

ANS 4932

Survey of Veterinary Medicine Professions

Please Note:

This course will be *taught using a face-to-face classroom-based learning environment, many times with invited speakers*, to accomplish student learning objectives. No class sessions will be recorded. As such, attendance and active participation are mandatory and necessary for educational success, especially on days of invited speakers. If you fall ill during the semester, you must notify your instructors in a timely fashion so we can provide you with an alternative instructional option.

COVID-19 POLICIES and REQUIREMENTS:

You should follow the most recent university guidance on face coverings in light of new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- We **expect** everyone to wear a mask at all times when inside any UF facility, even if you are vaccinated. This includes our students, faculty, staff, vendors, and visitors. Recent studies and guidance from the CDC state that both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals can transmit the current COVID-19 variant to unvaccinated persons. Face coverings are to be supplied by you (the student).

Practice physical distancing to the extent possible when entering and exiting the classroom.

- You will have the option to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer at the start of each class. You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer for personal use.
- Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.

If you (the student) do not feel well and/or are running a fever or displaying any other symptoms of illness, do NOT come to the face-to-face synchronous session. Please notify the instructors in a timely fashion for alternative instructional options.

- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms ([Click here for guidance from the CDC on symptoms of coronavirus](#)), please use the UF Health screening system and follow the instructions on whether you are able to attend class. [Click here for UF Health guidance on what to do if you have been exposed to or are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.](#)
- Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. [Find more information in the university attendance policies.](#)
- Likewise, if an instructor or teaching assistant does not feel well and/or is running a fever or displaying other symptoms of illness, they will not attend class.

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INSTRUCTORS

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OFFICE HOURS

Our schedules are variable so please email or call to make an office appointment. We are willing to work with you to accommodate your schedule. Due to Covid19, fall student consultations will be handled via phone, email or Zoom. Face-to-face meetings will be welcomed with an appointment.

All types of appointments should be made using Amie or Alex's online appointment calendars and/or email:

- Amie's appointment calendar: <https://amieufansci.youcanbook.me/>
- Alex's email: aavelino@ufl.edu

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to careers in the veterinary medicine profession with discussions related to career exploration, career preparation, and the procedure of job placement.

SCHEDULE

Monday
Period 6-7 (12:50 PM to 2:45 PM)

Class Location: ANS 151

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate the broad scope of disciplines and opportunities that exist within veterinary medicine.
- Become a competitive and realistic candidate when applying to veterinary school.
- Develop an appreciation for the diverse career opportunities within veterinary medicine
- Outline the requirements and internal characteristics needed for success in each veterinary medical profession.
- Assess lifestyle and career values to determine the best fit for your future career.
- Design a plan for professional development and evaluate current readiness for positions in veterinary medicine.
- Increase mental health awareness and financial literacy related to careers in the professional health industry.

COURSE FORMAT

Support materials will be presented by instructors and discussed with students during the first few weeks. Guest speakers from various veterinary careers will participate in panel discussions. Many speakers will be part of the UF CVM community.

You are expected to arrive to the classroom on time and dressed professionally. Cell phones, laptops and other digital devices should remain silenced and away as a sign of respect for invited speakers. No class sessions will be recorded.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

Attendance and active participation are mandatory and necessary for educational success, especially on days of invited speakers.

An unexcused absence will have a negative impact on your grade. Requests for an excused absence must be received in advance of missing class, or in a timely fashion, by contacting Ms. Avelino and Mrs. Imler.

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Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. [Find more information in the university attendance policies](#).

Dress Code

- On days of invited speakers, dress code is business casual. **No sleeveless shirts, t-shirts, caps, or hats.**

Cell Phones & Laptops

- Please have your cellphones **SILENCED** & away.
- Tablets and laptops are allowed to take notes, but must be used only for class purposes.

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS – IMPORTANT DATES*******NO CLASS**

- January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- March 7 – 11, 2022 – Spring Break

Last Day of Classes

- April 18, 2022 – Last day of classes

GRADING SYSTEM

**Detailed assignment instructions and due dates can be found in Canvas.*

In-Class Speaker Note Sheets and Professionalism scores: 440

11 Invited Speaker Days @ 40 points each

****20 points from Speaker Note Sheet completion***

****20 points from Professionalism***

Thank You Kudoboard Notes 260

13 Invited Speakers @ 20 points each

Out-of-Class Assignments: 515

Welcome to Survey of Vet Med Reflection @ 5 points

Welcome to Survey of Vet Med Discussion @ 5 points

Veterinary Medicine Pre-Knowledge Survey @ 10 points

Podcast Listen and Reflect Assignments (3) @ 10 points each

Wellness Plan @ 50 points

Financial Literacy Plan @ 50 points

Professional Communication & Marketing (TED Talk) @ 50 points

Professional Communication & Marketing Peer Review @ 10 points

Mid-Term Professional Self-Evaluation and Wellness Check-In @ 10 points

Letter of Recommendation Draft @ 50 points

One-on-One meeting with Academic Advisor @ 25 points

Resume Review (draft 1 with editor comments) @ 40 points

Final Resume @ 40 points

Leadership Activity @ 20 points

End-of-Term Professional Self-Evaluation and Wellness Check-In @ 10 points

Veterinary Medicine Post-Knowledge Survey @ 10 points

Veterinary School Admission Plan @ 100 points

1215 total points

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

<i>≥ 90.0%</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>≥ 80.0% - < 90.0%</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>≥ 70.0% - < 80.0%</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>≥ 60.0% - < 70.0%</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>< 60.0%</i>	<i>E</i>

****Please Note: If you miss 3 or more invited speakers for unexcused reasons, but still complete all other assignments and earn full credit for all other assignments, you will earn a “B” or lower letter grade for the course. Attendance and participation in class is essential to success in this course.***

Late Policy: Late assignments will not be accepted. This policy reflects the VMCAS application policy of no late applications accepted and is considered an exercise in professional development. Students have access to all assignments at the beginning of the semester and are expected to manage their time and plan assignment submissions accordingly. Considerations for extenuating circumstances are allowed and must be discussed with the professors.

