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Incoming Student Information Packet



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Congratulations and Welcome!

COVID -19 Content Disclaimer

The purpose of this student packet is to provide information to our incoming students about the WIMU Program at Utah State University. The following information is relevant to your entrance and participation in the program and requires that you follow through on a number of items prior to arriving for orientation.

Though life on university campuses and local communities has been anything but normal due to the unique situations arising from the current pandemic, academic life at USU has returned to a new normal. However, the information provided about onsite activities and plans still have the potential to change depending on local and federal guidelines. We will make every attempt to inform you as soon as possible should any changes be implemented.

WSU General and USU Specific Information

Over the summer you may receive information from both WSU CVM and USU SVM concerning activities and plans for the coming semester/year. Please be aware that at times this information may provide what appears to be conflicting information because we are integrating two different systems and trying to provide as much constructive guidance to all students across the WIMU program.

In general, the WSU CVM broad-based messages are relevant for all students. However, information specific to attending at USU should be obtained from this packet or the USU SVM internal student website. For instance, anything related to your course registration at USU, USU Orientation Week, or class materials and offerings should come specifically from the USU SVM. Please do not purchase course materials through WSU for courses here at USU. Please also follow the USU SVM Orientation Week Agenda provided in this document or through links on the USU SVM internal website, and not the orientation plan listed for WSU students. If you have questions, please reach out to the USU SVM Office of Student Services first for assistance as individuals in the Office of Student Services at WSU may not know the policies or procedures impacting students in the Logan cohort.

The Office of Student Services and Academic Affairs

The Office of Student Services at both USU and WSU are here to assist you through your entire program. We work collectively to help you become the best veterinarian possible by facilitating the day to day operations of the program. Please feel free to contact us as needed, and we will do our best to assist you.

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SCHOOL of VETERINARY MEDICINE
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Welcome to the Class of 2026

Congratulations on being accepted into the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU) Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine! It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Class of 2026. The faculty and staff at Utah State University (USU) are passionate about the DVM education program and are looking forward to welcoming you to the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) in August. As the tenth class to start their veterinary education at USU, you will have a unique opportunity to help us continue to shape the WIMU regional program and further develop the USU SVM. We trust that you are enthusiastic about the opportunities offered by the joint WIMU Regional Program in veterinary medicine. The faculties at the participating universities are committed to providing you with a great educational experience. We believe that this program offers the best of two world-class universities. At USU, you have a small class size that facilitates extensive interaction with the faculty, and you have access to excellent farm facilities for hands-on clinical activities. At WSU, you will receive your clinical training in one of the best-equipped teaching hospitals in the world and will have the opportunity to learn from distinguished clinical faculty.

Orientation for new students will begin on Monday, August 15, 2022 with USU SVM orientation on the USU campus in Logan, UT. The week will be spent in Logan, UT participating in *Cougar Orientation and Leadership Experience* (COLE) and other orientation activities. In addition to providing a valuable start to your veterinary education, this will be an opportunity for you to get to know your classmates. The activities with WSU will conclude with the *White Coat Ceremony*, which will be held Thursday, August 18th. The White Coat Ceremony provides an opportunity to reflect on values that are key to our profession and includes an induction into Veterinary Medical School, whereupon each student is cloaked with a laboratory jacket donated by the Washington, Idaho, Montana, or Utah Veterinary Medical Association. Family and significant others are invited to attend the White Coat Ceremony in Logan, UT. However, we understand that it may be difficult and expensive for many families to attend the ceremony. Consequently, the ceremony will be livestreamed on-line (and recorded), so that individuals who are unable to attend will be able to view it in real-time or watch it at a later date.

Classes will start at 8:30 AM on Monday, August 22nd. The USU SVM follows the WSU academic calendar and class times to allow for joint distance education courses. If you have questions about anything you need to do in preparation for starting veterinary school or need help with arrangements for moving to Logan, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Bishop, our Director of Student and Academic Affairs at 435-797-8786 or michael.s.bishop@usu.edu.

