PREPARATION FOR VETERINARY SCHOOL (Tentative time-line)

- Choose a major in the sciences, such as Biology or Chemistry
- Visit the CSUS pre-health Home Page: www.csus.edu/prehealth/index.html
- Visit the Career Center, Lasse Hall 1013, during drop-in hours, M-F, 10 am – 4 pm, for information on identifying career options, writing resumes and cover letters; locating part-time, full-time, internships, and volunteer positions; writing personal statements for graduate and professional schools; and practicing your interviewing techniques.
- Complete the pre-requisite courses for veterinary school
  o it is important to check with each school – the suggested required courses on the following page is what MOST schools require. Some schools may have additional requirements.
    ▪ Detailed information about specific veterinary schools and their prerequisites can be found in the annual publication of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC): Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements (VMSAR), available in the NSAC office (SQU 238).
- Sign up for extracurricular activities such as internships, volunteer work and research opportunities.
- Join campus clubs and organizations such as the Pre-Vet club of Sac State (face book page: pre-vet Club of Sac State/ Contact: prevetcsus@gmail.com)
- Begin working on your personal statement (essay) – Visit www.csus.edu/prehealth/personalstatement.html and the Career Center to get started.
- Study for and take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (http://gre.org/) – Test scores should be sent directly to the designated schools and colleges.
- Select schools
- Select faculty members that will write your letters of recommendation
  o Up to 3 electronic letters of recommendation must be processed through the Veterinary Medical Colleges Application Service (VMCAS): www.aavmc.org/vmcas/vmcas.htm (via eLOR)
- The Veterinary Medical Colleges Application Service (VMCAS) is a centralized application processing service. Applications are available in May. All application material is due by September 15.
- Arrange to have official transcripts sent to VMCAS (VMCAS-Transcripts, P.O. Box 9126, Watertown, MA, 02471) – Fall and Spring semester transcripts should be mailed directly to your designated schools.
- Supplemental applications may be requested by individual schools.
- Interviews

Visit the web site of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) at: www.aavmc.org for information about the VMCAS and other helpful information about preparing for and applying to medical school.

  * Also consider joining the VetSchool Student Engagement System (VSES) through AAVMC: http://aavmc.org/vses.aspx

Other helpful sites: American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA): www.avma.org, Student American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA): www.avma.org/savma/about.asp and the UC Davis Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA)
Required Courses for MOST Veterinary Schools:

**BIO 1**: Biodiversity, Evolution & Ecology

**BIO 2**: Cells, Molecules & Genes

**CHEM 1A**: General Chemistry

**CHEM 1B**: General Chemistry

**CHEM 24**: Organic Chemistry I

**CHEM 124**: Organic Chemistry II

**CHEM 25**: Organic Chemistry Lab

**CHEM 161**: Biochemistry

**PHYS 5A**: General Physics I

**PHYS 5B**: General Physics II

**ENG 5**: College composition

**ENG 20**: College Composition

**STAT 1**: Introduction to Statistics

Recommended Upper Division Electives:

**BIO 195**: Internships

Recommended General Education Courses (courses in bold are REQUIRED by most schools):

**AREA A**

A1: **COMS 4 or COMS 5**: Introduction to public speaking

A2: **ENG 5**: College Composition

A3: **PHIL 4**: Critical Thinking

**AREA B**  Met by science prerequisites

**AREA C**

C1: ANY

C2: **PHIL 2**: Ethics

**AREA D**

**PSYCH 2**: Introduction to Psychology

**SOC 1**: Introduction to Sociology

**ANTH 101**: Cultural Diversity

**ETHN 100**: Ethnic America (writing intensive course)

**PHIL 101**: Ethics & Social Issues (writing intensive course)

**PHIL 104**: Bioethics

**SOC 120**: Ethnic and Race Relations

**SWRK 151**: Health Services and Systems

**GOV 1 or GOV 150 & HIST 17A or 17 B**

**AREA E**

**HLSC 124**: Consumer Health Education

**HLSC 134**: Understanding Human Sexuality

**NURS 160**: Human Sexuality

**PHIL 100**: Ethics and Personal Values

**PSYCH 151**: Psychological Aspects of Death/ Dying

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