

Department of Animal Sciences

Criteria for the Appointment and Reappointment of Teaching Assistants

- I. Criteria for the Appointment of Teaching Assistants
 - A. Major importance
 1. The ability to communicate in an oral and written fashion.
 2. Competence in subject area to be taught, including academic and/or practical experience.
 3. Previous teaching experience.
 4. Students pursuing thesis research with a faculty member in Animal Sciences will be given preference over those working with faculty from other departments.
 - B. Lesser Importance
 1. Grade point average plus scores from Graduate Record Examination (general and subject tests).
 2. Letters of reference.
 3. Students in pursuit of the Ph.D. degree will normally be given preference over M.S. students.
- II. Criteria for the Reappointment of Teaching Assistants

All of the criteria listed above for an initial TA appointment and ...

 - A. Major importance
 1. Appropriate progress (coursework and research) towards attaining degree. Normally, this entails maintaining a 3.0 GPA or above, no more than two Cs in graduate-level work, plus research advisor's recommendation.
 2. Development of appropriate teaching skills for subject matter taught, as judged by student evaluations and course supervisor(s).
 - B. Lesser importance
 1. Normally, no more than five years of support will be available for those planning the Ph.D. or two years support for the M.S. degree.