California State University, Northridge
What Courses do I need to go to Veterinary School?

Number of Veterinary Schools in US: 30
Number of Veterinary Schools in California: 2
Application Service/Opening Date: VMCAS: Opens in January every year

CSUN COURSES REQUIRED FOR VETERINARY SCHOOL
(C or better)
See the Pre-Health Advisor in the Biology Advising office for help with planning these courses. Biology major is the best fit for these courses, but any major is acceptable as long as these courses are taken as well.

Chemistry: 100, taken at CSUN only (or CPT), 101/L, 102/L, 333/L, 334/L, 464 (must be taken in sequential order)

Math: 140 (Statistics)
102 + 105 (Pre-Calc I & II)
OR 106 (Mathematical Foundations)
OR AP Calc (Score 4 or 5)
  • Only 4 US Veterinary Schools require Calculus: Math 255A or 150A
  • No California Veterinary schools require Calculus

Biology: 106/L, 107/L
360 Genetics
482/L Animal Physiology (380 is prerequisite)
315/L Microbiology (required by 11 vet schools outside Calif)

Physics: 100A/L, 100B/L
OR 220A/L, 220B/L

General Education
Courses: Analytical Reading/Expository Writing: ANY COURSE

GRE Exam:
• Must be taken no later than August of the year you are applying to veterinary school.
• It is suggested to take the exam in Spring of the year you are applying.
• It takes 2 – 4 months and 250 hours to prepare for the GRE. (SEE GRE PREP SHEET.)
• Scores range from 130 -170 in Verbal Reasoning (VR) and Quantitative Reasoning (QR) and 1-6 in Writing. The average GRE score of admitted students is VR 155, QR 155, and Writing 4.

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LINKS TO LOCAL VETERINARY SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Western University: [https://prospective.westernu.edu/veterinary/dvm/requirements/](https://prospective.westernu.edu/veterinary/dvm/requirements/)

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR MORE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

AAVMC Member List: [https://www.aavmc.org/aavmc-members/full-member-listing](https://www.aavmc.org/aavmc-members/full-member-listing)