I look forward to getting to know you in August. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Dirk K. Vanderwall, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACT
Associate Dean, USU SVM

SCHOOL of VETERINARY MEDICINE
UtahStateUniversity

Welcome and congratulations to your acceptance into the USU School of Veterinary Medicine (WIMU)!

All of us - our current veterinary students, staff and faculty - are excited to have you here in Logan very soon and look forward to working with you. Your success is our mission and, despite the prospect of the coming summer break, we are already very busy preparing for your arrival to get you started and to make the first days of orientation as pleasant and meaningful experience for you as possible.

Despite your being in Logan for only half of your veterinary curriculum, we all here at USU would like to create a life-long, mutually beneficial relationship with you as a professional. We think that this relationship starts on the day you start school.

To this end, we have compiled this information packet, which has also a "to-do" list in it because we have some tasks to ask of you before you get here. It is very important that you carefully read through the materials and complete all of the requested items to make sure everything is taken care of in time before you arrive at USU. Some of the dates and deadlines indicate a specific starting date, for instance the registration beginning July 1. Please respect those and do not try to get them done ahead of time because that has created certain technical problems in the past.

If you have any questions about items on the list of things to do over the summer or any problems we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bishop or myself (ralph.meyer@usu.edu, phone: (435) 797-1774). We are glad to help however we can.

Serving as the Associate Department Head for the School of Veterinary Medicine at USU, my work is dedicated to overseeing the day-to-day operations of school and ensuring that you can benefit from the curriculum as much and as effectively as possible. We have a truly student-centered program and strive to continually improve it. Therefore, I would like to hear your feedback at all times while we have you here with us, and of course, in the years beyond school.

I am looking forward to meeting you and hope you will have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Ralph G. Meyer, PhD., Associate Dept. Head, USU SVM (WIMU)

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Dear Class of 2026,

I have already had the opportunity and pleasure to meet some of you, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you when you arrive for orientation on Monday, August 15th. My role as the Director of Academic and Student Services is to help with all of the logistics and operations pertaining to your educational experience here at Utah State University. However, the most significant role I play is in supporting you in becoming the best veterinarian possible.

One of the ways that I/we do this is by fostering and encouraging a culture of professionalism, caring, and support. Because of the small class size, you will have the opportunity to know all of your fellow classmates very well. This same opportunity exists with the faculty and staff that teach and support you in this program. There are nearly 30 faculty and staff who work with you during your two-year stint at USU; which is approximately a 2:1 student to faculty/staff ratio when considering both classes of students and all of our faculty and staff. The camaraderie that exists between and among students and faculty, has led many of our past students to refer to the atmosphere within our program as being very “family like”. I invite you to fully participate in this culture and experience.

As you begin this part of your journey towards becoming a veterinarian, there are a few perspectives I would like you to consider:

1. Your professional training begins on day one. This training is not limited to the development of personal knowledge and technical expertise in certain skills, but extends into other qualities such as attitude, communication skills, the ability to develop and maintain relationships, and the ability to manage stress and stressful situations well.
2. Begin working now on your vision of your future self. Clarify in your mind, the quality and type of veterinarian you want to become, and begin putting the pieces together while in school.
3. The veterinary community is a small one. Get to know your classmates and faculty personally, and be good to one another. One day, these same individuals will be your colleagues, associates, collaborators, and even potentially your boss.
4. Get involved and get fully engaged. Do not be an educational tourist. Commit to being present at every class. Be an active learner and participant by asking questions and being prepared. Be a part of your student body, or become active in one or more of the many clubs.

This is an exciting part of your career development, and many amazing experiences are waiting here for you to enjoy. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to your start here this August.

All my best,

Michael S. Bishop

SCHOOL of VETERINARY MEDICINE
UtahStateUniversity

Dear class of 2026,

Welcome and congratulations to your acceptance into the USU School of Veterinary Medicine! It took a lot of hard work for you to get here and I am happy you are joining us at USU for your first 2 years of this journey to becoming a veterinarian! I look forward to getting to know each of you in the upcoming academic year.

