University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences

2024-2025 Curriculum Guide for the Pre-Veterinary Program (PVET)

Professional Studies Concentration

The Pre-Veterinary Program

As a student interested in a career as a veterinarian, you must complete a number of courses required for admission to veterinary school. These courses also will help you prepare for any admissions examination you will be required to take. The courses required for admission to veterinary school do not compose an undergraduate major; therefore, you must select a major in an academic discipline. You may select any major offered at the University of Indianapolis, but you should consider one that will allow you to complete both major courses and veterinary school prerequisites simultaneously. Your faculty advisor and Academic Advisor can assist you in making your choice of a major.

Advising

You will be assigned a faculty member in your major area who will serve as your faculty advisor. He or she will advise you regarding major and general education core requirements. Each semester you should consult with your faculty advisor, to ensure that you are making satisfactory progress in all phases of your program.

Courses Required for the Pre-Veterinary Program

Veterinary school admission requirements are set by the individual veterinary schools. The following program is based on the admission requirements of the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, the school to which most of our students apply. Students interested in applying to other schools should contact those schools directly to determine the list of admission requirements.

| • | BIOL | 155 | Introduction to Diversity of Life (4) | | | |
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| • | BIOL | 165 | Introduction to Cell Biology (4) | | | |
| • | BIOL | 225 | Introduction to Genetics (4) | | | |
| • | BIOL | 220 | General Microbiology (4) | | | |
| • | CHEM | 150 | General Chemistry I (3) and CHEM 151 General Chemistry Lab I (1) | | | |
| • | CHEM | 160 | General Chemistry II (3) and CHEM 161 General Chemistry Lab II (1) | | | |
| • | CHEM | 250 | Organic Chemistry I (3) and CHEM 251 Organic Chemistry Lab I (2) | | | |
| • | CHEM | 260 | Organic Chemistry II (3) and CHEM 261 Organic Chemistry Lab II (2) | | | |
| • | CHEM | 320 | Biochemistry I (3) | | | |
| • | CHEM | 395 | Biochemistry II (3) | | | |
| • | MATH | 220 | Elementary Statistics (4) or | | | |
| • | MATH | 245 | Statistics for the Sciences (4) | | | |
| • | PHYS | 150 | General Physics I (4) and | | | |
| • | PHYS | 160 | General Physics II (4) or | | | |
| • | PHYS | 153 | General Physics I, Calculus Based (4) and | | | |
| • | PHYS | 163 | General Physics II, Calculus Based (4) | | | |
| • | ENGL | 101 | English Composition (3) | | | |
| • | • Humanities (modern language, cognitive sciences, and social sciences) (9) Communication (interpersonal, | | | | | |

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persuasion, or speech) (3)

| • | BIOL | 335 | Cell Biology (4) |
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| • | BIOL | 300 | Internship Health/Life Science (1-4 credits) |
| • | BIOL | 330 | Biomedical Physiology (4) |
| • | BIOL | 325 | Advanced Genetics (4) |
| • | ECON | 111 | Macroeconomics (3) |

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Pre-Veterinary Program, contact Dr. Joe Burnell or Dr. Katherine Stickney in the Chemistry Department. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.