



## Program Planning Enclosure

Calendar Year: 2017/2018

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Faculty: Arts & Science (U of L)

### Veterinary Medicine (University of Saskatchewan)

Students with an academic objective of Veterinary Medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine are admitted to the B.Sc. program with a major in Agricultural Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Neuroscience. Please refer to the appropriate Program Planning Guide for a sample sequence of courses.

### Academic Requirements for Admission

To be in a position to apply to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVL) at the University of Saskatchewan, students need to include the following courses in their University of Lethbridge program:

U of S requirements	U of L Equivalency
6 credits Biology	Biology 1010 - Cellular Basis of Life Biology 1020 - Diversity of Life
6 credits General Chemistry	Chemistry 1000 - General Chemistry I Chemistry 2000 - General Chemistry II
6 credits English	Two of: ENGL 1900, 2000, 2300, 2400, 2450, 2500, 2550, and WRIT 1000
6 credits Mathematics or Statistics	Two of: MATH 1410, 1560, 2560, STAT 1770
3 credits Physics	Physics 1000 - Introduction to Physics I or Physics 1050 - Introduction to Biophysics
3 credits Organic Chemistry	Chemistry 2500 - Organic Chemistry I
3 credits Biochemistry	Biochemistry 2000 - Introductory Biochemistry
3 credits Genetics	Biology 2000 - Principles of Genetics
3 credits Introductory Microbiology	Biology 3400 - Principles of Microbiology
Minimum 21 credits of Electives	various

**Note:** The above courses have prerequisites which may or may not be included within your chosen major. Please refer to the Calendar or the Timetable for prerequisite information.

The pre-Veterinary Medicine courses may be completed in two years. Completion of the requirements does not guarantee admission to the competitive Veterinary Medicine program, so U of L degree requirements must also be considered when registering each term. At least two full years of university are required, but most applicants have more than two years of university.

**Veterinary Medicine (WCVM):**

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine is regional in nature and designed to serve the educational needs of students from the four western provinces and the territories. Competition for admission to the program is extremely keen; 20 students from Alberta are accepted each year. Although students may apply to the WCVM after completion of 20 courses, the majority of successful applicants have at least three years of undergraduate studies and many have applied to the College more than once.

**Admission is based on the following criteria:**

1. Cumulative average of grades achieved for all courses taken in the pre-Veterinary program: A formula is used to calculate a weighted average, taking into consideration all academic years of a student's program. These weighted averages are then arithmetically ranked. This academic ranking is the primary criterion used to determine which applicants will be interviewed. A minimum cumulative average of 75%, calculated based on all university courses completed, must be presented. Students are not encouraged to repeat courses.  
WCVM advises students to carry a full-time course load (30.0 credit hours in a consecutive Fall/Spring sequence) to meet admission requirements.
2. Interview: The top ranking candidates are invited to an interview. Interviews take place in the spring (late April through early June).
3. References: Two names and email addresses of persons who are willing to act as referees must be provided. Students are advised to request references from individuals who can comment on academic potential, personal interests, reliability, maturity and previous experience with animals. One reference must be a veterinarian and the second reference must be someone with an animal/agriculture background. The referees will be contacted directly by the WCVM.

**Application Information:**

Documents required	Deadlines
Online applications (available at <a href="http://www.usask.ca/wcvm/admissions/apply/online.php">www.usask.ca/wcvm/admissions/apply/online.php</a> ) The online application includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Names and contact information for 2 references</li> </ul>	December 1
Official transcripts indicating grades to date and current registration	January
Official transcripts - final	May

Decisions are made in June, following the period of candidate interviews. The WCVM is most likely to offer admission to an academically-qualified student who has also:

- Demonstrated a practical interest in Veterinary Medicine through previous experience in the handling of animals;
- Developed good interpersonal skills;
- Shown a genuine interest in animals and their care; and,
- Investigated the nature of the profession and its career choices before application.

The Admissions Committee stresses that they are looking for students who have potential to become competent veterinarians.

**Contact Information:**

U of L students with an academic objective of Veterinary Medicine are urged to consult with Student Program Services (SU060; tel. 403-329-5106; email: [artsci.advising@uleth.ca](mailto:artsci.advising@uleth.ca)) for program selection and advice. Direct consultation with the Western College of Veterinary Medicine is also recommended.

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