As some of you may know, the field of veterinary medicine is facing a mental health crisis, but that is why I am here! Luckily, USU SVM values students' holistic wellbeing and prioritizes supporting your mental health before you enter the field so that you may all thrive as veterinarians. As my role as the Director of Wellness for the School of Veterinary Medicine, I am here to support your mental health, academic distress, and wellbeing needs. I provide individual and couples counseling (and counseling for your partners), skills coaching, mental health consultation, facilitating workshops, a listening ear, someone to vent to, and anything else related to overall wellness, and all my services are confidential.

We will get the opportunity to know each other better during the Aggie Wellness Experience (AWE) at orientation week and throughout the academic year, which has been designed to provide your class with support, a sense of community, and skill development.

I am really excited to get to know and work with all of you! I look forward to collaborating with you all as students and the department to best support your needs and I welcome any suggestions, comments, or concerns on how to do that. More information can be found on the wellness page on the internal student access website (wellness page) and it contains many resources for you all to use, in addition to my support.

Enjoy your summer!

Kind regards,

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Dear Class of 2026,

We are so proud of your acceptance into the WIMU USU Veterinary Medicine Program – and you should be too! You have worked hard to be where you are today and that's something that should be celebrated. As a member of the Class of 2026, we hope you remember that you were selected for a reason and have something special to add to this program. Each of you will bring different ideas and talents to your cohort. Keep an open mind and support each other throughout your years together.

We encourage you to participate in extracurricular opportunities, as that's where the true learning starts! There are amazing possibilities to apply your education throughout the year. Join clubs to help build unity throughout your class and get hands-on learning experiences. Be willing to leave your comfort zone and make connections with each other, as your cohort is full of outstanding people who will be your peers and colleagues for the rest of your career. You can learn just as much from your own classmates as you can from the professors.

However, you must not forget to have fun! Please make time for the things you love to do, as they will keep you sane. Don't just throw out your hobbies because you're busy. Embrace them.
Even though you will be a veterinary student – which may seem to define you at times – it is not your identity. Your identity is made up of your beliefs, dreams, hobbies, interests, and so much more! Join intramural sports, create art, meditate, exercise, and really embrace this wonderful period of time in your life.

Finally, never hesitate to reach out and ask questions to us second years through the year. All of us are more than willing to help you on your journey to a DVM! There are degrees for us all at the end of these four years, so it's in everyone's best interest to collaborate. The faculty and staff are also wonderful resources if you need anything. We know they genuinely wish to see you succeed and will help you anyway they can. We look forward to meeting you this fall!

Wishing you all the best,

The Class of 2025

President: Sydney Worley
Vice President: Cole Godfrey
Secretary: Sierra Lopez
Treasurer: Scyler Li



Dear Class of 2026,

Congratulations! You have all worked hard and earned your place here in the WIMU program. Believe in yourselves and that you all belong here. Take pride in what you have accomplished. Each of you probably have a lot in common, but the individual experiences, strengths, and character you each possess will be an important part of what makes your class, and our profession, strong.

We're excited to have you join us here at the Utah State School of Veterinary Medicine! Everyone in the Class of 2024 is happy to answer your questions and help in any way we can. We're here for you, and so are your professors. The USU faculty try hard to make themselves available, so don't hesitate to reach out to them if you're having trouble. Veterinary School is hard, but you are up to the challenge!

While school may take up the majority of your time, don't forget to make time for your mental health. Exercise, meditate, keep up your hobbies, spend time with friends and family, work a shift in a clinic, etc. Do the things you love to do! School life balance is going to look a little different for everyone, but we all need it. Time invested outside your coursework will make a big difference in the quality of your life, study, and relationships.

You are surrounded by the best and brightest in your classmates. A year from now, they will be some of your closest friends. Build a strong community with them. It is no longer a competition against each other, but a fight for each other. Together you will have more success, both now and in practice. Love every moment of these next four years together because they will go by faster than you think. We're so excited to meet you! Welcome to the family!

