VETERINARY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park

Program Description
This major provides a strong background in those biological and physical sciences underlying contemporary veterinary science and establishes a sound foundation for graduate-level study in veterinary and related biomedical disciplines. The student has the option to focus their area of study by selecting supporting courses in a variety of areas.

The mission of the Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences major is to prepare students for admission to veterinary school and/or entry into graduate programs or employment in veterinary and biomedical research and development. Students may prepare for graduate programs in disciplines such as genetics, nutrition, microbiology, animal sciences, physiology, biochemistry, or others.

What is Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences?
Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences is a pre-professional major for students interested in a career in veterinary medicine or any of its related biomedical disciplines.

You Might Like this Program If...
• You are interested in a science-based education that can help prepare you to study the scientific basis of animal health and well-being

Entrance to Major
In order to be eligible for entrance to the Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences major a student must have:
1. attained a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 and
2. completed BIOL 110, CHEM 110, CHEM 111 and earned a grade of C or better in each of these courses.

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, a minimum of 124 credits is required:

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General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
• Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
• Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
• Arts (GA): 6 credits
• Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
• Humanities (GH): 6 credits
• Social and Behavioral Sciences(GS): 6 credits
• Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
• Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

18 of these 45 credits are included in the Requirements for the Major.

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
• United States Cultures: 3 credits
• International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward
degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 [http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80]). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major
This includes 18 credits of General Education courses: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GS courses.

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 [http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44].

### Code Title Credits

#### Prescribed Courses

- **CHEM 112** Chemical Principles II 3
- **CHEM 113** Experimental Chemistry II 1
- **MATH 140** Calculus With Analytic Geometry I 4
- **MATH 141** Calculus with Analytic Geometry II 4
- **PHYS 250** Introductory Physics I 4
- **PHYS 251** Introductory Physics II 4
- **MICRB 201** Introductory Microbiology 3
- **MICRB 202** Introductory Microbiology Laboratory 2
- **VBSC 211** The Immune System and Disease 3
- **VBSC 421** Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates 4

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

- **BIOL 110** Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity 4
- **CHEM 110** Chemical Principles I 3
- **CHEM 111** Experimental Chemistry I 1
- **ANSC 201** Animal Science 4
- **ANSC 301** Principles of Animal Nutrition 3
- **BIOL 222** Genetics 3
- **VBSC 403** Principles of Animal Disease Control 3

#### Additional Courses

Select 3 credits of the following:

- **AGBM 101** Economic Principles of Agribusiness Decision Making 3
- **ECON 102** Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy
- **ECON 104** Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy

Select 4 credits of the following:

- **BMB 251** Molecular and Cell Biology I
- **BIOL 220W** Biology: Populations and Communities
- **BIOL 230W** Biology: Molecules and Cells
- **BIOL 240W** Biology: Function and Development of Organisms

Select 6-8 credits of the following:

- **CHEM 210** Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry II
- **CHEM 213** and Organic Chemistry II
- **ANSC 423** Comparative Physiology of Domestic Animals or BIOL 472
- **STAT 200** Elementary Statistics 3-4

or **STAT 250** Introduction to Biostatistics 6

Select 6 credits of the following:

- **BMB 211** Elementary Biochemistry
- **BMB 212** and Elementary Biochemistry Laboratory
- **BMB 221** and Applied Biochemistry
- **BMB 401** General Biochemistry
- **BMB 402** and General Biochemistry

#### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of 400-level courses from department list

### Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and-out of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY [http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy]

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### Suggested Academic Plan

#### University Park Campus

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All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL/CAS 137 in the fall semester and ENGL/CAS 138 in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30 and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

### Advising Notes:

- Students should consult with an academic adviser regarding the appropriate selection of courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.
- If completing CHEM 212, CHEM 213 must also be completed.
- The BMB selection should be based on the student’s Organic Chemistry selection. In most cases, students enrolled in CHEM 202 and 203 course select BMB 211, BMB 212, and BMB 221.
- Students cannot receive credit for both BMB 211 and BMB 401.
- Students that desire to attend veterinary school or graduate school are strongly encouraged to select additional animal biology courses in their elective selections.
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‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

# Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

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