

Monash University Policy

Policy Title	Use of Animals in Coursework Programs Policy
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Policy Owner	Chair, Education Policy and Programs Committee
Category	Academic Quality and Standards
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Content Enquiries	Education Policy Unit
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coursework units • All campuses • All staff and students
Purpose	To replace, reduce and refine the use of animals in coursework programs.
POLICY STATEMENT	

- Monash University adheres to all relevant national and Victorian legislation and codes of practice governing the use of animals in coursework programs.
- Monash is committed to replacing, reducing and refining the use of animals in coursework programs.
 - Animals used in coursework programs will be replaced by non-animal alternatives, unless this cannot be done without diminishing a program's educational value. Animals will not be used for teaching activities unless there are no alternatives that achieve all of the stated educational objectives.
 - Where replacement would diminish the program's educational value, the numbers of animals used in coursework programs will be reduced to the minimum necessary for achieving all of the program's stated educational objectives.
 - Where replacement would diminish the program's educational value, the techniques employed in using animals in coursework programs will be refined to reduce the adverse impact on animals. All use of animals will be guided by a genuine commitment to the welfare of the animals.

In coursework units using animals, students will be given the opportunity to discuss the ethical, social and scientific issues involved in the use of animals for scientific and educational purposes.

Supporting Procedures	Use of Animals in Coursework Programs Procedures
Responsibility for implementation	Deans Associate Deans (Education) Faculty Managers Animal Ethics Committees
Status	New
Approval Body	Name: Academic Board

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Endorsement Body	Name: Education Committee Meeting: 1-2009 Date: 18-February-2009 Agenda item: 10.2.3
Definitions	Animal: Any live non-human vertebrate or higher-order invertebrate, including lobsters, crabs, crayfish, octopus, squid, cuttlefish or nautilus.
Legislation Mandating Compliance	
Related Policies	<i>Monash University Animal Welfare Committee Guidelines and Policies</i> Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching at Monash University Incidents/ non-compliance
Related Documents	<i>Information on Alternatives to Animal Use</i> Humane Research Australia Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Training European Centre for the Validation of Alternatives Methods Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing A Norwegian Inventory of Alternatives https://norecopa.no/norinaUC Davis Center for Animal Alternatives Information Universities Federation for Animal Welfare <i>Monash Guidelines and Forms</i> Animal Ethics Approval Tail Tissue Collection Procedures for Genotyping Mice