

# NEW COURSE: MEDS 487 ANIMALS & HUMAN HEALTH



**Sept. – Dec. 2017 Mondays & Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am  
CRN 12323**

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In line with the concept of the “One Health Initiative”, Animals & Human Health is a limited enrollment, seminar-style Special Topics course offered through the Division of Medical Science. This course uses recent peer-reviewed journal articles (some selected by the students) to discuss emerging topics, current controversies, and future directions associated with the intersection of animals, humans, and the environment.

Weekly topics may include zoonotic diseases, environmental impact on animal & human health, research with animals, animals in service and entertainment, the human-animal bond, animals as sentinels for human and environmental health, animals as food, and animals in culture.

The students or the instructor will present articles for discussion. Participation in the discussion will form a portion of the final grade. The popular press will form a component of the discussion. Written assignments, online learning, quizzes and up to two student-lead presentations will be used to complete the marking scheme.