

ANS 2090: Survey of Veterinary Medicine Professions

Fall 2025

Course Format: In-person, 2 credits

INSTRUCTOR

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Notes:

My schedule is variable so please use the booking appointment link or email me to make an office appointment outside of scheduled office hours. I am willing to work with you to accommodate your schedule. Student consultations will be handled via phone, email, Zoom, TEAMS or face-to-face meetings – all will be welcomed with an appointment.

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Thursday

Period 6-7 (12:50-2:45 PM)

Class Location: ANS 156

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to careers in the veterinary medicine profession with discussions related to career exploration, career preparation, and the procedure of job placement.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate the broad scope of disciplines and opportunities that exist within veterinary medicine.
- Become a competitive and realistic candidate when applying to veterinary school.
- Develop an appreciation for the diverse career opportunities within veterinary medicine

- Outline the requirements and internal characteristics needed for success in each veterinary medical profession.
- Assess lifestyle and career values to determine the best fit for your future career.
- Design a plan for professional development and evaluate current readiness for positions in veterinary medicine.
- Increase mental health awareness and financial literacy related to careers in the professional health industry.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

None required.

TEXTBOOKS, LEARNING MATERIALS, AND SUPPLY FEES

None required. Support materials will be presented by instructors and discussed with students during the first few weeks. Guest speakers from various veterinary careers will participate in panel discussions. Many speakers will be part of the UF CVM community.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

Attendance and active participation are mandatory and necessary for educational success, especially on days of invited speakers. Students who are more than 20 minutes late for course due to unexcused reasons will NOT receive credit for in-class and professional assignments. Students who do not remain for the entire class periods will NOT receive credit for in-class and professional assignments.

An unexcused absence will have a negative impact on your grade. Requests for an excused absence must be received in advance of missing class, or in a timely fashion, by contacting Mrs. Imler.

Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. [Find more information in the university attendance policies.](#)

You are expected to arrive at the classroom on time and dressed professionally. Cell phones, laptops and other digital devices should remain silenced and away as a sign of respect for invited speakers. No class sessions will be recorded.

****Dress Code****

- On days of invited speakers, dress code is business casual. ***No sleeveless shirts, t-shirts, caps, or hats.***

****Cell Phones & Laptops****

- Your cellphones must be ***SILENCED*** & away.
- Tablets and laptops are allowed for class purposes during discussion periods only. Only handwritten notes are allowed when speakers are presenting.

GRADING POLICY

Course grading is consistent with [UF grading policies](#).

COURSE GRADING STRUCTURE

*Detailed assignment instructions and due dates can be found in Canvas.

Assignment	Point Value
Invited Speaker Reflections @ 20 points each	240
Upcoming Speaker Question Submission @ 5 points each	60
In-Class Professionalism @ 15 points each	180
Invited Speaker Thank You Notes (Kudoboard) @ 10 points each	120
Veterinary Medicine Pre-Knowledge Survey	10
How to Get into Veterinary School E-Book Reflection	5
Welcome to Survey of Vet Med Discussion	5
Time Management Plan	30
VMCAS Account Creation	5
Wellness Plan	50
Financial Literacy Plan	50
Elevator Speech	25
Elevator Speech Peer Review	10
Mock Interview	50
Mid-Term Professional Self-Evaluation and Wellness Check-In	10
Letter of Recommendation Draft	50
One-on-One meeting with Academic Advisor	15
Resume and LinkedIn Profile Draft (Quinnia Submission)	20
Resume and LinkedIn Profile Review (draft with reviewer comments)	20
Final Resume	50
Personal Statement Outline and Draft	50
End-of-Term Professional Self-Evaluation and Wellness Check-In	10
Veterinary Medicine Post-Knowledge Survey	10
Veterinary School Admission Plan	100
Student Choice Assignment 1	10
Student Choice Assignment 2	10
Student Choice Assignment 3	10
Student Choice Assignment 4	10
Student Choice Assignment 5	10
Total	1225

****Note: Student choice assignment options are listed in Canvas with assignment details and due dates.***

GRADING SCALE

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	≥ 90.0%
B	≥ 80.0% - < 90.0%
C	≥ 70.0% - < 80.0%
D	≥ 60.0% - < 70.0%
E	< 60.0%

Notes:

If you miss 3 or more invited speakers for unexcused reasons, but still complete all other assignments and earn full credit for all other assignments, you will earn a “B” or lower letter grade for the course. Attendance and participation in class is essential to success in this course.

Late Policy:

Late assignments will not be accepted. This policy reflects the VMCAS application policy of no late applications accepted and is considered an exercise in professional development. Students have access to all assignments at the beginning of the semester and are expected to manage their time and plan assignment submissions accordingly. Considerations for extenuating circumstances are allowed and must be discussed with the professor.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Academic policies for this course are consistent with university policies. See <https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>

CAMPUS HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

Visit <https://one.ufl.edu/whole-gator/topics> for resources that are designed to help you thrive physically, mentally, and emotionally at UF.

