The College of Veterinary Medicine was authorized by the Florida Legislature in 1965 and opened its doors to students in 1976. Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine is concerned with the total health of all members of the animal kingdom, including man.

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More Info

Veterinary students participate in the professional degree program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), which requires 150 semester credits for graduation. Students with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or above may graduate cum laude. A cumulative GPA of 3.75 or above is required for magna cum laude recognition.

The professional curriculum provides a nine-semester program consisting of core didactic classes and clinical clerkship experiences. Three phases of study within the veterinary medical curriculum are based conceptually on:

• the study of the normal animal (Phase I),
• the study of disease processes and therapy (Phase II), and
• clinical applications (Phase III).

Phases I and II are organized on an organ system basis; each system is considered in turn, an approach that lends itself to the concept of comparative medicine. Phase I occupies the first two semesters of the curriculum; Phase II the second two semesters. During Phase III (semesters 5-9) the student enters rotations through the required clerkships and elective areas of concentration.

More Info

Students intending to apply for admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine should plan to complete a bachelor's degree. However, outstanding students may be admitted after three years of preprofessional coursework.

Sequencing of preprofessional coursework should be planned carefully, preferably under the guidance of preprofessional advisors. The Office for Students and Instruction welcomes inquiries of a general nature, but semester-by-semester course scheduling should be monitored by the college offering the bachelor's degree.

Pre-veterinary students may major in a program offered by any department or college but must complete the preprofessional requirements. Applicants to the professional curriculum must present a minimum of 80 credits of college-level coursework, exclusive of physical education and military training courses.

Credit for Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Programs (CLEP) is acceptable at the level identified in the academic advising section of this catalog.

Student selection for the College of Veterinary Medicine will be made by the dean based on recommendation of the Faculty Committee on Admissions using the following criteria as the basis for selection:

• Residency
• Academic Performance
• Verbal and Quantitative GRE Scores; Graduate Record Examination
• Animal and Veterinary Experience
• Evaluation Forms and References
• Extracurricular Activities
• Communicative Skills
• Candidate interview
• Competitiveness of the Applicant Pool

When to Apply

The College of Veterinary Medicine is a participant in the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS). Applications are available in May via VMCAS. In addition to completing the VMCAS application, applicants must also complete and submit a required UF vet med professional application. This secondary application is used to determine residency for tuition purposes. The completed secondary application must be received by the submission deadline of the VMCAS application. Admission is granted only for the fall semester of each school year and only on a full-time basis.