

LANGUAGE AND ANIMALS

Animals are amazing creatures, and for thousands of years, we have included them into our stories, our cultures, and our homes. We have sometimes taken their abilities for granted, and in recent years, scientists have embarked on an objective inquiry into the minds and abilities of animals, and the more we learn, the more we realize that animals can pull off some amazing feats.

In this course, we explore a holistic approach to studying animal behavior and cognition to better understand their communicative capabilities. We will cover a range of topics from breaking down what exactly your dog understands when you say his or her name to studying the intricacies of bee dances. Ultimately, we will try to answer the question “do animals have language?”

This course is entirely online in the summer, meaning you can work from anywhere at your own pace. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Scott Nelson at nelso672@msu.edu.

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