

Transfer Student Policy

University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine

I. Overview

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine (MU CVM) accepts a limited number of transfer students from other domestic and international institutions accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Transfer admission is highly selective, subject to space availability, and contingent upon curricular alignment between the sending institution and MU CVM.

II. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for transfer consideration, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled and in good academic standing at an AVMA-accredited college of veterinary medicine.
- Have completed all prerequisite undergraduate level coursework at a regionally accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Have satisfactorily completed all courses equivalent to those offered at MU CVM up to the point of requested entry.
- Not have been previously denied admission to the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine as a first-year applicant.
- Apply only for entry into class years where space is available.
 - MU CVM does not accept transfer applications into the first or fourth years of the DVM program.
 - Due to MU CVM's 2+2 curricular structure (two preclinical years followed by two clinical years), most successful transfers enter the second year, and some loss of academic progress (up to one year) could be experienced.

III. Application Requirements

A complete transfer application must include:

1. A completed Transfer Application Form (link to be provided), accompanied by the appropriate non-refundable application fee.
2. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and veterinary-level coursework.
3. A detailed Table of Course Equivalency and Curriculum Alignment, completed by the applicant, aligning all courses completed at the current institution with MU CVM's curricular offerings. This must include:
 - Course numbers, titles, credit hours, semester or instructional period of offering
 - Syllabi or detailed descriptions
 - Grading scale explanations, if not standard U.S. letter or numeric grading
 - Additional documentation for institutions with non-traditional calendars or grading structures (e.g., English Commonwealth programs)

4. A Letter of Academic Good Standing, verifying that the student is eligible for continued enrollment. This letter must be transmitted **directly** from an appropriate institutional official (Dean, Associate Dean, or Registrar) to the MU CVM Office of Admissions.
5. A signed, limited FERPA waiver, permitting us to correspond with academic officials at the originating institution.

IV. Review and Evaluation Process

- All transfer applications are reviewed by:
 - The Admissions Manager
 - A designated sub-panel of the Admissions Committee
 - The Assistant Dean of Admissions and the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs
- At the discretion of the review panel, applicants may be invited to participate in a Zoom interview to assess academic readiness, curricular alignment, and motivations for transfer.
- Transfer credit is not automatically granted and will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis, considering content, depth, and institutional accreditation.

V. Timeline and Entry Points

- There is no fixed application deadline, but traditional academic entry occurs in August.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit materials during April or May for a decision by June to July.
- Applications will only be considered for entry into a class year with confirmed space available.
- If granted transfer admission, the transfer student will enter the appropriate class cohort for the full slate of courses experienced by that cohort (no exceptions), and this may include repetition of similar and successfully completed courses at the originating institution.

VI. Financial Aid and Student Responsibility

- Transfer applicants are responsible for:
 - Investigating and resolving their personal financial aid status.
 - Ensuring continuity of funding and understanding potential impacts of transferring between institutions.
- MU CVM cannot guarantee equivalency of financial aid packages or eligibility upon transfer.

VII. Contact Information

For further information or to begin the transfer inquiry process, please contact:

Office of Academic and Student Affairs
University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine
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