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School of Veterinary Medicine
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The mission of the School of Veterinary Medicine is to provide the best possible health care for animals through teaching, research and public service. Students are offered a rigorous four-year program of study that prepares them for diverse career opportunities in veterinary medicine.

**Preparing for the Study
of Veterinary Medicine**

To be considered for admission to the School, you must have completed 108 quarter units (72 semester units) in an accredited college or university and have completed the following courses:

Lower Division Required Sciences Quarter Units

General Chemistry.....	15
Organic Chemistry.....	6
Physics	6
Biological Sciences	10

Upper Division Required Sciences

Embryology.....	4
Genetics	4
Biochemistry	4
Physiology.....	5

Additional Courses

Required English	12
Required Humanities and Social Sciences.....	12
Required Statistics.....	4

(To convert semester units to quarter units, multiply by $\frac{3}{2}$. For example, a 4-unit semester course is equivalent to a 6-unit course in the quarter system.)

You should plan your preveterinary medical education carefully. The required courses should be spaced to permit maximum scholastic achievement. An undergraduate major should be selected on the basis of individual interest and aptitude; there is no advantage gained toward admission by selecting one major over another. If you have definite areas of interest within the general field of veterinary medicine, you are encouraged to take courses (for example, computer science, agricultural economics, molecular and biochemical genetics) that will broaden your background in these areas. Some specialized areas include laboratory animal medicine, exotic animal medicine, public health, food animal practice and biomedical research.

Examinations. You must take the General Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) by October 1st of the year you apply for admission. Applications for the exams and additional information may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Box 23470, Oakland, CA 94623-0470. The GRE must be taken within five years of the time you submit your application. The highest scores will be used when the GRE is taken more than once.

Grade Point Average. To be considered for admission, you must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50 for both the required sciences and the cumulative grade point average. Applicants who do not meet the minimum grade point average can qualify for admission by receiving GRE scores in the upper 30th percentile for the combined General Aptitude Test scores. Applicants who do not have transcripts with letter grading can qualify for consideration with these same scores or by receiving a bachelor's degree with honors.

Practical Experience. Admission to the School requires extensive experience with animals. This experience must entail more than having family pets and should include experience with several animal species if that



experience includes activities that give you an appreciation and understanding of the veterinary profession. The minimum requirement for animal, veterinary and biomedical science experience is 180 hours (4.5 weeks). This experience should also include working with veterinarians, to give you an understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a practitioner and the breadth of veterinary medicine.

Applying for Admission

October 1 Deadline for filing applications for admission to enter Fall quarter to the School of Veterinary Medicine

Students are admitted to the School of Veterinary Medicine in the fall only. Applications are available any time after July. Visit our Web site at <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu>. Applications must be submitted online for California applicants.

Students interested in admission to the School of Veterinary Medicine are urged to request an *Announcement of the School of Veterinary Medicine* at an early date so that all minimum academic requirements and deadlines are met.

Applicants with disadvantaged backgrounds (cultural, economic, social, educational, disabled and other factors) are encouraged to apply to the Veterinary Medical Opportunity Program (VMOP). For further information and advising services, call the Office of the Dean—Student Programs at 530-752-1383.

Letters of Evaluation. Three letters of evaluation are required and are submitted with your application. Letters should be requested from those who know you well, who understand academic and professional demands and have had the opportunity to evaluate your personal qualities and potential as a professional person. The evaluator should be willing to write a thorough, comprehensive letter on your behalf.

Interviews. Interviews may be requested, as deemed necessary, by the Dean and Admission Committee to obtain additional information. The Dean and Admission Committee may require additional evaluation procedures for selecting candidates for admission.

Out-of-State and Foreign Applicants. California residents are given priority for admission to the school. A small number of uniquely qualified applicants who are not California residents may be admitted as nonresidents. The criteria for determining residency are explained in Residence for Tuition Information in the Appendix of this catalog. Specific questions should be addressed to the Legal Analyst—Residence Matters, 111 Franklin St., 8th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607-5206. No other persons are qualified to give rulings on residency.

If you are from a country other than the United States, you must include a certified English version of your college transcript, and, if English is your second language, the official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) taken within five years of the date when your application is submitted.