Class of 2024 Presidency

Henry Clinger - President
Brynne Udy - Vice President
Sarah Bayles - Secretary
Macie Tanaka - Treasurer

Class of 2026,

Congratulations, you did it! I know for all of you this has been a long and tireless journey. Some of you may have had a winding path, with stops along the way, unsure if this is where you'd end up. Others of you may have had a more conventional path; you've been looking at this end-goal for a long time. None of that matters now. What matters is you are all here today, together, because your backgrounds and knowledge proved you were worthy of it. Be proud of yourself, and all your accomplishments. I and my classmates found this first year to be a hard and challenging one. It is not like undergrad and I implore you to take this time to prepare yourself for a new and entirely different workload. Despite all of this, we have a great love for this program and have all been thrilled with the knowledge we gain every day that will help us in our future careers and getting invaluable hands-on experience provided to us by USU.

This small community is a tight-knit one, and you will develop lasting relationships with your peers and colleagues. Competition is no longer a key part of your learning process, we are all in this together, and we all have degrees waiting for us at the end. Do not forget that even with the firehose of information that will come at you, mental health and self-care are of vital importance. Your family and friends will play a key role in making sure you stay happy and healthy during vet school.

I know these months before school starts can be stressful, especially during these strange times, but rest assured that you will be taught everything you need to know in class. The math packet you'll be receiving is important to look over, but other than that there is no additional study material you need to worry about. The Incoming Student Packet will have plenty of information to answer many of your questions concerning the program, how it works, and local info about Logan and USU. However, if you have any other questions and want advice from current students, feel free to ask it on the USU SVM Facebook page you will be invited to join. You can add myself, or anyone on my presidency, and message us directly if you would like. I would love to help any of you in any way I can, and we can't wait to meet you all. Welcome to the WIMU family!

Class of 2023 Presidency

Delaney Carnahan - President
Winnie Mefford - Vice President
Heather Hamblin - Secretary
Jonathon Stott - Treasurer

Hello Incoming Class! (and more importantly for this letter… your significant others)

Congratulations on making it into veterinary school! This letter is actually for your significant other so feel free to stop reading here and pass this on to your special someone that will be supporting you as you attend veterinary school!

The Significant Other Club (SOWIMU) is so excited to have you join us in Logan, UT while your partner is attending veterinary school through the WIMU program. This is an exciting time for you as well and presumably there is lots of change headed your way as you transition into this next phase and we are here to help.

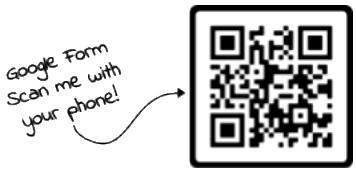
Our goal at SOWIMU is to create a warm and welcoming environment for ALL significant others. We will be doing activities throughout the year and want to do the things that you enjoy and that will help us support you as you are supporting your partner! SOWIMU will have an event during the Orientation week just for YOU so keep an eye out for information regarding that.

Please scan the QR Code below and fill out the Google Form so we can connect and begin getting to know you and answer any questions that are sure to arise as you are preparing for this next school year. There are a number of Facebook groups you can join to help you find housing and connect with other students. We also have a Slack channel we would love you to join that is for the significant others (look for info in the Google Form).

Also, if you would be interested in being a 1st year representative to help create the best activities that interest your year's significant others, please let us know in the Google Form.

Again, we are very excited to meet you and all that will come with the new year.

Shelly Murdock
SOWIMU President



Academic Calendar: Fall Semester 2022

Explanation:

The USU SVM follows the WSU academic calendar and bell schedule, not the USU general academic calendar, nor their bell schedule. The reason for doing this is to align our academic schedules and courses throughout the WIMU program's various time zones and sites so that the opportunity for interactive video conferencing between specific classes and club events can occur. The following illustrates the differences between the SVM/WSU calendar and the USU general academic calendar. Please remember to use the SVM academic calendar posted on the SVM internal student website as your guide, and ***not the USU academic calendar posted in Banner***.

