VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Description
This degree program is appropriate for licensed or license-eligible veterinary technicians desiring a broader education than offered in an AAS degree program.

The bachelor of science in veterinary technology degree (BS-VETH) curriculum integrates the baccalaureate degree requirements with any American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited veterinary technician program. There are three general requirements to earn the BS-VETH degree:

1. Successfully earn a Veterinary Technician Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degree from an AVMA-accredited program;
2. Pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE);
3. Complete the BS-VETH degree requirements in any of the options offered under that baccalaureate degree program.

Students may matriculate at UNL as a Veterinary Technology (VETH) major before meeting the first two general requirements. But the BS-VETH degree cannot be awarded until all three general requirements have been met.

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln does not offer an AAS Veterinary Technician program. A complete listing of AVMA-accredited AAS Veterinary Technician program may be found at the AVMA website: https://www.avma.org.

The Veterinary Science Option is designed for VETH majors wishing to qualify academically for admission to a veterinary school. It incorporates the Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine pre-veterinary medicine academic requirements in it, but it can be modified to qualify for any American Veterinary Medical Association-accredited veterinary school to which the student wishes to make application.

The Science Option is designed for students who wish to continue their science education at the baccalaureate degree level.

The Business Option is designed for students who wish to continue their baccalaureate education focusing on business and management making it possible to become a practice management.

Students wishing to earn the BS-VETH degree should expect it to take four to five years, including the time needed to earn the AAS degree. The AAS degree will take two years to complete. The time it will take to complete the VB-VETH degree requirements depends upon several factors, including how many course equivalencies are brought from the AAS program and which of the BS-VET degree options is selected. If the student is not prepared to start the science-intensive Veterinary Technology program, its completion will take longer. Adequate preparation includes math proficiency, as indicated by the Nebraska Math Proficiency Examination (MPE). Students who do not place into at least MATH 102 College Trigonometry may take longer to complete the baccalaureate degree. Students are encouraged to discuss their particular situation with their VETH advisor.

Veterinary technology graduates may pursue careers in veterinary medicine as veterinary technicians or practice managers. They can pursue careers in the biomedical sciences as research technicians, veterinary medical educators, drug or feed manufacturing sales or technical representatives. They can also be animal care managers or technicians in industry, academia, animal rescue organizations, animal shelters, or zoological gardens.

College Requirements

College Admission
Requirements for admission into the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) are consistent with general University admission requirements (one unit equals one high school year): 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural sciences, 3 units of social studies, and 2 units of foreign language. Students must also meet performance requirements (ACT composite of 20 or higher OR combined SAT score of 950 or higher OR rank in the top one-half of graduating class; transfer students must have a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average and 2.0 on the most recent term of attendance. For students entering the PGA Golf Management degree program, a certified golf handicap of 12 or better (e.g., USGA handicap card) or written ability (MS Word file) equivalent to a 12 or better handicap by a PGA professional or high school golf coach is required. For more information, please visit: http://pgm.unl.edu/requirements.

Admission Deficiencies/Removal of Deficiencies
Students who are admitted to CASNR with core course deficiencies must remove these deficiencies within the first 30 credit hours at UNL, or within the first calendar year at UNL, whichever takes longer, excluding foreign languages. Students have up to 60 credit hours to remove foreign language deficiencies. College-level work taken to remove deficiencies may be used to meet degree requirements in CASNR.

Deficiencies in the required entrance subjects can be removed by completion of specified courses in the University or by correspondence.

The Office of Admissions, Alexander Building (south entrance), City Campus, provides information to new students on how deficiencies can be removed.

College Degree Requirements

Curriculum Requirements
The curriculum requirements of the College consist of three areas: ACE (Achievement-Centered Education); College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Core; and Degree Program requirements and electives. All three areas of the College Curriculum Requirements are incorporated within the description of the Major/Degree Program sections of the catalog. The individual major/degree program listings of classes insures that a student will meet the minimum curriculum requirements of the College.

Foreign Languages/Language Requirement
Two units of a foreign language are required. This requirement is usually met with two years of high school language.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation
The College grants the bachelors degree in programs associated with agricultural sciences, natural resources and related programs. Students working toward a degree must earn at least 120 semester hours of credit. A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation.

Grade Rules
Removal of C-, D and F Grades
Only the most recent letter grade received in a given course will be used in computing a student's cumulative grade point average if the student
has completed the course more than once and previously received a grade or grades below C in that course.

