## **Animal Science with a Pre-Vet Emphasis**

The University of Arkansas at Monticello, School of Agriculture works closely with regional veterinary schools to ensure that those students interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine have all of their pre-requisites fulfilled. UAM offers the basic education needed in the areas or science, mathematics, English, and the humanities. The Animal Science program in the UAM School of Agriculture gives special attention to the pre-vet student focusing on large animal production, an area of study in which many veterinary school applicants do not have any experience.

There is no veterinary school in the state of Arkansas. As a result, Arkansas helps a select group of Arkansas resident students pay out of state tuition at Louisiana State University (9 students), Oklahoma State University (1 student), Tuskegee University (1 student), and The University of Missouri (1 student). Since LSU accepts the most Arkansas students, we encourage Arkansas residents to focus on the pre-requisites that LSU School of Veterinary Medicine require. However, we will do all we can to help you get accepted into any veterinary school you wish. Below are a couple of links for more information on Arkansas residents applying to veterinary school and the pre-requisites required for veterinary schools across the country.

Arkansas resident's link:

http://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships/detail/arkansas-health-education-grant-arheg1

Pre-Requisites link:

## http://www.aavmc.org/data/files/vmcas/preregchart.pdf

Successful vet school applicants have a history of academic excellence in their undergraduate career, a high GRE score, excellent experience in the veterinary field, and great references. An Animal Science degree is not necessary to be accepted in veterinary schools, but it is our opinion that a major in Animal Science better prepares you for the challenges you will face in veterinary medicine. Below is a sample of classes a student can take in order to meet the prerequisites for veterinary school in just three years, along with classes you can take in your fourth year to finish an Animal Science degree just in case the student did not succeed in getting into a vet school on their first application.

## <u>Animal Science with Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option- Suggested</u> <u>Schedule</u>

The Professor of Animal Science at UAM is Dr. Rocky Lindsey. He is a veterinarian himself that came through UAM as an Arkansas resident, so he has excellent insight into the vet school application process. Dr. Lindsey can be reached via email at <a href="mailto:lindseyr@uamont.edu">lindseyr@uamont.edu</a>.

Below are links to veterinary schools that Arkansas residents often attend. Feel free to contact us at (870) 460 1091 with further questions.

LSU

http://www.lsu.edu/vetmed/

OSU

https://cvhs.okstate.edu/

Missouri

http://cvm.missouri.edu/

Tuskegee

https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/cvm

Mississippi State University

http://www.cvm.msstate.edu/

**Ross University** 

http://veterinary.rossu.edu/