Veterinary Course Requirements

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<td>Art, dance, English, humanities, foreign language, music, philosophy, speech, theater, anthropology, economics, geography, history, political sciences, psychology, sociology</td>
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1. In order for a course to fulfill CSU’s veterinary prerequisites, the course must be taken at an institution that is accredited by the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](https://www.chea.org) (CHEA). The course description, content level, prerequisites, number of credits, and a grade of C- or above must meet the requirements as stated in this document. Online courses* are accepted. Courses taken at vocational and proprietary schools will not be accepted.

*ONLINE COURSES: must be taken for credit and a grade, and show as completed on an official transcript.

2. If after reading our course descriptions (below) you are still not sure if your course will meet our prerequisite requirement, you can submit a [course substitution request](https://www.vmcas.org/coursesubstitution).

3. Students are encouraged to take additional upper division biomedical science courses. The following are not required, but are highly recommended: microbiology, cell biology, developmental biology, anatomy, physiology, histology, nutrition, and other advanced biomedical sciences.

4. You can apply and be admitted under provisional admission before completing all required courses. Keep in mind the admissions committee will only be able to evaluate completed courses at the time you apply since your application cannot be edited after you submit it. If provisionally admitted, final transcripts must be received by July 15 of the year you would matriculate.

5. Biochemistry and Genetics are required to be taken within the last ten years and all other prerequisite requirements are recommended to be within ten years. A recent demonstration of an ability to handle an upper division biomedical science curriculum is also encouraged.

6. **International transcripts (to include Canada)** must be processed through a transcript evaluation service. Only electronically submitted [World Education Services (WES)](https://www.wes.org) “course-by-course” evaluations will be accepted by VMCAS and must be received by VMCAS before SEP 15.
**BIOCHEMISTRY** – ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

To fulfill CSU’s veterinary program biochemistry prerequisite, an equivalent course must be considered upper division at your institution, it must require organic chemistry (either one semester or two) as a prerequisite, the title must indicate it is primarily a biochemistry course, and it must be the equivalent of 3 semester credits or more.

**BC351** - 4 semester credits - Principles of Biochemistry  
Prerequisite: BZ110 or BZ120 or LIFE102; CHEM245 or CHEM341 or CHEM345. For majors in biological sciences, engineering, and preprofessional students in the health sciences. Structure and function of biological molecules; biocatalysis; metabolism and energy transduction; gene expression.

**BC401** - 3 semester credits - Comprehensive Biochemistry I  
Prerequisite: CHEM245 or CHEM343 or concurrent registration in CHEM346; MATH155 or MATH160. Macromolecular structure and dynamics; membranes; enzymes; bioenergetics

**GENETICS** – ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

To fulfill CSU’s veterinary program genetics prerequisite, an equivalent course must be considered upper division at your institution, it must require biology as a prerequisite, the title must indicate it is primarily a genetics course, and it must be the equivalent of 3 semester credits or more.

**ANEQ328** – 3 semester credits - Foundations in Animal Genetics  
Prerequisite: ASEQ101 or ASEQ102; LIFE 102  
Foundational information of the influence of the genome and its genes on qualitative and quantitative traits in animal populations

**ANEQ330** – 3 semester credits – Principles of Animal Breeding  
Prerequisite: BZ350, ASEQ328 or SOC330; or at least 3 credits of STAT200-279 or STAT300-379  
Genetic principles underlying animal improvement; elementary population genetics, heritability; selection response; mating systems; DNA markers

**BC353** – 4 semester credits – Pre-Health Genetics  
Prerequisite: BC351  
Applies and extends the biochemical concepts learned in BC351 to macromolecules and molecular processes based on nucleic acids

**BZ350** - 4 semester credits - Molecular and General Genetics  
Prerequisite: LIFE102, BZ110 or BZ120 and STAT201, 301 or 307 – may be taken concurrently  
Primarily for students in biological sciences, Mendelian, molecular, and population genetics emphasizing the molecular basis of genetics

**BZ455** - 3 semester credits - Human Heredity and Birth Defects  
Prerequisites: BZ110, BZ111 or LIFE103  
Human heredity and its individual and social implications; causes of congenital defects

