

Scheduling of Pre-Veterinary Coursework

Scheduling of Veterinary School Pre-requisites. The plans below chart the minimum science coursework for students on a pre-veterinary track over the four years that students are expected to be at Mercer University. Students must check the admission requirements of the individual veterinary schools to which they are likely to apply and to adjust their personal plans accordingly.

Mercer University advisors recommend that during their first year, students create a personalized 4-year plan that includes the requirements of their major(s) and minor(s) and the admission requirements of their target schools, and takes into account initial math placement. When creating their own 4-year plans, students should review the published lists of course offerings and consult the University catalog for information about course pre-requisites and offering frequency (<https://aas.mercer.edu/for-students/creating-a-4-year-plan/>).

AP, IB, and CLEP Credit to Fulfill Science Prerequisites. Veterinary schools vary in their acceptance of AP credit to fulfill admission prerequisites, but most will accept AP credit if the college accepted it as the prerequisite course. Students must investigate their target schools' policies about use of AP credit for admission pre-requisites. The safest approach is to decline AP, IB, or CLEP credit for general chemistry, general biology, and physics, and take the actual college courses instead.

Plan A

Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	CHM 111 BIO 171	CHM 112 BIO 172	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience
2	CHM 221 BIO 260 or 280 as required by major	CHM 222 BIO 260 or 280 as required by major	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience
3	PHY 141 BMB 465 or other BIO <i>If no gap year desired: prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	PHY 142 BMB 465 or other BIO <i>If no gap year desired: prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience <i>If competitive and no gap year desired, take GRE and submit applications</i> <i>If no gap year desired: Take GRE; Submit VMCAS</i>
4	<i>If gap year desired: prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	<i>If gap year desired: prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	<i>If gap year desired: Take GRE; Submit VMCAS</i>

Plan B

Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	MAT 095 or 133	MAT 133 or math for major	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience
2	CHM 111 BIO 171	CHM 112 BIO 172	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience
3	CHM 221 BIO 260 or 280 as required by major <i>If competitive and no gap year desired: prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	CHM 222 BIO 260 or 280 as required by major <i>If competitive and no gap year desired: prepare for VMCAS and GRE?</i>	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience <i>If competitive and no gap year desired: Take GRE; Submit VMCAS?</i>
4	PHY 141 BMB 465 or other BIO <i>Prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	PHY 142 BMB 465 or other BIO <i>Prepare for GRE and VMCAS</i>	Veterinary shadowing or animal care experience <i>Take GRE; Submit VMCAS?</i>

Courses in **bold** are only taught during the regular semesters shown.