Veterinary Medicine
Pre-Professional Advising
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Veterinary medicine is concerned with two primary areas: the first is the diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention of animal health problems; and the second is protection of the public from animal borne disease through food safety inspection and other methods. Veterinarians also work in the fields of research and education.

A professional program in veterinary medicine generally requires four years of graduate study. In the first three years, students gain a solid foundation through classroom instruction and laboratory work. The final year consists of clinical rotations. Specialization within veterinary medicine requires further study at the post-doctoral level.

Although a bachelor's degree is not required for admission into veterinary school, most entering students have completed a four-year undergraduate degree. Veterinary schools will consider applicants from all disciplines, but because specific course requirements vary among schools, students must be sure to check the admission standards of the school they are interested in. In general, pre-veterinary students should include the following undergraduate courses: introductory chemistry (CHEM F105X, F106X), organic chemistry (CHEM F321, F322, F324), biochemistry (CHEM F451, F452), biology (BIOL F115X, F116X, F342, F362, F418), statistics (STAT F200X), and physics (PHYS F103X, F104X).

Admission to veterinary school is based on the strength of the applicant's undergraduate academic record and test scores on either the Veterinary College Admissions Test or the Graduate Record Examination. Work experience in veterinary medicine is highly recommended.

Advising for students considering veterinary medicine as a career choice is available through the Academic Advising Center. See www.uaf.edu/advising/degree/preprof/vetmedicine.html for more information.

### Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

**COMMUNICATION (9)**

Complete the following:

- ENGL F111X
  
  ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X OR COMM F141X

**PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)**

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X
- ECON F100X OR PS F100X
- HIST F100X
- ENGL/FL F200X

Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X

Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X, PS F300X OR PHIL F322X

**OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS**

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

**MATHEMATICS (3)**

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR STAT F200X

* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

**OR complete one of the following:**

- MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,
- MATH F262X OR MATH F272X

*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.

**NATURAL SCIENCES (8)**

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

- ATM F101X
- BIOL F100X
- BIOL F103X
- BIOL F104X
- BIOL F111X
- BIOL F112X
- BIOL F115X
- BIOL F116X
- CHEM F100X
- CHEM F103X
- CHEM F104X
- CHEM F105X
- CHEM F106X
- CHEM F107X
- CHEM F200X
- ENGL F190H may be substituted.
- GEOS F100X
- GEOS F101X
- GEOS F112X
- GEOS F202X
- GEOS F203X
- MSL F111X
- PHYS F100X
- PHYS F103X
- PHYS F104X
- PHYS F113X
- PHYS F115X
- PHYS F116X
- PHYS F175X
- PHYS F201X
- PHYS F212X
- PHYS F213X

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0–1)**

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR LS F100X or F101X prior to junior standing

**UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)**

Complete the following:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W)
- One oral communication intensive course designated (O)
- OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements)

**Total Credits Required..........................38–39**