

Sample Timeline for Pre-Veterinary Students*

UK Pre-Vet Website: <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/students/pre-vet>

First Year

- CONTACT your pre-vet advisor to discuss veterinary school requirements!
- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES will help get you accepted to veterinary school!
- JOIN the PV listserv; listserv@lsv.uky.edu; the text of the message is *subscribe ukprevet-L yourfirstname yourlastname*. You **must** use your UK e-mail address.
- JOIN the Pre-Vet Club ---strongly suggested (all 4 years).
- TAKE advantage of special speakers, field trips, etc (all 4 years).
- WRITE a resume of all high school clubs, sports, activities, etc.
- START a log book of all veterinary and animal experience (High School and College).
- START to get experience working for a veterinarian (shadow, volunteer, or paid).
- GET tutors in chemistry, math or other courses if you need them!
- TALK to your advisors prior to changing your schedule/dropping a course.
- MEET with your pre-vet advisors each semester (all 4 years).
- APPLY for all scholarships available (all 4 years).

Second Year

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES (16-18 hours)! MINIMIZE having any “W”s on transcript.
- THINK about who will be writing your letters of recommendation (pre-vet advisors don’t); veterinarian, academic, and person of your choice.
- CONTINUE to get work experience with veterinarians, large and small animal.
- GET into leadership roles in clubs and organizations.
- OBTAIN community service experience – you need to work with people as well as animals as a veterinarian!
- DETERMINE which vet schools you might be interested in applying to and note any additional course requirements you need so you can schedule them in the next two years.
- COMPLETE your plan of study with a degree advisor!

Third Year

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES (16-18 hours).
- OBTAIN a study guide with online resources and start studying!
- CONTINUE with veterinary experience, leadership, community service.
- THINK about volunteering with veterinarians in different circumstances; veterinarians at horse or dog shows, racetracks, livestock expos, zoos, alternative medicine, etc.
- CONTINUE to document all college and work activities for your application.
- TAKE Biochemistry 401G, and if needed Microbiology 308/309
- WHAT is your plan B if you do not get in to Vet School? (re-apply?).

Fourth Year (16-18 hours) Fall Semester

- GRADES, GRADES, GRADES (Average for accepted KY students is 3.5/4.0)

- Take your GRE in May and again in June (if needed).
- COMPLETE your VMCAS application and residency forms by announced deadline
- ATTEND mock interviews

Spring Semester

- PREPARE for your interviews held Jan-March.
- DO well in courses in case you have to re-apply.
- GRADUATE in May.
- CELEBRATE getting into vet school, or implement Plan B.

*This is NOT a check sheet that is all-inclusive, but is general information that the PV listserv posting will update –it is YOUR responsibility to read listserv announcements!