



ANIMAL USER TRAINING POLICY			
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A. Purpose

Ambrose University strongly believes that the Three Rs (replacement, reduction and refinement) should be fulfilled when using live animals. The best way to understand the Three R Framework and to consider alternate approaches to working with animals is with training. Canadian Council on Animal Care does not mandate training for Category A work (e.g. working with non-cephalopod tissues, non-reproductive larval stages of some vertebrates, secondarily derived tissues, etc.; please see Animal Care Committee Handbook). Ambrose University requires those involved in animal research or teaching at a level of invasiveness of Category B or higher to demonstrate competencies both in the theoretical aspects of animal ethics, as well as in the practical components of working within their study system. At Ambrose University, animal work is typically, but not always, of Category A nature. This policy defines the expectation for animal users at Ambrose University to complete the appropriate training.

B. Scope

This policy applies to members of Animal Care Committee and Animal Users. Included in the scope of the policy are undergraduates engaged in research, such as BIO 493, but not necessarily undergraduates doing course-based laboratory work under proper supervision

C. Policy Statement

At a minimum, animal users are required to demonstrate competencies through the successful completion of an Institutional Animal User Training Program and subsequent quiz. At Ambrose University, this training currently contains three modules adapted from the Canadian Council on Animal Care:

- Ethics of Animal Use in Science
- Three Rs
- Occupational Health and Safety

All animal users must get > 80% on the quiz to pass. They have up to three attempts to achieve this.

Additional training may also be required at the discretion of the Ambrose University Animal Care Committee.

The appropriate modules available through the Canadian Council on Animal Care may be selected by the Animal Care Committee and communicated to the applicants.

The Institutional Animal User Training Program and quiz must be done yearly by members of the Animal Care Committee, and must be conducted by the appropriate animal users for every year in which they have an active Animal Use Protocol.