The previous grade (or grades) will not be used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average, but it will remain a part of the academic record and will appear on any transcript.

A student can remove from his/her cumulative average a course grade of C-, D+, D, or F if the student repeats the same course at the University of Nebraska and receives a grade other than P (pass), I (incomplete), N (no pass), W (withdraw), or NR (no report). If a course is no longer being offered, it is not eligible for the revised grade point average computation process.

For complete procedures and regulations, see the Office of the University Registrar website at http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats.

**Pass/No Pass**

Students in CASNR may take any course offered on a Pass/No Pass basis within the 24-hour limitation established by the Faculty Senate. However, a department may specify that the Pass/No Pass status of its courses be limited to non-majors or may choose to offer some courses for letter grades only.

**GPA Requirements**

A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation.

**Transfer Credit Rules**

To be considered for admission, a transfer student, Nebraska resident or nonresident, must have an accumulated average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum C average in the last semester of attendance at another college. Transfer students who have completed less than 12 credit hours of college study must submit either ACT or SAT scores.

Ordinarily, credits earned at an accredited college are accepted by the University. The College, however, will evaluate all hours submitted on an application for transfer and reserves the right to accept or reject any of them. Sixty is the maximum number of hours UNL will accept on transfer from a two-year college. Ninety is the maximum number of hours UNL will accept from a four-year college. Transfer credit in the degree program must be approved by the degree program advisor on a Request for Substitution Form to meet specific course requirements, group requirements, or course level requirements in the major. At least 9 hours in the major field, including the capstone course, must be completed at UNL regardless of the number of hours transferred.

The College will accept no more than 10 semester hours of C-, D+, D and D- grades from other schools. The C-, D+, D and D- grades can only be applied to free electives. This policy does not apply to the transfer of grades from UNO or UNK to UNL.

**Joint Academic Transfer Programs**

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has agreements with many institutions to support joint academic programs. The transfer programs include dual degree programs and cooperative degree programs. Dual degree programs offer students the opportunity to receive a degree from a participating institution and also to complete requirements for a bachelor of science degree in CASNR. Cooperative programs result in a single degree from either UNL or the cooperating institution.

**Dual Degree Programs**

**A to B Programs**

The A to B Program, a joint academic program offered by the CASNR and participating community colleges, allows students to complete the first two years of a degree program at the participating community college and continue their education and study in a degree program leading toward a bachelor of science degree.

The A to B Program provides a basic knowledge plus specialized course work. Students transfer into CASNR with junior standing.

Depending on the community college, students enrolled in the A to B Program may complete the requirements for an associate of science at the community college, transfer to UNL, and work toward a bachelor of science degree.

**Participating community colleges include:**

- Central Community College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- Northeast Community College
- Southeast Community College
- Western Nebraska Community College

**3+2 Programs**

Two specialized degree programs in **animal science** and **veterinary science** are offered jointly with an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine. These two programs permit CASNR animal science or veterinary science students to receive a bachelor of science degree from UNL with a degree in animal science or veterinary science after successfully completing two years of the professional curriculum in veterinary medicine at an accredited veterinary school. Students who successfully complete the 3+2 Program, must complete the “Application for Degree” form and provide transcripts to the Credentials Clerk, Office of the University Registrar, 107 Canfield Administration Building, UNL.

Students should discuss these degree programs with their academic advisor.

**Cooperative Degree Programs**

Academic credit from UNL and a cooperating institution is applied towards a four-year degree from either UNL (UNL degree-granting program) or the cooperating institution (non UNL degree-granting program). All have approved programs of study.

**UNL Degree-Granting Programs**

A UNL degree-granting program is designed to provide students the opportunity to complete a two-year program of study at one of the four-year institutions listed below, transfer to CASNR and complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree.

**Chadron State College.** Chadron State College offers a 2+2 program leading to a grassland ecology and management degree program and a transfer program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education in the teaching option.

**Wayne State College.** Wayne State College offers a 3+1 program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Plant Biology in the ecology and management option.
University of Nebraska at Kearney. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

University of Nebraska at Omaha. The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) cooperates with CASNR in providing four-semester pre-agricultural sciences, pre-natural resources, pre-food science and technology, pre-horticulture and pre-turfgrass and landscape management transfer programs.

A student enrolled in these programs may transfer all satisfactorily completed academic credits identified in the suggested program of study, and enter CASNR to study toward a degree program leading to a bachelor of science degree. The total program would require a minimum of four years or eight semesters (12 credit hours/semester or 120 credit hours).

