Department of Zoology, Weber State University
Mission
The Department of Zoology provides rigorous, engaging, and relevant educational opportunities,
resources, and expertise in all facets of animal biology and associated life sciences.
Values
 Encourage freedom of exploration in the life sciences.
 Serve diverse students at varied levels of engagement in animal biology including general
education courses, support courses for non-zoology degrees across campus, and a diversity of
courses relevant for careers in the sciences.
 Involve students in active research and community service.
 Through research and service, contribute new knowledge within fields of zoology and related
life sciences.
 Through rigorous coursework and independent instruction, confer skills in problem solving,
critical thinking, communication, and disciplinary methods, which

5. professional presentations and writings;
iii.

iii. Offerings online, at Davis Campus, during evenings
d. Vulnerabilities –
i. Mostly “traditional” subject matter
ii. Many sections taught by adjuncts or as overload (not featured by tenure-track
faculty) due to growing demand for support and science-majors courses where the
level of expertise provided by tenure-track faculty is required
iii. Adjunct faculty with qualifications and availability to teach

5. There is limited dedicated support for proposal preparation or submission
6. Strengthen life sciences in associated communities within the northern Wasatch Front metropolitan

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research efforts • Goal 6 o Develop and strengthen community partnerships for students interested in careers in
anim al care o Develop strategies for documenting and strengthening community ties established by
particular faculty, staff, and students