Calendar:

Event	USU General 70 instructional days, 5 test days	School of Vet Med 73 instructional days, 5 test days
Orientation & C.O.L.E. Week	-	Mon-Fri, Aug. 15 -19
Classes Begin	Monday, Aug. 29	Monday, Aug. 22
Labor Day	Monday, Sep. 05	Monday, Sep. 05
Fall Break	Friday, Oct. 14	-
Diagnostic Challenge I (YR2 Students – Historically takes place on the USU campus)	-	Mon-Fri, Oct. 10-14
Veterans Day	-	Friday, Nov. 11
Diagnostic Challenge II (YR2 Students - Historically takes place on the WSU campus.)	-	Mon-Fri, Nov. 14-18
Thanksgiving Holiday	W-F, Nov. 23-25	Mon-Fri, Nov. 21-25
Reindeer Express	-	Friday, Dec. 2
Classes End	Friday, Dec. 9	Friday, Dec. 9
Final Examinations	M-F, Dec. 12-16	M-F, Dec. 12-16
Grades Due	Tuesday, Dec 20	Tuesday, Dec 20
Holiday Break	Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 - Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023	Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 – Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023

Introductory Information

Beginning Date: June 1, 2022

A-Number/A#:

After matriculation into the USU SVM program, you will be assigned an A-Number. An "A#" is your student identification number for USU. You will also be assigned a WSU student identification number which is referred to as an 'NID'. You will use your A# to sign into most platforms that you will use at USU: Banner, Canvas, MyUSU, and the Student Internal Website. All students have currently been matriculated into the program here at USU. If you have any issues with registration or accessing materials, please contact the USU Office of Student Services.

If you do not know your A#, go to https://myid.usu.edu and click "I don't know my A#". Enter your preferred email (the one used on your VMCAS application) or phone number, and sign in. If you do not know your password, click "I don't know my password" to create/reset the password.

If you do not receive your A# via your preferred email or phone number, or cannot set a password, please call the IT Service Desk at 435-797- HELP (4357) or submit a photo ID displaying your full name at https://passwordreset.usu.edu. If you have further questions or need assistance, you may also contact Michael Bishop at the numbers listed in the introductory section of the document.

Website:

The vetmed.usu.edu website has resources for you to access. You access the internal site through the "Student Access" link at the bottom left of the USU vetmed homepage: USU SVM Internal Student Website. You will access this section using your A# and strong password. This internal site has student contact information, instructions, policies and other useful resources. Please get familiar with the website's content and features. You will be expected to use them throughout your time here at USU. There is one section devoted to incoming students. Please review the materials on these pages in conjunction with this packet: https://vetmed.usu.edu/internal/students/incoming/

Short Biography and Picture:

Submit a short biography and a portrait picture of yourself by June 15 at Class of 2026 Bio and Photo. This will be posted as your biography on the SVM USU internal website and used to match you in the Big/Little program. Your portrait is also used to create a class roster that is shared with the faculty so that they can begin learning your names and faces over the summer.

Class Facebook Page:

For items and events of a personal nature, we will set up a "USU SVM Class of 2026" Facebook group and send you an invitation to join the group. This is where you can chat with your classmates to get to know each other, organize a time to hang out, find housing and roommates, or share study materials. The administration of this Facebook page gets assigned to your executive body once they are elected and may end up serving as a means to stay in contact with one another even after you graduate. Students have also started using Group Me and other applications to accomplish these things. Your class is welcome to use other organizing tools as it sees fit. You will also be invited to join the "USU SVM Students" Facebook group as a means of communication between all classes. On this page you can ask questions to current students about housing and buying used items from previous classes. There is also a public "USU SVM" Facebook page that we encourage you to like and share with your friends and family so that they can stay informed about different experiences you are having in school and about upcoming public events.

Email:

After being matriculated, you will be assigned both a USU and a WSU email account. In most cases, the USU account will look like: <your A#>@usu.edu, and the WSU email will look like: <firstname.lastname>@wsu.edu. The USU email will eventually become the USU Program's primary, if not only, means for contacting you individually. It is recommended to alias these accounts to your preferred email account, as opposed to checking multiple email accounts. Until you do this, please check your accounts periodically over the summer for possible updates. If you do not know your WSU email account, you can call (509) 335-0101. For help with your USU email address or other technical issues related to your USU SVM account, please call (435) 797- 0172.