UNL CASNR faculty teach horticulture and food science and technology courses at UNO to assist an urban population in better understanding the food processing, horticulture, and landscape horticulture industries.

For more information, contact the CASNR Dean’s Office, 800-472-8800, ext. 2541.

Non UNL Degree-Granting Programs

The CASNR cooperates with other institutions to provide course work that is applied toward a degree at the cooperating institution. Pre-professional programs offered by CASNR allow students to complete the first two or three years of a degree program at UNL prior to transferring and completing a degree at the cooperating institution.

Chadron State College–Range Science. The 3+1 Program in range science allows Chadron State College students to pursue a range science degree through Chadron State College. Students complete three years of course work at Chadron State College and one year of specialized range science course work (32 credit hours) at CASNR.

Dordt College (Iowa) – Agricultural Education: Teaching Option. This program allows students to pursue an Agricultural Education Teaching Option degree leading toward a bachelor of science in agricultural education. Students at Dordt College will complete 90 credit hours in the Agricultural Education: Teaching Option Transfer Program.

Residency

Students must complete at least 30 of the total hours for their degree using UNL credits. At least 18 of the 30 credit hours must be in courses offered through CASNR \(^1\) (1299) including the appropriate ACE 10 degree requirement or an approved ACE 10 substitution offered through another UNL college and excluding independent study regardless of the number of hours transferred. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement if students register through UNL and participate in prior-approved education abroad programs. UNL open enrollment and summer independent study courses count toward residence.

\(^1\) Includes courses taught by CASNR faculty through interdisciplinary prefixes (e.g., LIFE, MBIO, ENVIR, SOIL, EAEP, HRTM, ENSC) and CASNR crosslisted courses taught by non-CASNR faculty.

Online and Distance Education

There are many opportunities to earn college credit online through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Some of these credits may be applicable not only as elective credits, but also toward the fulfillment of the College’s education requirements. Credits earned online may count toward residency. However, certain offerings may not be counted toward scholarship requirements or academic recognition criteria.

For further information, contact:
Office of Online and Distance Education
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
305 Brace Labs
Lincoln, NE 68588-0109
402-472-4681
http://online.unl.edu/

Independent Study Rules

Students wishing to take part in independent studies must obtain permission; complete and sign a contract form; and furnish copies of the contract to the instructor, advisor, departmental office, and the Dean’s Office. The contract should be completed before registration. Forms are available in 103 Agricultural Hall or online at the CASNR website.

Independent study projects include research, literature review or extension of course work under supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.

Students may only count 12 hours of independent study toward their degrees and no more than 6 hours can be counted during their last 36 hours earned, excluding senior thesis, internships, and courses taught under an independent study number.

Other College Degree Requirements

Capstone Course Requirement

A capstone course is required for each CASNR degree program. A capstone course is defined as a course in which students are required to integrate diverse bodies of knowledge to solve a problem or formulate a policy of societal importance.

ACE Requirements

All students must fulfill the Achievement Centered Education (ACE) requirements. Information about the ACE program may be viewed at www.ace.unl.

The minimum requirements of CASNR reflect the common core of courses that apply to students pursuing degrees in the college. Students should work with an advisor to satisfy ACE outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10 with the college requirements.

Catalog Rule

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to UNL or when they were first admitted to a Joint Academic Transfer Program. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. The catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Learning Outcomes

 Majors in veterinary technology will be able to:

1. Demonstrate general knowledge of animal health and disease.
2. Build on their associate of applied science, veterinary technician option degree to acquire a bachelor of science degree.
3. Increase employment and advancement opportunities in veterinary technology.
4. With business option, will be prepared to manage a personal business or veterinary office.
5. With veterinary science option, can prepare to apply to veterinary school.
6. Converse in a knowledgeable and professional manner with employers and colleagues.

**Major Requirements**

**Veterinary Technology Core Requirements**

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**Veterinary Science**

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<td>Integrated Principles and Prevention of Livestock Diseases (Capstone Course (ACE 10))</td>
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**Natural Sciences**

**CASNR Approved Life Sciences**

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Physical Sciences

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**Mathematics and Statistics**

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**Communications**

**Written Communication (ACE 1)**

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**Oral Communication (ACE 2)**

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**Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences**

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Select one course each from ACE outcomes 5, 7, 8, and 9: 12

Credit Hours Subtotal: 15

Total Credit Hours: 50

1 BIOS 101/101L are not acceptable for the Veterinary Science or Science Options.
2 Physics course(s) taken should meet pre-veterinary and additional course prerequisites if application to professional school is intended. Consult your advisor regarding which courses fulfill this requirement.

