College of Veterinary Medicine

The college was established in 1946. It offers a four-year professional program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree. Applicants generally have a B.S. or B.A. degree but can be admitted after completing prerequisite course requirements without having earned a degree.

The Pre-Veterinary Medical Scholars and AgScholars programs provide early assurance of admission to the MU College of Veterinary Medicine upon satisfactory completion of undergraduate and program requirements. Students work with advisers in the college, and they observe veterinarians at work as part of the program. Students with a minimum ACT score of 30 or an equivalent SAT score are eligible to apply for the Pre-Vet Scholars Program. The required minimum ACT score for the AgScholars Program is 27 and applicants must have demonstrated experience in livestock production and health. Super scores accepted. Once at Mizzou, scholars must meet program minimum standards, including maintaining a 3.5 cumulative GPA. For more information, call the College of Veterinary Medicine at 573-884-3341.

In addition to the professional program, the college’s Department of Veterinary Pathobiology offers a bachelor of science degree in microbiology. This program provides students with a thorough and challenging curriculum designed to prepare graduates for a multitude of careers, including entry-level positions in research, clinical and pharmaceutical laboratories, graduate studies in microbiology and other scientific fields, and admission to schools of health professions.

Online biomedical science courses are available to undergraduate and graduate students through the College of Veterinary Medicine are listed in this catalog. These can be used to fulfill the requirements of a Certificate in Biomedical Science, for a licensed veterinary technician to complete a baccalaureate degree or to earn a master’s degree in biomedical sciences.

The college also provides diagnostic and patient care services for animals. The CVM has a national reputation for excellent student-to-instructor ratio and state-of-the-art facilities. The college also offers post-graduate training to interns, residents in various specialties and graduate students.

For more information about the College of Veterinary Medicine, call (573) 882-3768, or visit http://cvm.missouri.edu.

Academic Policies

Below is a listing of policies that apply only to students admitted to the College of Veterinary Medicine. The full CVM student handbook can be found at: http://cvm.missouri.edu/current-students/student-handbook/.

CVM students must also abide by the University’s Academic Policies that apply to all students.

The policies and procedures of the MU College of Veterinary Medicine are revised on a regular basis. Provisions regarding such policies and procedures contained on our website are subject to change without notice. If you have questions or note errors or omissions, please contact the College. All statements concerning requirements, prerequisites, conditions or other matters are for informational purposes only, and are subject to change without notice. They are not to be regarded as offers to contract.

Course Changes (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/coursechangesv/)

Deficient Academic Performance (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/deficientacademicperformancev/)

Externships (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/externshipsv/)

Honors Recognition (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/honorsrecognitionv/)

Student Files (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/studentfiles/)

Testing Out of Courses (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/testingoutv/)

Transfer Students from Other Accredited Veterinary Schools (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/transferv/)

Withdraw from the CVM (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/withdrawv/)

Undergraduate

In addition to the four-year professional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree, the college offers a variety of undergraduate (BIOMED) courses. Courses serve as electives for other degree programs, a component to the online Health Science and Bachelor of General Studies degrees, and as partial requirements in the MU Pre-veterinary Medicine Scholars program. BIOMED courses are also recommended electives in meeting the requirements to apply for a DVM program.

The Department of Veterinary Pathobiology offers a course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. Microbiology, which includes the sub-disciplines of bacteriology, virology, mycology, parasitology, and immunology, is a cornerstone discipline in the fields of public health, food safety, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, biotechnology, and biomedical research. This degree program positions graduates favorably for either direct entry into the job market or for additional post-baccalaureate training in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, nursing, or biomedical research. Microbiology courses provide a strong science background, which can be beneficial for specialization in such diverse careers as journalism (science and public health reporting) and law (biotech, patent, and environmental law). Students are encouraged to gain research experience by working on mentored projects in faculty labs. http://vpbio.missouri.edu/undergraduate-studies.html

The Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology (BSVT) Program offers degree advancement for students holding an associate vet tech degree, with their previous coursework seamlessly transferring as the foundation of their BS degree. Building upon this foundation, our program offers a diverse array of advanced coursework in veterinary sciences, leadership, communication, business, ethics, and veterinary specialties. Delivered entirely online and asynchronously, this advanced education is tailored to accommodate the busy schedules of our students, many
of whom are full-time employees in veterinary practices nationwide. Our dedicated faculty members are deeply committed to providing a flexible learning experience, ensuring that students can balance their academic pursuits with their professional responsibilities. At the core of the BSVT program is a commitment to empowering veterinary technicians, enabling them to not only excel in their current roles but also to explore new opportunities within the field. The BSVT program, the first of its kind within a college of veterinary medicine, equips students with the intellectual and professional tools necessary for career advancement. https://cvm.missouri.edu/bachelor-of-science-in-veterinary-technology/

Graduate
The College of Veterinary Medicine offers several graduate level degrees within the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, and Veterinary Pathobiology.

Professional
The College of Veterinary Medicine has a professional degree in Veterinary Medicine.