Events Calendar:

The SVM Events Calendar is the means by which students and faculty can identify, promote, and reserve space/time for special events such as club meetings, presentations, conferences, etc. The SVM Events Calendar is a google-based scheduling calendar managed by a staff member. Each student, faculty, and staff member have access to add and edit events on this calendar using their USU email address. We encourage students to post all club activities on this page.

FAFSA:

It is recommended that you submit your FAFSA as soon as possible. Access to financial aid in the form of student loans is tied to your submission of a FAFSA, matriculation, and registration. When completing your FAFSA, select USU (school code 003677) as the receiving institution for years 1 and 2 of the program and WSU for years 3 and 4. It generally takes 5-7 business days for your FAFSA to be received by USU. Once you are matriculated and then register for courses (which you will do starting July 1), the process for having your loans activated is somewhat automatic. USU does not have access to FAFSA's submitted to WSU.

FINANCIAL AID:

If you would like to speak to your financial aid counselor, contact Sophara Tieng at sophara.tieng@usu.edu or call her at 435-797-0335. Ms. Tieng is the FA counselor assigned to all veterinary students. Additional information can be found at: http://www.usu.edu/financialaid/.

For out-of-state students using financial aid to pay for your schooling, the federal loan offered by completing your FAFSA will not meet the full projected cost of your education and living expenses. You will need to apply for additional Health Professions Student Loans (e.g. Graduate Plus Loans). Instructions can be found at the link below.

- Go to https://www.usu.edu/financialaid/aid/loans/index
- Be sure that you have submitted your FAFSA to USU. The school code for USU is 003677. USU does not have access to FAFSA's submitted to WSU. In years, 3 and 4 of the program, you will submit your FAFSA to WSU.
- If this is your first time taking out a student loan, 'Entrance Loan Counseling' is required and a 'Master Promissory Note' must also be signed. These can be done online. Check the link provided above for instructions on how to complete these steps.

Math Packet:

You will be sent a veterinary medical math and dosing calculations packet during the summer to review. This packet is to help you refresh and prepare for a mandatory math test that every student will take during the first week of classes in the Fall. If you do not pass this test with a score of 90% or higher you will automatically be enrolled into a veterinary medical math course.

Registration Information

Beginning Date: June 1, 2022

You will be able to register for courses starting June 1, 2022. You should register for your courses no later than August 10, especially if you will be receiving financial aid loans. All course registration is done online at http://usu.edu/myusu/. You only need to register once through the Utah State University system. Do not concern yourself with Washington State University course registration. Additionally, you will be only registering for courses with the VM suffix, NOT any cross listed ADVS courses.

STEPS FOR CLASS REGISTRATION

If you know your A-Number and password, sign in at https://my.usu.edu/ and skip to step 4. Otherwise,

1. Go to https://myid.usu.edu
    a. Click "I don't know my A-Number" and enter your preferred email*.
    b. Click "I don't know my password" to create/reset the password.
2. Sign in using your A-Number and password.
3. Click "MyUSU" at the top right of the page.
4. Click to expand "Banner" under "Quicklinks" and "Launchpad" on the left-hand column.
5. Click "Add/Drop Classes."
6. Click "Register for Classes."
7. Select "Fall 2022."
8. Enter the following course codes (e.g. VM7500) into the "Subject and Course Number" bar and register for the following courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
VM7500	Animals, Society, and the Veterinarian	1
VM7510	Veterinary Microscopic Anatomy	4
VM7511	Veterinary Anatomy I	5
VM7519	Veterinary Physiology I	4
VM7568	Animal Handling and Ag. Animal Orientation	2
VM7586	Principles of Surgery (either section is ok)	1
VM7598	Introduction to Clinics	1

After registering, you should be enrolled in 18 course credits. All Logan based students take the same core courses at the same time, and in the same locations. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fully registered for the correct courses. Course codes all begin with VM **not** ADVS**.**

Some elective courses will be offered. They will be open for registration at the beginning of the semester, after the electives have been presented to you at orientation. Electives are taken for your own edification in years 1-3, and do not count towards the completion of your degree. However, some electives are tied to certificate or research programs and are needed to complete the requirements for those programs. More information will be provided at orientation.

