

# COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Starkville is home to 15,000 MSU students and their MSU Bulldogs! Starkville is located in northeast central Mississippi, and has a population of 20,000. Being a land grant university, MSU is green and beautifully landscaped. The University includes 9 farms, scattered throughout the state. Air service to the area is fifteen minutes away in Columbus (Golden Triangle Regional Airport) with daily flights that connect with Memphis and Atlanta. The College of Veterinary Medicine (The Wise Center) sits at the edge of campus, and was completed in 1982. The college includes 360,000 square feet under one roof.

**CURRICULUM:** The curriculum is divided into four years and involves two primary learning environments. Years one and two are comprised of a problem-based component combined with traditional lectures and laboratories, in which students utilize clinical cases to learn basic and clinical sciences. Years three and four are clinical years in which students rotate through a hospital setting and have the opportunity to experience learning environments at other locations through externships.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** All applicants (non-resident and resident) must apply through VMCAS ([www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org)). A Supplemental Application is a required part of the application process. The Supplemental Application can be found at <http://www.cvm.msstate.edu/Admissions/supplemental.htm>. The Admissions Committee reviews completed applications beginning in November. Interviews are a required part of the final process. Those selected for interview will interview on pre-assigned dates in February.

**CLASS SIZE:** 60 Students (usually 35-40 MS, 20-25 at-large).

**DEADLINE DATE:** The VMCAS application must be COMPLETE and submitted no later than October 1. Applicants are encouraged to apply early!

**CLASSES BEGIN:** Two weeks prior to MSU fall semester.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE:** \$30 – subject to change. The MSU-CVM requires a supplemental processing fee to offset direct expenses. Do not send it to VMCAS. The Supplemental Application and fee instructions can be found at <http://www.cvm.msstate.edu/Admissions/supplemental.htm>. Completion of a Supplemental Application does not necessarily indicate that your VMCAS application is complete.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required to hold a position in the class and will be credited toward tuition and fees at matriculation.

**TUITION AND FEES:** 2003-2004 **per semester:** Vested Students - \$3,569. Non-vested Students – \$10,751 (Estimated, and subject to change). Vested students are defined as those students who can prove at least four years of full participation in the State of MS tax system, as defined by full-time employment

taxes paid to the state by the student, his/her parents or his/her spouse. Non-vested students are defined as those students who cannot prove at least four years of full participation in the State of MS tax system. For more information, see the MSU-CVM web site at [www.cvm.msstate.edu/Admissions/policy.htm](http://www.cvm.msstate.edu/Admissions/policy.htm)

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The General GRE® (**code 1326**) is the standardized test required for admission consideration – No minimum score is required. Scores must be **at the school** by December 31 of the application year. A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL®) score of 213 is required for applicants whose primary language is not English. **To apply...** applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in the required sciences (including mathematics), and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.80. Prerequisite courses for entrance into the college must include:

English composition.....	6 sem hours
Speech.....	3 sem hours
Mathematics (college algebra or higher).....	6 sem hours
Biological science with lab (including vertebrate zoology).....	4 sem hours
Microbiology with lab.....	4 sem hours
Cell biology.....	3 sem hours
Genetics with lab.....	3 sem hours
Chemistry with lab.....	8 sem hours
Organic chemistry with lab.....	4 sem hours
Biochemistry.....	3 sem hours
Physics with lab (can be Trig-based)....	3 sem hours
Nutrition.....	3-5 sem hours
Humanities/fine arts/social and behavioral sciences.....	15 sem hours

**Total semester credit hours..... 65-67 sem hrs.**

Science and mathematics courses must be completed or updated within six calendar years prior to the anticipated date of enrollment.

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