**Veterinary Science Option**

**Life Sciences**

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2. These credits, or the equivalent, will be transferred from NCTA or other accredited Veterinary Technology Programs for students who complete the entire program, qualify academically to receive an associate in applied science degree, and pass the national certification examination, or the equivalent, administered at their respective institution.

**Science Option**

### Life Sciences

Select one sequence of the following: 4

- BIOS 112 Introduction to Zoology
- & BIOS 112L Introduction to Zoology Lab

- LIFE 121 Fundamentals of Biology II
- & LIFE 121L Fundamentals of Biology II Laboratory

- BIOS 312 Microbiology
- BIOS 314 Microbiology Laboratory
- AGRO 215 Genetics

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 12

**Physical Sciences**

- CHEM 110 General Chemistry II
- CHEM 251 Organic Chemistry I
- CHEM 253 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory
- CHEM 252 Organic Chemistry II
- CHEM 254 Organic Chemistry II Laboratory
- **Credit Hours Subtotal:** 8

**Biological Chemistry**

- BIOC 321 & BIOC 321L Elements of Biochemistry and Laboratory for Elements of Biochemistry

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 4

**Anatomy and Physiology**

Select from the following courses, one in either physiology or anatomy is required, but one course in each subject area is recommended: 4-9

- ASCI 340 Animal Physiological Systems
- BIOS 213 Human Physiology & BIOS 213L Human Physiology
- BIOS 214 Human Anatomy
- VBMS 307 Introduction to Veterinary Anatomy

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 4

**Business**

Select two courses from any two of the following five areas: 5-7

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**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 4

### Veterinary Technology
Select 35 credits of equivalent courses

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 35

### Core Requirements
Complete requirements

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 50

**Total Credit Hours:** 120

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ADDITIONAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades
A grade of P or a letter grade of C or better is required for all VBMS courses.

Pass/No Pass
All courses taken to meet PVET requirements must be taken for a letter grade, unless the course is offered only Pass/No Pass.

GPA Requirements
A cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better is required for the degree.

Veterinary Science Option:
Most veterinary schools require a grade of at least a C in each course. Exact course grade requirements for admission should be determined for each veterinary school to which application is to be made.

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 is generally required for application to a veterinary school. The exact GPA requirement for admission should be obtained for each veterinary school to which application is to be made.

VBMS 101 Success in Veterinary Science

Description: General skills for success in college are discussed. Student involvement and campus resources are emphasized. Survey of careers for students interested in going on to veterinary school or any other science related area.

Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

VBMS 303 Principles and Prevention of Livestock Diseases

Prerequisites: Juniors and seniors; ASCI 240 or BIOS 213 and BIOS 213L. BIOS 300 or BIOS 312 recommended, or permission

Description: Management techniques in the control of metabolic, infectious, and parasitic diseases of domestic animals and understanding of basic concepts of the important diseases of livestock.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

VBMS 403 Integrated Principles and Prevention of Livestock Diseases

Prerequisites: ASCI 240 or BIOS 213 and BIOS 213L, BIOS 312, CHEM 251

Description: Emphasizes integrated management techniques of livestock, and understanding the basic integrated concepts of the important diseases of domestic animals. Biotechnology in animal health and current issues in management practices to control diseases.

Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

VBMS 408 Functional Histology

Crosslisted with: BIOS 408, BIOS 808, VBMS 808

Prerequisites: BIOS 101 and 101L or LIFE 120 and 120L or BIOS 112; BIOS 213 or ASCI 240. BIOS 315 recommended.

Description: Microscopic anatomy of the tissues and organs of major vertebrate species, including humans. Normal cellular arrangements of tissues and organs as related to their macroscopic anatomy and function, with reference to sub-cellular characteristics and biochemical processes. Functional relationships among cells, tissues, organs and organ systems, contributory to organismal well being. General introduction to pathological processes and principles underlying some diseases.

Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

VBMS 410 General Pharmacology and Toxicology

Prerequisites: BIOS 213, ASCI 240 or ASCI 340; BIOC 321 or BIOC/BIOS/ CHEM 431/831; or equivalent. Recommended: CHEM 252 and 254; BIOC/ BIOS/ CHEM 432/832 and 433/833.