Criteria for Selection

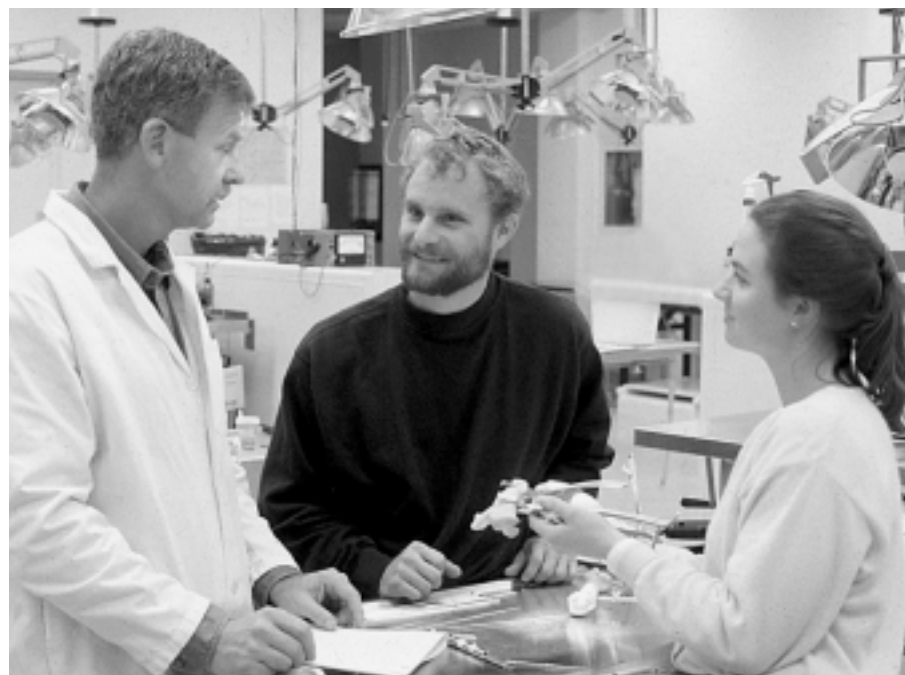
I. Academic Factors (50-60%)

A. College course work:

1. GPA of all undergraduate and graduate course work
2. GPA of required science course work
3. GPA of last two years of college work (minimum of 45 semester units)

B. Graduate Record Examination:

1. General Aptitude Test (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical)



II. Non-Academic Factors (40-50%)

A. Personal Statement/Experience (5-20%)

B. Letters of Evaluation (5-20%)

C. Interviews (0-20%)

Applicants will also be evaluated for their understanding of the profession and the responsibilities of being a veterinarian, interest in serving the public, maturity, motivation and other qualities necessary for successful academic and professional work.

Program of Study

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. To receive a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, students must study veterinary medicine for the equivalent of 12 quarters of 10 weeks each. A grade point average of 2.0 (C), computed on all courses taken in the School, is required and students must satisfactorily complete all required work as determined by the faculty of the School.

Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine. Applicants for candidacy to the Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine (M.P.V.M.) degree program must have completed the Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine or the equivalent; final admission decisions rest with the Admissions Committee, M.P.V.M. program. Application deadline for August admission is March 31. International applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

The M.P.V.M. degree normally takes one year to complete; however, some students may require as much as two years to finish the program. Students who intend to complete the program in one calendar year must begin the program in August. Candidates for the M.P.V.M. degree must satisfactorily complete a total of 40 units of course work while in residence. This includes 27 units of required courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, information management and a minimum of 13 units of approved electives. Students must also complete a research study which culminates in a written report and oral presentation. A committee consisting of three faculty members reviews each paper for acceptability and assigns an appropriate grade.

Application forms and information about the program are available from the Director, M.P.V.M. Program, Office of the Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616; or visit the M.P.V.M. Web site at <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/mpvm/mpvm.htm>.

Combined Degree Programs. Students may enroll in combined degree programs. General information regarding these degrees can be found in the Announcement of Graduate Studies, available from Graduate Studies, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. For more detailed information, write to the chairperson of the department in which you want to study and the School of Veterinary Medicine.

**School of Veterinary Medicine
Academic Calendar 2002-2003*****Fall Quarter 2002**

Labor Day Holiday	Monday, Sept. 2
Orientation for 4th-year students	Tuesday, Sept. 3
Instruction begins for 4th-year students	Tuesday, Sept. 3
Orientation for 1st-year students	Wed. and Fri., Sept. 4 and 6
Instruction begins for 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-year students	Monday, Sept. 9
Veteran's Day Holiday	Monday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thur.-Fri., Nov. 28-29
Instruction ends	Thursday, Dec. 5
Finals end	Friday, Dec. 13

Winter Quarter 2003

Instruction begins for 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-year students	Thursday, Jan. 2
Instruction begins for 4th-year students	Monday, Jan. 6
M. L. King Holiday	Monday, Jan. 20
President's Day Holiday	Monday, Feb. 17
Instruction ends	Friday, March 14
Finals end	Friday, March 21

Spring Quarter 2003

Instruction begins	Monday, Mar. 31
Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, May 14
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday, May 26
Instruction ends	Friday, June 6
Finals end	Thursday, June 12
Commencement	Friday, June 13

*All dates are subject to change without notice.



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