

Augustana College

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration With the Biology Major

Courses required for the first year: CHEM-131 and CHEM-132
Courses recommended for the first year: BIOL-130 and BIOL-140
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The Major in Biology

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
BIOL-130	Molecules to Cells	None	--	F, SP	4
BIOL-140	Organisms to Ecosystems	None	--	F, SP	4
BIOL-250	Genetics	None	BIOL-130	F, SP	4
BIOL-360 <i>or</i> BIOL-362	Comparative Physiology <i>or</i> Human Physiology	None	BIOL-130 & BIOL-140 OR BIOL-130 & soph status	F, SP	4
BIOL Elective		None	See specific course	F, J, SP, SU	4
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Senior Inquiry	If an SI is completed in another major, replace with another BIOL elective	None	BIOL-130, BIOL-140 BIOL-250	F, J, SP	4

Required Supporting Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
CHEM-131	General Chemistry I	PN	--	F	4
CHEM-132	General Chemistry II	PN	--	SP	4
CHEM-321	Organic Chemistry I	None	CHEM-132	F	4
CHEM-322	Organic Chemistry II	None	CHEM-321	SP	4
PHYS-151	Principles of Physics I	PN	--	F	4
PHYS-152	Principles of Physics II	PN	--	SP	4
CHEM-441	Biochemistry I	None	CHEM-322 & BIOL-130	F	4

Some vet schools require a minimum number of credits, Internship – 4 credits (160 hours) or 8 credits (400 hours)

Additional Useful Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
COMM-101	Public Speaking	None	--	F, SP	4
PSYC-100	Intro to Psychology	PS	--	F, SP	4
BIOL-310	Evolutionary Biology	None	BIOL-250		4
BIOL-335	Entomology	PN	BIOL-140 or permission of instructor	F; every other year	
BIOL-343	Microbiology	None	BIOL-250 or permission of instructor	F, SP	4
BIOL-345	Immunology	None	BIOL-250	J; Every other year	4
BIOL-351	Human Anatomy	None	--	F, SP	4
BIOL-354	Neuroanatomy	None	BIOL-351 or permission of instructor	Every other year	4
BIOL-373	Developmental Biology	None	BIOL-250	Every other year	4
BIOL-375	Molecular Genetics	None	BIOL-250 & permission of instructor	J	4
BIOL-386	General Ecology	None	BIOL-130 & BIOL-140	F; every other year	4
BIOL-387	Aquatic Biology	None	BIOL-130, BIOL-140 & BIOL-250 or	F; every other year	4

			permission of instructor		
BIOL-455	Human Gross Anatomy Lab	None	BIOL-351 or equivalent and permission of instructor	F, SP; every other year	2
MATH-130 <i>or</i> PSYC-240	Statistics	Q	--	F, SP	4
MATH-160	Calculus	Q	--	F, SP	4
CLAS-290	Bioscientific Terminology	None	--	F	2

Some vet schools require a minimum number of "Humanities" & "Social Sciences" credits

Advising Overview

Augustana's program in pre-veterinary medicine prepares students for admission to and achievement in veterinary school. Working closely with your advisor (a professor in your field), your path will include coursework in small classes and hands-on experience in area veterinary clinics during the academic year.

Most students major in biology, fulfilling the pre-veterinary medicine program with a challenging science curriculum including biology, chemistry and physics, plus advanced courses in subjects such as immunology, neuroanatomy and biochemistry.

While vet school is a challenge, you'll discover that Augustana's liberal arts education prepares you extremely well. Along with an exceptional science background, you'll have the less-tangible skills you'll reach for constantly as you think creatively to solve new problems.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates

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