

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

At UAM, Pre-Vet is not a major, but a program of study that prepares you for admission into a veterinary medicine school. You do have to have a degree prior to admission into the professional program. Many students attending vet school major in Biology, but there are other options. At UAM, we generally recommend one of two pathways. A Biology degree with additional courses in Animal Science from the School of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources is one option. The second option is to major in Animal Science and take the required science courses needed for admission into the vet school of your choice. Dr. John Hunt in the School of Math and Sciences will serve as your pre-vet advisor if you choose to major in one of the science fields. Dr. Rocky Lindsey from Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources will serve as your advisor if you choose to major in the Agriculture – Animal Science Option.

Admission into a veterinary school is quite competitive, probably even more so than medical school. It is very important that you maintain a high GPA, gain experience working with animals, and shadow or work with a veterinarian a significant amount of time. Veterinary schools also look at your extracurricular involvement and your commitment to the animal medical profession.

Arkansas does not have a school of veterinary medicine; however, there are a limited number of seats held in agreements between the state of Arkansas and some of the nearby schools in the region that will allow you to attend their programs while paying in-state tuition.

See your advisors as soon as possible so that a plan can be made that will give you the best chance of being accepted into a veterinary medicine program. Choose the major that best fits your back up plan if you don't get accepted into a veterinary medicine school.

Important Links

[my College Options Pre-Veterinary Studies](#)

[Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges Pre-Vet Resources](#)

[LSU School of Veterinary Medicine](#)

[Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine](#)

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