



POLICY: DVM ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Target Population: Students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Program.

Summary

All students are responsible for tracking their academic performance and can view their final grades on <http://buckeyelink.osu.edu> by logging in with their OSU name.# credentials. The College Academic Standards Council (ASC) serves to uphold the academic standards of the professional medical education program in the College of Veterinary Medicine and advises the Executive Committee on student progression, readmission and reinstatement related to the DVM program.

Graduation Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative point-hour ratio of 2.50, with the exception of the first semester, and fulfill all other requirements as determined by the College and the University in order to be eligible for graduation. Only grades of core courses and elective courses required in the curriculum of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine academic program shall be used in computing the point-hour ratios of student grades. (Once a student schedules an approved elective course, this course becomes part of his/her required veterinary medical curriculum unless formally dropped with the University Registrar.)

Total credit hours in professional curriculum = 167

- Core credit hours in professional curriculum = 125 (75%)
- Elective credit hours required for graduation = 42 (25%) (19 preclinical course credits)
- Clinical Competencies = 75% of the listed clinical competencies must be completed and logged into one45.com to successfully complete the fourth year of the program and graduate.
- Students are required to complete a one-week long elective rotation (1 credit) during either the week of Christmas or New Year's.

Graduation with Honors Requirements:

- Summa Cum Laude-Top 10% of class and cumulative GPA of 3.90 or greater
- Magna Cum Laude-Top 10% of class and cumulative GPA of 3.70 or greater
- Cum Laude-Top 10% of class and cumulative GPA of 3.50 or greater

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Academic Requirements

Preclinical Course Academic Requirements: Courses in the preclinical curriculum utilize the Carmen Canvas to post the course syllabus containing course expectations and learning objectives. Each instructor or teaching team determine the grading scale (the University Standard grading scale is recommended) for their course and must be clearly indicated in the course syllabus. Students can track their academic progress throughout the semester on Carmen Canvas.

Preclinical Academic Good Standing GPA Requirement

- GPA 2.25 and above at the conclusion of semester one **ONLY**
- GPA 2.5 and above during semesters two through nine

Clinical Course Academic Requirements:

Students are expected to achieve above a “B-” in A-E graded rotations or a “Satisfactory” (“S”) for S/U graded clinical courses. Student who earn a “marginal grade” (“C+”, “C”, “C-”) in a clinical rotation may be required to repeat the rotation and meet with the Associate Dean and/or the Team Leader or other designee to provide feedback for future success. A student earns 3 marginal grades across multiple rotations or 2 marginal grades in the same rotation may be required to complete remediation or may be dismissed.

Academic Probation

Preclinical Academic Probation Criteria:

- GPA greater than or equal to 1.75 and below 2.25 (semester one ONLY)
- GPA greater than or equal to 2.0 and below 2.5 (semesters two-nine)

Requirements for Students While on Probation:

- Achieve a GPA of 2.5 or above within four academic semesters
- Complete all remediation activities as communicated by the Associate Dean for Professional Programs or designee
- Select an Academic Advisor from the ASC members for the duration of the probationary period
- Meet with the selected Academic Advisor each semester prior to scheduling for the upcoming semester



Academic Dismissal

Students who do not meet the academic standards for the program, fail to meet readmission criteria or who receive a confirmed violation of the Honor Code with sufficient malice according to the findings of the Judiciary Council may be dismissed from the College of Veterinary Medicine. The academics standards for both the preclinical and clinical dismissals are further outlined.

Preclinical Dismissal:

Due to the design of the first three years of the professional curriculum, mastery of the material at each stage is required for successful completion of the next stage. Thus, dismissal from the college for any reason during the first three years requires that the student discontinue their program of study and, if readmitted, return at the class rank indicated in their readmission approval.

Preclinical Dismissal Criteria

- Cumulative GPA less than 1.75 at the conclusion of semester one ONLY
- Cumulative GPA less than 2.0 at the conclusion of any semester two through nine
- A final grade of E or U in a core or elective course at any time during the program, if unable to raise their grade by supplemental examination

Clinical Dismissal

The structure of the curriculum changes from sequential to concurrent in the fourth year. Fourth-year courses are taught concurrently and, therefore, successful completion of one course is not necessarily required for completion of another course in the curriculum.

