

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

STARKVILLE is home to 15,000 MSU students and their Bulldogs. (2004 SEC Basketball Champs!) Starkville is located in northeast central Mississippi, and has a population of 20,000. Being a land-grant university, MSU is green and beautifully landscaped. The University includes 9 farms, scattered throughout the state. Air service to the area is fifteen minutes away in Columbus (Golden Triangle Regional Airport). 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 focuses on the normal animal and normal physiologic processes using 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.
- 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, while the 4th year is 12 months.

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: 72 Students (32-37 MS; 35-40 non-resident)

DEADLINE DATES: All application materials* (VMCAS, Supplemental, Processing Fee, transcripts) are due October 1. Transcripts showing fall coursework (if applicable) are due January 15 of the following year.

*GRE score is due December 1.

CLASSES BEGIN: Fall semester

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION & FEE: \$30 – 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/Admissions/supplemental.htm>. Completion of a Supplemental Application does not necessarily indicate that the VMCAS application is complete.

ADMISSION DEPOSIT: 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: 2003-2004 **per semester:** Vested Students - \$3,608.35. Non-vested Students – \$10,788.35. Vested students are defined as those students who can prove at least four years of full participation in the State of MS tax system. Non-vested students are defined as those students who cannot prove at least four years of full participation in the State of MS tax system. The school's tuition policy can be found on the MSU-CVM web site at <http://www.cvm.msstate.edu/Admissions/index.htm>

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 December 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 December 1. Three (3) completed 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 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in the required sciences (including mathematics), and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.80. Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include:

English composition	6 sem hours
Speech	3 sem hours
Mathematics (college algebra or higher)	6 sem hours
Biological science with lab (including vertebrate zoology)	4 sem hours
Microbiology with lab	4 sem hours
Immunology	3 sem hours
Genetics with lab	3 sem hours
Chemistry with lab	8 sem hours
Organic chemistry with lab	4 sem hours
Biochemistry	3 sem hours
Physics (can be Trig-based)	3 sem hours
Nutrition	3-5 sem hours
Humanities/fine arts/social and behavioral sciences	15 sem hours

Total *semester* credit hours 65-67 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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