Description: Basic principles and sciences of drug action (as therapeutic agents) and of adverse (toxic) effects of harmful chemical substances. Discussion of these concepts as they relate to animal production and care, regulatory concerns, legal and ethical decisions, human and animal health hazards, food safety, and environmental contamination.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Offered: FALL

VBMS 417 Neurobiology: Cells to Senses

Prerequisites: Two semesters each of Biology and Chemistry recommended. Permission of the instructor required.

Notes: Capstone course. Active participation in classroom discussion expected.

Description: Neurobiology, by its very nature, integrates the studies of biology, chemistry, physics, biochemistry, physiology, and anatomy. Introduction to cellular and systems neurobiology, culminating in individual projects focusing on the effects of neuropathological disorders or diseases.

Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

ACE 10 Integrated Product
VBMS 424 Basic Molecular Infectious Diseases  
**Crosslisted with:** VBMS 824  
**Prerequisites:** BIOS 312 or permission.  
**Description:** Introduction to the molecular, genetic and cellular aspects of microbial pathogenesis in humans and animals.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
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**Format:** LEC

VBMS 441 Pathogenic Microbiology  
**Crosslisted with:** BIOS 441, BIOS 841, VBMS 441H, VBMS 841  
**Prerequisites:** BIOS 312 and either 313 or 314, or permission.  
**Description:** Fundamental principles involved in host-microorganism interrelationships. Identification of pathogens, isolation, propagation, mode of transmission, pathogenicity, symptoms, treatment, prevention of disease, epidemiology, and methods of control.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
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**Format:** LEC

VBMS 441H Pathogenic Microbiology  
**Crosslisted with:** BIOS 441, BIOS 841, VBMS 441, VBMS 841  
**Prerequisites:** BIOS 312 and either 313 or 314, or permission.  
**Description:** Fundamental principles involved in host-microorganism interrelationships. Identification of pathogens, isolation, propagation, mode of transmission, pathogenicity, symptoms, treatment, prevention of disease, epidemiology, and methods of control.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

VBMS 441L Pathogenic Microbiology Laboratory  
**Crosslisted with:** VBMS 841L  
**Prerequisites:** BIOS 312 and 313 (314) or permission.  
**Description:** Application of diagnostic microbiological techniques to the isolation, propagation and identification of common pathogens of human beings and animals. Case studies used, in the laboratory setting, to explore and test fundamentals of transmission, epidemiology and pathogenesis of selected infectious agents and to relate these to disease signs, treatments and methods of control.  
**Credit Hours:** 1  
**Max credits per semester:** 1  
**Max credits per degree:** 1  
**Format:** LAB

VBMS 488 Exploration of Production Medicine  
**Prerequisites:** Acceptance to an accredited college of veterinary medicine.  
**Description:** Introduction to production medicine and animal health management that weaves together the interrelationship of pasture ecology, animal nutrition, animal well-being, environmental assessment, worker safety, and pre-harvest food safety. Emphasis on the interrelationships between scientific disciplines, and sustainable agriculture. Assessment of normal production potential and health of food producing animals (beef cattle, swine, and sheep) and indicators of abnormal health. Introduction to techniques used to evaluate animal well-being, to computerized information management, and to the veterinarian's role in sustainable agriculture.  
**Credit Hours:** 2  
**Max credits per semester:** 2  
**Max credits per degree:** 2  
**Format:** LEC

VBMS 496 Independent Study in Veterinary Science  
**Prerequisites:** 12 hrs veterinary science or closely related areas and permission.  
**Description:** Individual or group projects in research, literature review, or extension of course work under supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.  
**Credit Hours:** 1-5  
**Min credits per semester:** 1  
**Max credits per semester:** 5  
**Max credits per degree:** 12  
**Format:** IND

VBMS 499H Honors Thesis  
**Prerequisites:** Admission to the University Honors Program and permission, AGRI 299H recommended.  
**Description:** Conduct a scholarly research project and write a University Honors Program or undergraduate thesis.  
**Credit Hours:** 3-6  
**Min credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 6  
**Max credits per degree:** 6  
**Format:** IND

**PLEASE NOTE**  
This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with this major. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your college or department academic advisor. Advisors also can help you plan other experiences to enrich your undergraduate education such as internships, education abroad, undergraduate research, learning communities, and service learning and community-based learning.

**Veterinary Technology - Business**  
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**13 HR TERM 1**

**ACE 4 Life Science**  
complete LIFE 120, LIFE 120L
Completion of either the CHEM Sequence or LIFE Sequence becomes critical to your success in the major if not completed by the second term of enrollment.