GRADES AND GRADE POINTS

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND EQUITY

The University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences as well as College of Veterinary Medicine support the University of Florida's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity. By fostering a sense of belonging for students, staff and faculty while leveraging the uniqueness of the people who study and work at the university, we believe our campus community is enriched and enhanced by diversity, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexuality, class, and religion. Our course will help foster an understanding of the diversity of our campus community as well as our veterinary medicine, agricultural and natural resource communities, locally and globally.

We will strive to create a learning environment for our students that support a diversity of thoughts, perspectives, and experiences while honoring your identities. To accomplish this, please let us know:

- If you have a name and/or set of pronouns that differ from those that appear in your official university records
- If you believe your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class. Do not hesitate to reach out and talk with us. We want to be a resource for you. Anonymous feedback may be submitted, which may lead us to make a general announcement to the class, if necessary, to address your concerns.
- We, like many people, are still in the process of learning about diverse perspectives and identities. If something was said in class (by anyone) that makes you feel uncomfortable, please talk to us about it.

Contact us with any concerns regarding inclusion and equity, including accessibility of learning materials, equipment, and software.

Academic Honesty, Software Use, Campus Helping Resources, Services for Students with Disabilities

Student Honor Code

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity." You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted

for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>.

Software Use:

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Services for Students with Disabilities:

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>

Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general wellbeing are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

Health and Wellness:

- *U Matter, We Care*: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- *Counseling and Wellness Center*: [Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- *Student Health Care Center*: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).
- *University Police Department*: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- *UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center*: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).

Academic Resources:

- *E-learning technical support*: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.
- *Career Connections Center*: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.
- *Library Support*: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- *Teaching Center*: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- *Writing Studio*: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- *Student Complaints On-Campus*: [Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information](#).
- *On-Line Students Complaints*: [View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process](#).

Online Course Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at: <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at: <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

In-class Recording

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. ***A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.***

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

<i>Week of:</i>	<i>In-Class Subject</i>	<i>Speaker(s)</i>	<i>Out-of-Class Assignments Due</i>	<i>Corresponding Veterinary School Admission Plan Part</i>
January 10	Introduction to Survey of Veterinary Medicine	Alex Avelino Amie Imler		
January 17	No Class – MLK Jr. Day		Welcome to Survey of Veterinary Medicine Assignment and Discussion Pre-Knowledge Survey	
January 24	Admissions Overview *Meet at UF CVM Lecture Hall B	Admissions Application Tour of UF CVM	Podcast Listen and Reflect #1 Speaker Thank You	Application Professional Development
January 31	A-Day-in-the-Life of a CVM Student Staying Well in Vet School	Student Panel Alex Avelino	Wellness Plan Speaker Thank You	Professional Development Personal Statement
February 7	Careers & Finances	Rachel Koepsel Amie Imler and Alex Avelino	Financial Literacy Plan Speaker Thank You	School Selection School Comparison Growth Year Planning
February 14	Small Animal Practice Food Animal Practice	Dr. Jennifer Farmer Chief of Staff, Banfield Pet Hospital Dr. LuJean Waters Heartland Large Animal Services http://heartlandvet.blogspot.com/	Podcast Listen and Reflect #2 Speaker Thank You	Professional Development
February 21	Academic Training Programs Work-Life Balance and Panel Debrief	UF Residents, Interns, and Faculty	Professional Communications and Marketing: TED Style Elevator Speech and Peer Review *Peer Assignment Speaker Thank You	Personal Statement Interviewing

<i>Week of:</i>	<i>In-Class Subject</i>	<i>Speaker(s)</i>	<i>Out-of-Class Assignments Due</i>	<i>Corresponding Veterinary School Admission Plan Part</i>
February 28	Research, Lab Animal Medicine Seeking Undergrad Opportunities in Research, Teaching, and Leadership	Dr. Brittany Southern UF CVM	Mid-Term Professional Self-Evaluation	Interviewing
March 7	No Class – Spring Break			
March 14	Communicating Professionally	Abigail Kneal	Letter of Recommendation Draft	Letters of Recommendation School Comparison Standardized Testing Growth Year Planning
March 21	Wildlife & Military Scholarship Plans and Rural Animal Medicine Support	Dr. Mark Cunningham FWC and US Army Reserves	One-on-One Meeting with Major Academic Advisor	Professional Development
March 28	Equine General Practice Mixed Animal Practice	Dr. Liz Steele Steele Equine Veterinary Services & Performance Horse Center http://www.steele-equine.com/ Dr. Will Sapp Perry Animal Hospital, Owner	Podcast Listen and Reflect #3	Professional Development
April 4	USDA/Government One Health	Dr. Sabrina Wiggins USDA/FSIS/OFO	Resume and LinkedIn Profile Review	Professional Development
April 11	Admissions Panel	VetMed Admissions Panelists	Finalized Resume and LinkedIn Profile Leadership Activity	School Selection School Comparison
April 18	Last Day of Class	Alex Avelino Amie Imler	Veterinary School Admissions Plan End-of-Term Professional Self-Evaluation Post-Knowledge Survey	