**BC463** - 3 semester credits - Molecular Genetics  
Prerequisites: BC351, BZ350, LIFE201B, BC401 or concurrent registration. Credit not allowed for both BC463 and BC563  
Molecular basis of gene structure, replication, repair, recombination, and expression
MIP450 - 3 semester credits - Microbial Genetics
Prerequisite: MIP300 (General Microbiology); BC351 or BC401 or concurrent registration
Principles of genetics at molecular level: mutation, recombination, complementation, suppression, control of
gene expression, & recombinant DNA

SOCR330 - 3 semester credits - Principles of Genetics
Prerequisite: BZ110 or BZ120 or LIFE102
Transmission, population, and molecular genetics; practical applications

**PHYSICS** - ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

**PH110+PH111** - 4 semester credits - Descriptive Physics + Laboratory
Prerequisite: none for PH110. For PH111, PH110 is a prereq or concurrent registration
Conceptual aspects of physics applied to phenomena in everyday life and to problems in other fields of science. Credit not allowed for both PH110 and PH121.

**PH121** - 5 semester credits - General Physics I
Corequisite: MATH125, MATH155, MATH157 or MATH160 – may be taken concurrently (Numerical Trigonometry)
Concepts of force, torque, energy, momentum, work used to cover fluids, waves, sound, temperature, heat;
biological, physical examples (noncalculus)

**PH122** - 5 semester credits - General Physics II
Prerequisite: PH121 or PH141. Credit not allowed for both PH122 and PH142.
Electricity including electrostatics and simple circuits; magnetism; optics; nuclear physics, radiation;
biological, physical examples (noncalculus)

**PH141** - 5 semester credits - Physics for Scientists and Engineers I
Prerequisite: MATH126; MATH155 or MATH160 may be taken concurrently (Calculus). Students
who have had high school physics may enroll in MATH155 or MATH160 concurrently. Credit not allowed for
both PH141 and PH121.
Forces, energy, momentum, angular momentum, oscillations, waves, heat, thermodynamics (calculus based)

**PH142** - 5 semester credits – Physics for Scientists and Engineers
Prerequisite: PH141 and (MATH161, MATH255, or MATH271 may be taken concurrently). Credit not
allowed for both PH142 and PH122.
Electricity and magnetism, circuits, light, optics (calculus based)

**STATISTICS** - ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

**STAT301** - 3 semester credits - Introduction to Statistical Methods
Prerequisite: MATH118 (College Algebra).
Techniques in statistical inference; confidence intervals, hypothesis tests, correlation and regression, analysis
of variance, chi-square tests

**STAT307** - 3 semester credits - Introduction to Biostatistics
Prerequisite: MATH, 117 or 118 or 124 or 125 or 126 or 141 or 155 or 160. Credit allowed for only one
course: STAT301, STAT307, STAT309, STAT311.
Biostatistical methods; confidence intervals, hypothesis tests, simple correlation and regression, one-way
analysis of variance
Prerequisite Course Substitution Request

To request a Course Substitution for one of CSU/s veterinary prerequisite requirements, please use the Course Substitution Request form to send your course information as an email attachment to DVMAdmissions@colostate.edu. Please fill out every field, including all information requested. If not all information is submitted, your request will be returned for the missing information and will delay the processing of your request.

You will need the following information.

- Course title and number
- Prerequisite course title for course listed above, if applicable
- Institution Name
- Number of credits (indicate semester/quarter)
- Grade received
- Course level (FR, SO, JR, SR, GR)
- Course description

1) If your Course Substitute Request is for “English Composition”, please write a description of the writing requirement(s) at your Institution and how you fulfilled the requirement.
   a. “English Literature” does not qualify as an equivalent course.
   b. AP English Composition (not AP English Literature) will fulfill CSU’s veterinary prerequisite requirement of English Composition, if the course appears on an official transcript.
   c. Completion of a four year degree (ie: bachelor of science) will fulfill CSU’s veterinary prerequisite requirement of English Composition, if completion of the degree appears on an official transcript.

2) If your Course Substitute Request is approved, please provide a one-sentence statement to explain the course approval in the “Special Circumstances” section of the Colorado Supplemental Application.

3) Please note:
   a. CSU does not grant waivers for veterinary prerequisite requirements, i.e. applicants must have an “approved” substitution for an equivalent course.
   b. If you would like to provide supporting documentation, please scan and attach to your email message. Please do NOT fax.

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