination, admission and tuition fee.

Category	Entrance Examination Fee	Admission Fee	Tuition
Payment Period	When applying for the examination	During a designated period after notification of acceptance	In May and November
Undergraduate	¥ 17,000	¥ 282,000	¥ 535,000 / year
Graduate	¥ 30,000	¥ 282,000	¥ 535,000 / year
Research Student	¥ 9,800	¥ 84,600	¥ 356,400 / year

Tuition Fee Waiver and Extension on Payment

For privately-financed international students who are unable to pay their tuition fees and have excellent grades, there's a system that waives all, half of their tuition fees or postpone the payment. There is also another system that waives the entrance fee. Please note that research students are not eligible for this system.

Topics

13 Dec 2019

OUAVM acquires accreditation from the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE)



The EAEVE granted accreditation to the Cooperative Veterinary Education Program between Hokkaido University and Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, VetNorth Japan, and to the Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Yamaguchi University and Kagoshima University, VetJapan South.

The presidents of the four universities held a joint press conference at the Ministry of Education on December 13. On behalf of the four universities, OUAVM president Kiyoshi Okuda said that we do not consider the accreditation as a goal but as a milestone, and the four universities will share their experiences and knowledge from the accreditation process with other veterinary colleges to make ongoing contributions to improve Japanese veterinary education. OUAVM will continue its efforts to further internationalize its veterinary education programs. OUAVM is also committed to promoting international exchanges and joint research projects to provide quality education with a solid research foundation.

19 Sep 2019

The Summer Joint-Program with the University of Wisconsin-Madison at OUAVM



OUAVM hosted the Summer Joint-Program with the University of Wisconsin-Madison (hereinafter referred to as UW-M) from August 19 to 27.

OUAVM hosted the program for the second time in cooperation with the UW-M, as part of an academic exchange agreement between the two universities. The nine-day program provides an opportunity for both OUAVM and UW-M students to learn about Hokkaido's nature and food systems through group work and discussions.

The program was offered entirely in English. Twenty-four students (12 each from UW-M and OUAVM) attended lectures on the environment, soil, dairy farming, food, and economy of Hokkaido. They engaged in fieldwork and toured related agricultural facilities. They also took part in an overnight training course in Akan National Park. On the final day, the students made a presentation on what they had learned in the program.

The program was a great success. Many of the students said that they had deepened their understanding of other cultures, experienced different values, and improved their communication skills through discussions and group work with students from another country. They also felt that they had acquired extensive knowledge about agriculture in Hokkaido through the lectures and hands-on practice.

International Exchanges

Total 1453

International students : 685

JICA participants : 768



International Activities

The mission of Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) is to develop a unique style of education by combining practical science with creative intellectual research to contribute to local and international communities through training of skilled individuals who can support food production and people's everyday lives. OUAVM graduates and trainees are ready to support developing countries by playing global roles in the fields of veterinary medicine, agriculture, and livestock production, by ensuring food safety and the improvement of food productivity.

Producing people for international cooperation

By giving students opportunities to see firsthand actual agricultural and livestock production sites in developing countries, OUAVM helps them to decide on careers as international specialists in veterinary medicine, agriculture, and animal husbandry.

- International Studies Program (2018-)
- Special admissions for students with experience in international aid projects (2006-)
- Project for strengthening small dairy farmers in Itapua, Paraguay (2012-)

Accepting trainees

In cooperation with JICA, OUAVM accepts researchers and engineers from developing countries and provides them with training courses to improve their knowledge and skills in veterinary medicine, agriculture, and animal husbandry. As of October 2019, OUAVM has accepted 768 trainees from 91 countries (see the map).

Training courses for 2019:

- Rural Development through creations Agricultural Value Chain (Value Addition to Livestock Products)

Dispatching experts

In order to share results of our creative and interdisciplinary practical science research and to help create sustainable progress of global communities, OUAVM participates in JICA projects such as the "Technical Cooperation Project" and "Grassroots Technical Cooperation", and dispatches our faculty to developing countries as JICA experts. As of October 2019, 347 faculty members have worked as JICA experts.

Technical cooperation projects

- Technical Cooperation for Enhancement of Agricultural Training Center and Support for Human Resource Development for Promotion of Dairy Farming in the Eastern Region of Paraguay (2016-2020)
- Livestock Farmer Support Program by Controlling Tick and Tick-Borne Diseases in Uganda (2020-2024)



Location Map

- Haneda Airport
 - ✈ Tokachi Obihiro Airport
- Narita Airport
 - ✈ New Chitose Airport 🚆 Obihiro
- Kansai Airport
 - ✈ New Chitose Airport 🚆 Obihiro



Access Map

- From Obihiro Station / About 20 min. (7 km) by car
- From Tokachi-Obihiro Airport / About 25 min. (21 km) by car



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