

ADMISSIONS GUIDE

Why Students Choose the MIZZOU CVM

- * **Unique curriculum:** First two years primarily in the classroom and laboratories, second two years primarily in clinics.
- * **Early acceptance programs:** Guaranteed acceptance into the MU DVM program upon satisfactory completion of specific undergraduate requirements. These programs are only available to high school seniors and MU freshman.
- * **In-state tuition after one year:** If specific criteria are met, students may apply for Missouri residency after completing their first year and may qualify for in-state tuition.
- * **Access to cutting-edge veterinary systems:** These include a standing CT scanner, equine Lameness Locator, and advanced oncology treatments.

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Overview of Veterinary Medicine Admissions and Education

The University of Missouri requires that all applicants submit an application through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) found at www.AAVMC.org.

Undergraduate Course Prerequisites

Applicants must complete 60 semester hours, including the required courses shown below, at a regionally accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to qualify for admission.

Courses taken on the P/F or S/U grading system are not counted for admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine. If a grade of D or F is made in a required course, the course must be repeated and a grade of C- or higher earned.

| <u>Required Courses:</u> | <u>Semester * Credit</u> | <u>Hrs:</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Composition or courses in communication skills | | 6 |
| ✓ College algebra or more advanced mathematics | | 3 |
| ✓ Biochemistry (requires organic chemistry prerequisite) | | 3 |
| ✓ Physics I and II | | 5-10 |
| ✓ Biological science ** | | 10 |
| ✓ Social science and/or humanistic studies | | 10 |

* Multiply quarter credits by 0.67 to convert to semester credits.

** Biology Department courses may be selected from zoology and botany or as required in foundation courses for a biology major. Examples: genetics, microbiology, anatomy, cell biology.

Elective Courses

The College of Veterinary Medicine faculty strongly encourages applicants to include as many of the following courses as possible among their electives. We have found that anatomy and physiology are especially challenging for students lacking a background in those subjects.

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Animal Nutrition
- Animal Husbandry
- Genetics
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Cell Biology
- Immunology
- Business or Accounting
- Animal Reproduction
- Microbiology
- Any Biomed 1000-4000 level course at the University of Missouri

Requirement for Observation of the Profession

Applicants are required to spend a minimum of 40 hours observing one or more veterinarians actively engaged in their normal work environment. Required hours with a veterinary professional (engaged in small or large animal practice, public health, laboratory animal medicine or research) can be obtained while employed, volunteering or observing. Observation must be as a third party, not as a client of the veterinarian. Competitive applicants will have significantly more than the 40 required hours.



Applicant Evaluation

While the actual procedure may vary each year, applicants are evaluated academically and nonacademically through a holistic review. All Missouri residents who meet requirements and selected out-of-state residents will be interviewed and given a nonacademic score by the Admissions Committee. Factors included in the selection of out-of-state applicants for interviews and full scoring include GPA, course load, veterinary and animal experience, leadership experience, unique life experiences, qualities and strengths.

Academic Evaluation

An academic score will be assigned to each student and will constitute 40 percent of the total score. The academic score is determined by using cumulative grade point average, GPA from the last three full-time semesters, and average undergraduate course load. Both the GPA for last three full-time semesters and average course load are calculated from terms when the student was working toward an undergraduate degree. Cumulative GPA must be at least 3.00/4.00 as reported by VMCAS.



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Nonacademic Evaluation

Each Missouri resident and selected out-of-state applicants will be scored by the Admissions Committee based upon nonacademic factors. The committee will evaluate the following:

- Motivation and concepts of the veterinary profession
- Animal/medical/biomedical research/public health experience (a higher value will be assigned to observation or experience with a veterinarian)
- Communication skills
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience (while enrolled)
- Unique life experiences, qualities and strengths
- Overall impression, including letters of reference

The nonacademic evaluation will constitute 60 percent of the total score.



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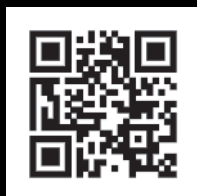
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Six Year Academic Elimination Option

If the applicant elects to eliminate courses and grades six or more years old, the required 60 semester hours of academic credit and all required courses must have been taken within the past six years prior to application. New courses that will fulfill course category requirements are preferred. If the applicant elects to eliminate courses and grades more than six years old, another evaluation using all courses and grades will not be done during the same year of application as part of the same application evaluation.

International Students

All students who apply through the regular admissions process must have completed the 60 semester hours of required courses at a regionally accredited institution recognized by the US Department of Education. Once notified of admission, international students must meet eligibility criteria to obtain the student visa certificate issued by the MU International Center.

Residency

Students who attend the University of Missouri CVM have the option of applying for Missouri residency after completing the first year. If the residency status is approved, the student will pay nonresident tuition in year 1 only, followed by the much lower in-state tuition rate/fees, saving more than \$135,000 in nonresident tuition and fees during the remaining three years.

Residency status is determined by the MU Residency Office, not by the College of Veterinary Medicine. Questions concerning residency status should be directed to the Residency Office.

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The University of Missouri complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have a disability and need accommodations in connection with the Admissions process, please notify us at 573-882-1902 as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made. TTY users: Please call through Relay Missouri at 1-800-735-2966.

