VETERINARY CLINICAL MEDICINE

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Major: Veterinary Medical Science – Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Degrees offered: M.S., Ph.D.

Joint Degree Program: Veterinary Medical Scholars Program
Degrees Offered: D.V.M and M.S., D.V.M. and Ph.D.

Admission
Admission requirements include a doctor of veterinary medicine (D.V.M.) degree or equivalent. By petition, non-D.V.M.s may be admitted. Applicants for graduate study in veterinary clinical medicine must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0). Admission averages are computed from the entire professional curriculum or from the last 60 hours of undergraduate studies for those without the D.V.M. degree. Applicants with a grade point average between 2.5 and 3.0 may be considered for admission on limited status on the basis of individual merit. Applicants who have a prior graduate degree or who have completed some graduate course work will be evaluated on the basis of their graduate work as well as their undergraduate or professional records. Acceptance of students must be approved by the department’s Graduate Committee.

International applicants must submit evidence of satisfactory performance on TOEFL or other tests designed to test proficiency in English. International students must also submit evidence of financial support.

We are not accepting applications for the M.S./D.V.M. or the Ph.D./D.V.M. program at this time.

Graduate Degree Programs
The Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine offers a graduate program leading to the degrees of Master of Science. The primary goal of graduate programs in veterinary clinical medicine is to prepare students for careers involving research and/or teaching in a specialty area. Graduate work in veterinary clinical medicine may be pursued in several areas, including:

- anesthesiology
- equine medicine and surgery
- equine theriogenology
- farm animal reproduction (theriogenology)
- medicine
- surgery
- imaging/radiation therapy
- small animal medicine (emergency and critical care, internal medicine)
- small animal surgery
- specialty medicine (cardiology, dentistry, dermatology, oncology, ophthalmology)
- zoological medicine

The department, with the teaching hospital, has facilities and equipment for studying the health and diseases of animals.

After completing graduate work, the student will be able to conduct research both independently and as a team member. Adequate training in planning research projects and writing research proposals will give the student the ability to function with teams of scientists from various areas of the biomedical field. Experience in clinical teaching and literature study will form the basis for the student’s development of teaching programs within his or her discipline.

A residency program, designed to train a veterinarian for specialty clinical practice, can be combined with the graduate program. While a graduate program can be accomplished in a shorter time period, the duration of combined programs is usually three years, reflecting the time required to satisfy the objective of each program. Details of the residency program can be obtained from the Program Secretary of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine.

Joint Degree Program
Students accepted into the Veterinary Medical Scholars Program (http://www.vetmed.illinois.edu/asa/vmsp.html) can complete a D.V.M. and Ph.D. simultaneously.

Graduate Teaching Experience
Experience in teaching is considered a vital part of the graduate program and is required as part of the academic work of all M.S. candidates in this program.

Financial Aid
A limited number of research associate positions are available.

At this time the Master of Science in VMS Veterinary Clinical Medicine is not accepting applications.

Master of Science in VMS Veterinary Clinical Medicine
The requirements for this degree include completion of a thesis that conforms to the requirements of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. The non-thesis option requires departmental approval.

The candidate must complete all requirements of the department and the Graduate College and pass the stipulated examinations. The final M.S. examination consists of a presentation of the thesis in the form of a departmental seminar (VCM 590). The seminar is followed by an oral examination administered by the candidate’s committee and the department head. The student must demonstrate the ability to design and conduct independent research in order to be granted the M.S. degree.

Thesis Option
One statistics course
VCM 590 Seminar
Graduate electives at the 400 or 500 level in consultation with your advisor  
VCM 592  Special Problems (optional, max 12)  
VCM 593  Adv Topics Vet Clin Med (optional, max 8)  
VCM 599  Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)  

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
Minimum 500-Level Hours Required 8
Within the Unit:
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 (not including 599 or 590)
Overall:
Teaching experience is required
Oral exam
Minimum Cumulative GPA in VCM 3.0
M.S. program:
A thesis submitted to the Graduate College
1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate degree requirements and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Manuscript Based (Non-thesis) Option
One statistics course
VCM 590  Seminar  
Graduate electives at the 400 or 500 level in consultation with your advisor 8
VCM 592  Special Problems (optional, max 12)  
VCM 593  Adv Topics Vet Clin Med (optional, max 8)  
VCM 598  Manuscript Research (min/max applied toward degree)  

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
Minimum 500-Level Hours Required 8
Within the Unit:
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 (not including 599 or 590)
Overall:
Teaching experience is required
Oral exam
Minimum Cumulative GPA in VCM 3.0
M.S. program:
A thesis submitted and accepted for publication
Teaching experience is required
Oral exam
Minimum Cumulative GPA in VCM 3.0
M.S. program:
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Doctor of Philosophy in VMS Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Entering with Approved M.S. Degree
Seminar 1
VCM 592  Special Problems (optional max 12)  
VCM 593  Adv Topics Vet Clin Med (optional max 8)  
VCM 599  Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)  

Total Hours 64

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
Teaching experience is required
(see departmental handbook)
Qualifying Exam Required No
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required Yes
Minimum Cumulative GPA in VCM 3.0
Ph.D. program
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Entering with Approved B.S. Degree
Seminar 1
VCM 592  Special Problems (optional max 12)  
VCM 593  Adv Topics Vet Clin Med (optional max 8)  
VCM 599  Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)  

Total Hours 96

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
Teaching experience is required
(see departmental handbook)
Qualifying Exam Required No
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required Yes
Minimum Cumulative GPA in VCM 3.0
Ph.D. program
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