Please contact [UMatterWeCare](#) for additional and immediate support.

SOFTWARE USE

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

PRIVACY AND ACCESSIBILITY POLICIES

[required for online courses, list all technology used]

- Instructure (Canvas)
 - [Instructure Privacy Policy](#)
 - [Instructure Accessibility](#)
- Zoom
 - [Zoom Privacy Policy](#)
 - [Zoom Accessibility](#)

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

<i>Week of:</i>	<i>In-Class Subject</i>	<i>Speaker(s)</i>	<i>Out-of-Class Assignments Due</i>	<i>Corresponding Veterinary School Admission Plan Part</i>
August 21	Introduction to Survey of Veterinary Medicine and Time Capsules SMART Goals and Time Management	<i>Amie</i>	None Due – <i>recommend beginning next week's assignments</i>	
August 28	Resume Development Gaining Experience for your Application: Veterinary, Animal, Leadership, and Research	<i>Cathy Carr</i> , Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations, UF CALS <i>Amie and TAs</i>	Welcome to Survey of Veterinary Medicine Assignment and Discussion Pre-Knowledge Survey	Application Professional Development School Comparison
September 4	Veterinary Career Outlook A-Day-in-the-Life of a CVM Student	<i>Rachel Koepsel</i> , Director of Career Services, UF CVM <i>UF CVM Student Panel:</i> • <i>Cole Baggett, 2nd Year</i> • <i>Maya Kelly, 4th Year</i> • <i>Megan Lee, 4th Year</i> • <i>Karissa Piccione, 2nd Year</i> • <i>Emma Schoenfeld, 2nd Year</i>	Time Management Plan Speaker Thank You	Professional Development
September 11	VMCAS Application Tips and Tricks Personal Statements	<i>Dr. TenBroeck</i> , Professor, Animal Sciences and UF CVM Admission Committee Member <i>Amie Imler and UF CVM 4th Year Students: Margaret Borrajero and Madison Daigle</i>	Resume Draft Speaker Thank You	Professional Development Interviewing Growth Year Planning

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September 18	Staying Well in Vet School Financial Literacy and Wellness	Alex Avelino , Director of Marketing and Communications, UF Libraries Amie	Letter of Recommendation Draft Speaker and Tour Guide Thank You's	Letters of Recommendation School Selection School Comparison Professional Development
September 25	Out-of-State Student Panel School Selection Tips and Tricks	Out-of-State CVM Student Panel Amie	Financial Literacy Plan *Group Assignment Speaker Thank You	School Selection School Comparison Standardized Testing Growth Year Planning Professional Development Personal Statement
October 2	Small Animal Medicine: Mobile Practice Industry Practice	Dr. Carey Bailey , Owner, Tobias Veterinary TBA	Video Essay and Peer Review *Peer Assignment Speaker Thank You	Professional Development Personal Statement
October 9	Resiliency, Mindset, & Diversity Specialty Panel	Amie UF CVM Faculty and Residents	Mid-Term Professional Self-Evaluation Speaker Thank You	Professional Development

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October 16	Small Animal Medicine: Corporate Practice Client Simulations	Dr. Jennifer Farmer , Westwood Animal Hospital Amie and Dr. Farmer	Wellness Plan *Group Assignment Speaker Thank You	Interviewing Personal Statement Growth Year Planning
October 23	Admissions Overview *Meet at UF CVM Lecture Hall B Tour of UF CVM	Dr. Ashley Allen , Assistant Dean, Admissions and Student Success, UF CVM UF CVM Congregators	Resume Review Speaker Thank You	Professional Development Interviewing Growth Year Planning
October 30	Research & Government Medicine, Public Health OneHealth	TBA Amie	Personal Statement Outline Speaker Thank You	Personal Statement Professional Development
November 6	Large Animal Medicine: Rural, Mobile Practice Food Animal Medicine: Herd Health	TBA	One-on-One Meeting with Major Academic Advisor Speaker Thank You	Professional Development Interviewing
November 13	Wildlife Medicine and Military Reserves Service Zoo Animal Medicine	Dr. Mark Cunningham , Fish and Wildlife Health Subsection Leader, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Dr. Amy Alexander , UF CVM Zoo Med	Finalized Resume Speaker Thank You	Professional Development Interviewing Growth Year Planning
November 20	Equine Practice Last Day of Class & Wrap-Up	Dr. Liz Steele , Owner, Steele Equine Amie Imler	Mock Interview Speaker Thank You	Professional Development
November 27	No Class – Thanksgiving Break			
December 4	No Class – Reading Days		Student Choice Assignments End-of-Term Professional Self-Evaluation Post-Knowledge Survey	Professional Development
December 11	No Class – Finals Week		Veterinary School Admissions Plan	