Clinical Dismissal Criteria

- A final grade of “E” or “U” in any clinical course.
- Patient endangerment or neglect with the confirmation by the Judiciary Council

Readmission

A student who has been dismissed from the College of Veterinary Medicine for failure to maintain the academic standards of the College may petition the Academic Standards Council for readmission within 24 months of dismissal with the understanding that their anticipated graduation timeline will be extended. Upon readmission students are held to the current academic standards and may be subject to special requirements as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.



Repeated Coursework:

Students repeating preclinical courses can apply for Grade Forgiveness (for up to three courses) to replace the earned grade in the Cumulative GPA calculation upon completion. If readmission requirements stipulate that any course other than a first year course must be repeated (or greater than ten credit hours), the grades earned in the repeated course will both be included in the cumulative G.P.A.

Leave of Absence (LOA)

Due to the lock-step nature of the veterinary curriculum, a leave of absence taken during the first three years requires formal withdrawal from the college and a petition for reinstatement. In the event of a family emergency, maternity leave, prolonged illness or hospitalization, students may be required to take a leave of absence (LOA). Requests for a LOA, including the reason for the LOA and an expected return date, must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Dean for Student Success prior to the effective leave date.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal from the College of Veterinary Medicine during and between semesters constitutes withdrawal from all courses in which a student is enrolled during that semester. This will remain in effect unless and until reinstatement is granted to the student by action of the Academic Standards Council of the College and the College Executive Committee. Requests for withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Dean for Student Success prior to the effective leave date.

Definitions

Assessment – A method of measuring student achievement of defined learning outcomes.

Carmen Canvas – The University approved Learning Management System (LMS) designed to enhance course management.

Failing Grades - An “E” in an A-E graded course or rotation or a “U” in a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory graded course or rotation.

Final Grades – Grades submitted to the University Registrar and are available to students to view on BuckeyeLink.

Grade Forgiveness - If a first year course must be repeated, the student can apply to the University Registrar (up to a maximum of 3 semester courses) for grade forgiveness to replace the first grade achieved. The application must be completed at the start of the semester the course is to be repeated.

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Marginal Grades – C-, C or C+ earned for any clinical rotation.

Reinstatement - Students who voluntarily withdraw or take a leave of absence from the College may request reinstatement through petition via the Academic Standards Council to the Executive Committee within 24 months of withdrawal.

Division of Responsibilities

Oversight Body or Position	Responsibilities	Contact Information
Academic Standards Council (ASC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upholds the CVM academic standards Reviews student academic performance 	
Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair by the Dean Membership includes Associate Deans and the Chairs of the academic departments Reviews recommendations from the ASC and provides confirmation or denial for petitions 	
Associate Dean for Professional Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenes a meeting of the Academic Standards Council for review 	(614) 292-1171
Assistant Dean for Student Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide administrative support to the Associate Dean to ensure timely processing and communication between the students and the Academic Standards Council 	(614) 688-8756
Professional Program Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides academic and administrative support in managing academic records for students in the DVM program. Assist readmitted and reinstated students with re-enrollment 	
Course Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly communicating course expectations and grading components of the course via the course syllabus Maintaining accurate grade information on Carmen Submitting final grades to the Faculty Center 	
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking academic performance by reviewing final grades posted on BuckeyeLink Upon readmission, apply for Grade Forgiveness (if applicable) at the beginning of the semester the course is to be repeated Submit request form for any external preclinical electives 3 months prior to enrollment 	

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Resources

BuckeyeLink: <https://buckeyelink.osu.edu>

[Preclinical Elective Credit Request](#): Also available on Carmen: DVM Student Community

Professional Program Support: cvmpps@osu.edu

Registrar Forms (Grade Forgiveness): <https://registrar.osu.edu/students/current.asp>