

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES

Combined Program Leading To: The Bachelor Of Science In Animal Sciences & Doctor Of Veterinary Medicine Degrees

There is a sustained need for well-trained veterinarians in agricultural animal production. Much of the nutritional and reproductive consultation to animal agriculture is obtained from veterinarians. Animal agriculture is increasingly complex and must deal with far-ranging societal and environmental concerns in addition to animal production management.

To meet this need and to ensure a cadre of veterinary graduates from WSU able to respond to the requirements of the animal agriculture industry, the Department of Animal Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) have a combined program designed to train selected, highly qualified students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine within a seven-year program. The students will take a three-year Animal Sciences program, completing all General Education Requirements, the Animal Sciences Core courses, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine requirements. They will then enter the CVM and complete the requirements for total hours and upper level hours before earning the B.S. in Animal Sciences. They will continue the CVM curriculum, leading to the DVM degree after a total of seven years of college work.

The program is limited to six to ten new students per year and is by invitation only. A high scholastic achievement and the promise of the same, and experience or a strong interest in farm animals are necessary. Experience with a practicing veterinarian is desirable. Scholastic achievement will be equivalent to that required for admission into the WSU Honors Program. Students will be identified and invited to apply for the AS/DVM Program during their freshman year. Students will interview at the beginning of their second year and then declare Animal Sciences as a major with the Joint Program as their Option. Students are required to maintain a 3.5 GPA to continue in the program. Students who are not accepted into the program, do not maintain a 3.5 GPA or withdraw from the AS/DVM Program may continue in the Animal Sciences program, earn the B.S. in Animal Sciences, and apply to the CVM under normal procedures.

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