

# SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

## LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Louisiana State University campus is located in Baton Rouge, the state's capital and a major industrial city on the Mississippi River. The campus encompasses more than 2,000 acres in the southern part of the city and is bordered by the Mississippi River. The School of Veterinary Medicine resides on a 40-acre site primarily selected for its availability to the campus, community, and Veterinary Science Research Farm. An additional 50 acres, adjacent to the south of this site, is used to maintain the school's herd of large domesticated animals.

### CURRICULUM:

During the first year, students are primarily engaged in the study of the basic sciences. The second and third year covers clinical sciences. The final 15 months consist of required clinical rotations and some clinical electives.

### ADMISSION PROCESS:

All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. All applicants must apply through VMCAS. A supplemental application is also required and can be found on the LSU SVM web site. Completed applications are reviewed by an admissions committee, a team of veterinary practitioners, and other faculty members beginning in January. Limited interview invitations are extended to Louisiana, Arkansas and Out of State applicants. Please visit the LSU SVM Admissions website at [www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions) for more details.

### SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:

84 (Approximately 25% of positions are open to out of state students.)

### DEADLINE DATES:

**October 2, 12:00 Noon ET** - Deadline to submit VMCAS application.

**October 2, 12:00 Noon ET** - All three letters of recommendation must be received by VMCAS. (*Late recommendations NOT accepted.*)

Oct. 2 All transcripts must be **received** by LSU SVM.

Nov. 15 All GRE® scores must be **received** by LSU SVM via ETS (LSU SVM Code = 6381, listed as "Louisiana St U Vet Medicine"). (*Applicants must take the General exam, not subject-specific.*)

Nov. 15 Supplemental application AND \$50 application fee must be **received** by LSU SVM.

Jan. 15 Fall '09 transcripts must be **received** by LSU SVM.

NOTE - All deadlines are strictly enforced.

**CLASSES BEGIN:** mid-August

### SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:

A supplemental application along with a supplemental fee of \$50 is required of all applicants. The supplemental application can be obtained at the LSU SVM Admission Office's web page - [www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions). All supplemental applications and \$50 application fees must be received by the LSU SVM no later than November 15.

### ADMISSION DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 for non-Louisiana residents accepted into the class is required to hold the position. It will be credited toward tuition and fees at the time of matriculation.

### TUITION AND FEES:

2009-2010 estimated figures - \$13,500 for LA residents and contract state residents (AR); \$36,000 for out-of-state residents. (*These figures are only estimates and are subject to change.*)

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Approximately two thirds of each class are Louisiana residents. Louisiana also contracts with Arkansas. Other positions are open to out of state students. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) General Test must be received by the LSU SVM no later than November 15. A bachelor's degree is not required. The GPA in prerequisite course (Required Course GPA) must be a 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale. Grades of less than "C" in these courses are not acceptable. All required courses attempted will be used in the GPA computation. If a subsequent course with a grade of "C" or higher is used because of an unacceptable grade in the initial course, both grades will be used. At least one course in organic chemistry, biology, and physics must be completed within six years of the application date. A minimum of 66 semester hours is required for admission.

Prerequisite course for entrance into the school must include:

General chemistry I & II with labs	8 cr hrs
Organic chemistry ( <i>lab not required</i> )	3 cr hrs
General biology/zoology courses with labs appropriate for pre-med or science majors	8 cr hrs
Microbiology with lab ( <i>appropriate course would be one specific for science/pre-vet majors.</i> )	4 cr hrs
Biochemistry ( <i>appropriate course must have Organic Chemistry as its prerequisite.</i> )	3 cr hrs
General physics I & II ( <i>labs not required</i> )	6 cr hrs
Mathematics ( <i>College-level algebra/trigonometry or higher</i> )	6 cr hrs
English composition I & II	6 cr hrs
Speech communication ( <i>Public speaking or interpersonal communications</i> )	3 cr hrs

Please visit [www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions) for more specific details on course equivalents, etc of these prerequisite hours.

### ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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