

University of Tennessee Knoxville (DVM)

Veterinary School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

*(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)**

First Year	
ENGL 1010: English Composition I or ENGL 1011: English Composition with Writing Tutorial (3-4 credit hours)	ENGL 1020: English Composition II (3 credit hours)
Math 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precalculus I or MATH 1720: Precalculus II or MATH 1730: Combined Precalculus (3-4 Credit hours)**	MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt., Life and Social Sciences, or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)**
CHEM 1110 & 1110L: General Chemistry I with Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1120 & 1120L: General Chemistry II with Lab (4 credit hours)
Social Science General Education Course (3 credit hours)	Social Science General Education Course (3 credit hours)
Biology 1110: Principles of Biology I with Lab (4 credit hours)	Biology 1120: Principles of Biology II with Lab (4 credit hours)
Second Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
Biology 1130: Principles of Biology III (3 credit hours)**	BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours)
Fine Arts and Humanities General Education Course (3 credit hours)	Fine Arts and Humanities General Education Course (3 credit hours)
Third Year	
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism & Optics/Labor (4 Credit Hours)
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (3 Credit Hours)	BIOL 4280: Cellular Biology (4 credit hours)
Fine Arts and Humanities General Education Course (3 credit hours)	Fine Arts and Humanities General Education Course (3 credit hours)
BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	Take GRE Winter of Third Year
Fourth Year	
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	BIOL 4210: Introductory Animal Physiology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
Complete remaining major requirements	
<i>*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline</i>	
<i>** Courses not required for UTK DVM program but are prerequisites for required courses to be considered for admission</i>	

GRE Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration fee: \$205 Late Registration (1 week after registration closes): Additional \$50	Scores can be sent/reported for up to 5 years	Computer based test can be taken once every 21 days	Additional scores requested are sent within 5 business days of request
Rescheduling fee: \$20 Changing test center fee: \$50 Refund of \$75 4+ days before test. No Refund 4 days or less from test date	Scores can be sent to up to 4 institutions for free. Additional score reports for can be ordered at \$27 per recipient from ETS account	Test can be taken no more than 5 times in a calendar year. Cancelled scores count in annual limit	Choose which scores to share, institution can only see the scores sent
Fee assistance is offered MUST be college senior or unenrolled college grad; First come/first serve Fee is reduced to \$75	For the computer-delivered GRE test, official scores will be sent to designated instructions 10-15 days after test date	The institution can not see how many times you have taken the test	MUST designate where to send the scores on test day, after viewing unofficial results

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year			
Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: English Composition, Math, General Biology and General Chemistry sequences, and Social Science courses (6 credit hours)	Join clubs. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating vets to observe	Complete: Organic Chemistry sequence, General Biology III, Genetics, and Fine Arts and Humanities courses (6 credit hours)	Begin observing, accruing volunteer hours, and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance			
Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Year 4 Class	Prerequisites
Complete: Biochemistry, Cellular Biology, General Physics sequence, Fine Arts and Humanities (6 credit hours), and recommended anatomy course	Take the GRE Winter of third year in order to have scores ready for the application cycle. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing volunteer hours and shadowing. Submit VMCAS between Jan and May of third year	Complete: Recommended Microbiology, Introductory Animal Physiology and remaining degree requirements	All pre-veterinary course requirements must be completed by the end of the Spring term of the year in which you intend to matriculate and must be completed with a grade of C or better

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
Resident v. Non Resident GPA Requirements	GRE	Letters of Recommendation	
A non-resident application must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2. A Tennessee resident must have a minimum of a 2.8 for consideration for admission. Disadvantage declaration statements made on application are the only exception to GPA requirement	Designate GRE General Test scores be sent directly to VMCAS. GRE College Code: 2104	Minimum of three (3) VMCAS Evaluation Forms and Letters of Recommendation to be submitted electronically. Three letters of recommendation are preferred; six (6) letters of recommendation will be the maximum number of evaluations accepted.	
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost	UTCVM Application Fee	Transcripts
All applicants (resident and non-resident) must apply through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), submission deadline is Sept 15 each year	VMCAS application fee is based on a graduated scale that varies based on number of programs applied to. Refer to table here for exact application cost based on number of programs applied to	Required for admission, UTCVM requires a \$45 application fee	Transcripts must be sent directly to VMCAS
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Disadvantage Statement	Interviews	Selection Process	
Applicants that submit valid Disadvantaged/Hardship statements will be reviewed for admission if below the academic benchmark to assess if further review is appropriate based on conditions of hardship. Examples of hardships could include but are not limited to: economic and/or educational opportunities, cultural background, discrimination based on race, religion, gender, etc., physical disabilities, family challenges, other mitigating circumstances	Interviews are conducted in October for Tennessee residents and in January for out-of-state residents	Selection of applicants is a three-phased process and is normally completed by mid-January. Phase one: Academic Review. Phase two: Holistic Packet Review. Phase three: Interview	
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information			