COURSE SCHEDULES

The course schedule listed in Banner, in many cases, ***is not a reflection of what your actual schedule will be.*** This is because times are submitted to USU Scheduling as generic placeholders that allow us to reserve space and resources, then manipulate them as needed. This becomes very necessary and apparent as you transition into your second-year courses where every day and week are different due to a rotating schedule and alignment with WSU's schedule. You can view past course schedules and academic calendars in the SVM internal student website at https://vetmed.usu.edu/internal/students/schedules.

It is highly recommended that you do ***not*** print a hard copy of this schedule to manage your personal calendars. Instead, access the internal SVM website and view your course schedule online as this document is dynamic and does get modified throughout the semester.

COURSE FEES

There are some custom course materials that you will be required to purchase through the USU SVM. For example, the surgical kit used this Fall must be purchased through USU SVM. However, you may opt to purchase other required materials such as dissection kits, coveralls, and boots through local vendors or other sources such as Amazon or second year students who may be reselling theirs. Refer to Banner for textbook requirements for specific classes.

You will be expected to have paid for your custom course materials prior to orientation via the PayPal link on the 'Incoming Student' webpage in the SVM internal student website. The cost for your surgical pack is $55. Bring your receipt with you on the first day.

TUITION AND FEES

You do not have to concern yourself with paying your tuition at this time. More information will be provided by the USU Financial Aid Office during the week of Orientation. Below is an outline of the previous year's (2020/21) tuition and fees which may be increased based on the Washington State legislative session which occurs over the summer.

Annual Costs[1]**:**

Tuition:	Utah Residents:	$26,774
	Non-Residents (Full Tuition):	$62,378
	Non-Residents (After Waiver)[2]:	$50,628
Student Body Fees:	All Students:	$917.54
Student Health Insurance[3]:	Annual Rate (2022/23):	$2,397

[1] Costs listed are estimates only – All fees are subject to change.
[2] Non-resident students *automatically* receive an $11,750/year ($5,875/semester) tuition waiver.
[3] Health insurance is mandatory for students in the veterinary program. See next page for details.

Final Transcript

Due by August 1, 2021

Submit final transcripts to WSU Office of Student Services

Office of Student Services
College of Veterinary Medicine
PO Box 647012
Washington State University
Pullman, WA 99164-7012

USU SVM New Student Orientation and Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.)

August 15 - 19, 2022 – Agricultural Sciences Building (AGRS) Rm 101

The USU SVM New Student Orientation provides a means for you to become more familiar with the USU campus, the USU School of Veterinary Medicine, the faculty/staff, and your fellow classmates. It is also a time to help you finish all of the necessary preparations before classes officially start, as well as, help you prepare for your A.W.E. experience. This is considered to be your first official day of the program. Both, the USU SVM Orientation and A.W.E. are required parts of the program. The anticipated schedule for the weeklong event can be found at Orientation 2022 Agenda. Historically, the Cougar Orientation and Leadership Experience, or C.O.L.E., portion of orientation has been an off-site retreat designed to promote leadership, wellness, and team building skills among the WIMU incoming veterinary medicine students. This year, we have changed part of the experience and have renamed it to be A.W.E. The experience will be held at USU and will focus on helping you build community among your cohort, with the members of the second-year class, and SVM faculty and staff. There will also be an opportunity for your significant others to participate and become familiar with the SVM program and community. Additionally, we are excited that this year will be the first year that the A.W.E. program will extend beyond orientation week and include monthly lunch meetings to continue to build strong connections and provide skills to be a thriving student and future professional. You will obtain the bulk of your information about A.W.E. via email from the USU SVM Office of Student Services and viewing the agenda at Orientation 2022 Agenda.

