

University of Georgia
College of Veterinary Medicine

Admissions Guidelines for COVID-19
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Colleges of Veterinary Medicine are rapidly adapting to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on undergraduate education. The intent of this information page is to inform you regarding updates to the admissions policies and processes for the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine.

Definition of Terms:

Online: includes online or virtual instruction, including distance learning provided your institution.

Pass/Fail: includes pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading scales

Information in this document represent College policies for Spring 2020 – Summer 2021 semesters only.

Online Courses/Distance Learning

In response to the pandemic, our institution will accept online coursework to fulfill prerequisite requirements for the Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 semesters.

Online Lab coursework

Given that many undergraduate institutions are completing Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 instruction online, we will accept online lab coursework during this time.

Pass/Fail grades

Given that many undergraduate institutions may be assigning only pass/fail grades for the interim, we will be accepting pass/fail grades for prerequisite courses taken between January 2020 – December 2020. Please note that we will only accept P/F grades for the Fall 2020 semester if this is the only grading scale that your primary institution offers.

*GPA calculations will be based on all courses taken for a traditional grade (A-F). Therefore, Pass/Fail grades will not be incorporated in GPA calculations.

Prerequisite coursework completion

If you intend on applying to the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine during the 2020-2021 admissions cycle, we are waiving our policy that all prerequisite courses must be taken by the end of the Spring 2021 semester prior to matriculation.

Therefore, you may take remaining prerequisite courses, receiving a “C” or better, during Summer 2021. Note that all grades for courses taken during this time will be due by July 26, 2021.

Transcripts

While many institutions remain open to staff, some institutions are forced to close temporarily. Due to campus closures, undergraduate institutions may be unable to deliver official transcripts to VMCAS for the verification process. If your institution is unable, we will allow applicants to upload “unofficial transcripts” to VMCAS for verification in the interim. Applicants will be required to provide an official transcript once available.

Veterinary Experience Hours

Veterinary experience hours remain a very important aspect to the admissions process to our program. We believe that an in-depth understanding of the profession from multiple aspects will benefit the preparedness of a student. Historically, we have required a minimum of 250 hours of experience under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. Based on current events, we will only require 100 hours for this upcoming 2020-2021 admissions cycle. During future application cycle, we will return to our requirement of 250 hours.

DVM Letters of Recommendation

We will not waive our requirement to receive at least one letter of reference from a veterinarian for whom you have worked.

GRE Test requirement

The following is found on the [GRE Testing Website](#): “To meet the needs of students who are unable to take the GRE® General Test at a test center due to public health concerns, ETS is temporarily offering a GRE General Test at home option in selected areas. [This includes: USA, Canada, Colombia, France Germany, Italy, Spain, Hong Kong (China) , and Macau (China)]The test is identical in content, format and on-screen experience to the GRE General Test taken at a test center. It is taken on your own computer at home and is monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU®.”

With this understanding, we will continue to require the GRE (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing) as part of a complete application.