

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

STARKVILLE (population 22,000) is home to more than 17,000 MSU students and their Bulldogs. Starkville is located in northeast central Mississippi. Being a land-grant university, MSU is green and beautifully landscaped. The University includes 9 farms throughout the state. Air service to the area is fifteen minutes away in Columbus (Golden Triangle Regional Airport - GTR). The College of Veterinary Medicine (The Wise Center) was completed in 1982. The college includes 620 rooms on 8 acres or 360,000 square feet under one roof.

CURRICULUM: The curriculum is divided into two phases: Phase 1 (Freshman and Sophomore years) and Phase 2 (Junior and Senior years).

- Year 1 primarily uses foundation courses to expose the student to important medical concepts and address multidisciplinary problems.
- Year 2 is devoted to the study of clinical diseases and abnormalities of various animal species. Surgery labs begin in the 2nd year.
- Year 3 is comprised of clinical rotations in the College's Animal Health Center, and elective courses.
- Year 4 is largely experiential and offers the student the opportunity, once required courses have been scheduled, to self-select among approved experiences in advanced clinical rotations, elective courses, or externships.

The first three years of the curriculum are 9-10 months in length; the 4th year is 12 months... or 9 semesters in four years.

ADMISSION PROCESS: All applicants must apply through VMCAS. The Admissions Committee reviews completed applications beginning in October. Interviews are a required part of the final process. Those selected for interview will interview on pre-assigned dates in February.

CLASS SIZE: 80 Students (approx.40 MS; remainder non-resident, **including contract positions: 5-SC and 5-WV**)

DEADLINE DATES: All application materials (VMCAS, Supplemental Application, Processing Fee, transcripts and GRE score) are **due at their destinations by noon on October 2**. Transcripts showing completed fall coursework (if applicable) are due January 15.

CLASSES BEGIN: Fall semester

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION & FEE: \$40 – subject to change. The MSU-CVM requires a supplemental processing fee to offset direct expenses. Do not send it to VMCAS. The Supplemental Application and fee instructions can be found at <http://www.cvm.msstate.edu>. Completion of a Supplemental Application does not necessarily indicate that the VMCAS application is complete.

ADMISSION DEPOSIT: For those offered positions in the class, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required to hold a position in the class and will be credited toward tuition and fees at matriculation.

TUITION AND FEES: 2008-2009 **per semester** (subject to change): MS-Resident positions: \$6578; Non-Resident positions: \$15,949. The school's tuition policy can be found on the MSU-CVM web site at http://www.cvm.msstate.edu/student_info/Tuition_and_Fee_Policy_2007-2008.short.pdf. Resident/Non-resident position assignments do not change after matriculation.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: The GRE[®] general exam (**school code 1326**) is required for admission consideration – No minimum score is required. Scores must be **in the Office of Student Affairs** by October 1 of the application year. A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL[®]) score of 213 is required for applicants whose primary language is not English, also due October 1. Three (3) completed electronic LOR (Letter of Recommendation) forms are required with the completed VMCAS application. At least one evaluator must be a veterinarian. **To apply...** applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.80 on a 4.00 scale both cumulative and in the required sciences (including mathematics). Minimum GPAs must be maintained throughout the application process. Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include specific courses:

English composition	6 sem hours
Speech or Technical Writing	3 sem hours
Mathematics (college algebra or higher)	6 sem hours
General Biology with lab	8 sem hours
Microbiology with lab	4 sem hours
General Chemistry with lab	8 sem hours
Organic chemistry with lab	8 sem hours
Biochemistry	3 sem hours
Physics (can be Trig-based)	6 sem hours
Advanced (upper-level) science electives	12 sem hours
Humanities/fine arts/social and behavioral sciences	15 sem hours

Total *semester* credit hours 79 sem hrs.

Science and mathematics courses must be completed or updated within six calendar years prior to the anticipated date of enrollment.

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