Mathematics
complete MATH 104

Completion of a MATH course becomes critical to your success in the major if not completed by the second term of enrollment.

ACE 1 Written
complete 1 from ENGL 150, ENGL 151, JGEN 120, JGEN 200, JGEN 300

Complete an ACE 5, 7, 8, or 9 requirement this term.

16 HR TERM 2

ACE 4 Chemistry
complete CHEM 109

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Mathematics
complete STAT 218

ACE 1 Written
complete 1 from ENGL 150, ENGL 151, JGEN 120, JGEN 200, JGEN 300

ACE 2 Oral Comm
complete 1 from ALEC 102, COMM 101, COMM 109, COMM 209, COMM 215, COMM 283, COMM 286, JGEN 300, MRKT 257, NRES 301, TMFD 121

ACE 7 Arts
complete 1 from ACE7

Complete an ACE 5, 7, 8, or 9 requirement this term.

3 HR TERM 3

ACE 6 Economics
complete 1 from ECON 211, AECN 141, ECON 200, ECON 211, ECON 212

14 HR TERM 4

Chemistry
complete CHEM 110

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ACE 4 Physics
complete 1 from MSYM 109L, MSYM 109, PHYS 141, PHYS 151, PHYS 153

ACE 8 Ethical Principles
complete 1 from ACE8

Complete an ACE 5, 7, 8, or 9 requirement this term.

14 HR TERM 5

Genetics
complete AGRO 215

Management
complete either MNGT 360 or MNGT 361

Marketing
complete 1 from AECN 225, AECN 325, MRKT 341
Farm/Ranch Management
complete AECN 201

12 HR TERM 6
Business Electives
complete 2 from ACCT 202, AECN 256, AECN 316, AECN 452, BLAW 300, BLAW 371, FINA 260, FINA 361, MRKT 347, MRKT 458

Electives
complete Any Course

12 HR TERM 7
ACE 10 Capstone
complete VBMS 403

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Electives
complete Any Course

Graduation Requirements
1. Performance Measure: 2.00 GPA required for graduation.
2. ***Total Credits Applying Toward 120 Total Hours***

Veterinary Technology - Science

15 HR TERM 1
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ACE 5 Humanities
complete 1 from ACE5

16 HR TERM 2
Mathematics
complete STAT 218

Electives
complete 1 from ACE7

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**15 HR TERM 3**

**ACE 4 Chemistry**

complete CHEM 109

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**ACE 8 Ethical Principles**

complete 1 from ACE8

3hr

Complete an ACE 5, 7, 8, or 9 requirement this term.

**ACE 4 Physics**

complete 1 from MSYM 109, MSYM 109L, PHYS 141, PHYS 151, PHYS 153

5hr

**Electives**

complete Any Course

3hr

Complete a VBMS elective for 3 of 6 elective hours this term.

**14 HR TERM 4**

**Chemistry**

complete CHEM 110

4hr

Completion of either the CHEM Sequence or LIFE Sequence becomes critical to your success in the major if not completed by the second term of enrollment.

**Life Sciences**

complete AGRO 215

4hr

**Business Requirement**

complete 1 from ACCT 201, AECN 452, FINA 260, FINA 361, AECN 201, MNGT 121, MNGT 360, MNGT 361, AECN 225, AECN 325, MRKT 341

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**Electives**

complete Any Course

3hr

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**14 HR TERM 5**

**Chemistry/Organic Chem**

complete CHEM 251, CHEM 253

4hr

**Life Sciences**

complete BIOS 312, BIOS 314

4hr

**Business Requirement**

complete 1 from ACCT 201, AECN 452, FINA 260, FINA 361, AECN 201, MNGT 121, MNGT 360, MNGT 361, AECN 225, AECN 325, MRKT 341

3hr

**Electives**

complete Any Course

3hr

**8 HR TERM 6**

**Biochemistry/Lab**

complete BIOC 321, BIOC 321L

4hr

**ACE 10 Capstone**

complete VBMS 403

4hr

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**Electives**

complete Any Course

3hr

Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.
**Jobs of Recent Graduates**
- Veterinary Technician (further schooling needed), The Animal Clinic - Hastings NE
- Lab Technician, Zoetis - Lincoln NE
- Specialist, Berringe Ingelheim Zetmetica - St. Joseph MO

**Internships**
- Veterinary Technician Intern, Wachal Pet Health Center - Lincoln NE

**Grad Schools**
- Veterinary Medicine, Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine - UNL/ISU - Ames IA
- PhD, South Dakota State University - Brookings SD