The Meat Science minor is for students who wish to develop a better understanding of meat and muscle as a food product. This minor will appeal to students with a general interest in food animal production and be especially helpful for those students who plan to work in food industries or any type of formal agricultural instruction/education settings. The minor is designed to provide students with a general understanding of food animal development with an increased focus on anatomy, muscle biology, meat processing, and food safety.

The Meat Science minor consists of 20 hours selected as listed below. Students declaring the minor are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment with the coordinating advisor listed above to discuss their proposed program.

Required courses (6 credit hours)
ANIM SCI 355.01: Principles of Meat Science (3)  
Prerequisite: 5 credit hours in Animal Sciences.  
ANIM SCI 355.02: Meat Science Products Laboratory (3)

Electives (Select a minimum of 14 credit hours from the following list.)
ANIM SCI 200: Introductory Animal Sciences (5)  
ANIM SCI 250: Food Animal Products (3)  
ANIM SCI 305: Meat Animal and Carcass Production (3)  
ANIM SCI 400: Animal Growth and Development (4)  
ANIM SCI 413: Principles of Animal Health (5)  
ANIM SCI 555.02: Meat Processing (4)  
ANIM SCI 555.03: Branded Meat Products (4)  
ANIM SCI 593: Individual Studies (2-4)*  
ANIM SCI 605 (was 555.01): Advanced Meat Science (3)  
ANIM SCI 618: Molecular Events in Tissue Growth and Development (4)  
MICROBIOL 509: Basic and Practical Microbiology (5)  

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  - Lamb/Beef/Pork 509 Short Course

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Overlap with the major  Not allowed and
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Overlap between minors  Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

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  - Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
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Approval required  The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:
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Filing the minor program form  The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor  Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
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