White Coat Ceremony

August 18, 2022

The White Coat Ceremony, established by Dr. Arnold Gold at Columbia University Medical School in 1993, was designed to impress upon students, physicians and the public the important symbolic role of the white coat in patient-doctor interactions. Gold argued that students were reciting the Hippocratic Oath four years too late-upon their graduation from medical school. He felt the oath and the conferring of white coats would be better done at the start of medical school, when students receive their first exposure to clinical medicine. The White Coat Ceremony provides a mechanism by which values that are key to the profession can be openly articulated and carefully considered in the company of peers, parents, partners and faculty. The College of Veterinary Medicine has sincerely embraced the spirit of this exercise since first introduced at Washington State University in 1999 with the class of 2003.

Through your involvement in the meaningful ritual at the beginning of veterinary school, student-veterinarians become more aware of their professional responsibilities. The ceremony is meant to impresses upon you the primacy of the veterinarian-patient-client relationship. It encourages you to accept the obligations inherent in the practice of veterinary medicine; to be excellent in science, compassionate, and lead lives of uprightness and honor. It emphasizes for students the veterinarian's responsibility to take care of patients and also to care for patients. The message conveyed is that veterinarians should care as well as cure.

We are currently planning for some form of virtual and live interactive experience. Currently, the date and time for the ceremony are planned for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 3:30pm. We plan to accommodate family and friends at the USU onsite portion of the event. As the summer progresses, we will have better clarity as to what will and will not be allowed by local governing bodies.

Health Insurance

Due by August 22, 2022

Students at the Logan site are expected to maintain an adequate level of health insurance coverage while participating in the WIMU Program. Students may waive the USU Student Health Insurance Plan if they can prove that their current health insurance meets the minimum level of coverage. For more information, visit the Student Health Center website at http://usu.edu/health/. Please contact Katelyn Richins at *katelyn.richins@usu.edu* if you have questions about the mandatory health insurance requirement.

Please note that the USU Student Health Insurance plan ***does cover the cost of the required rabies vaccination series***, and that most other health insurance plans will not cover this. The cost of the rabies three-shot series is approximately $1,100, if paid out of pocket.

1. All students will be initially billed for the USU Student Health Insurance.
2. Students will need to complete the Health Insurance Waiver/Enrollment Form, to have the fee removed, or to enroll.
3. The insurance charge on your USU Bursar's Bill will be removed upon proof of adequate coverage. Send a copy of your insurance plan or insurance card that indicate your plan limits to Katelyn Richins at katelyn.richins@usu.edu. Indicate that you are an entering veterinary student on your correspondences.

PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS

The Utah State University School of Veterinary Medicine requires all students to be vaccinated against rabies. Pre-exposure rabies vaccination involves intramuscular injection of three doses of rabies vaccine; one injection per day on days 0, 7, and 21 (or 28). Students are required to be fully vaccinated by the end of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Proof of rabies vaccination should be emailed to the OSS coordinator or hand delivered to the Office of Student Services in AGRS 205.

Utah State University also requires proof of immunization against the following conditions:

Required Immunizations

- TDaP – series and current booster
- MMR – 2 doses
- Polio – 3 doses
- Varicella – immunity or record of illness
- TB Skin – Test after foreign travel or residence > 8 wks

Suggested Immunizations (Not Required)

- Hepatitis B – 3 dose series
- Hepatitis A – 2 dose series
- Meningitis – 1 dose every 10 years
- Influenza – annual vaccination
- HPV – 3 dose series

This proof may be provided to the University through the secure server at https://health.usu.edu/immunizations. You will need your A-Number, USU password, and date of birth to enter the site.

First Day of Class (8:10am at South Farm)

August 22, 2022

There are a number of contingencies being planned for the first day of class this year as the location, mode, and delivery methods for your education are dependent on many policies that may or may not be implemented due to the COVID-19 situation. Please currently plan on being at the Hillyard Building on the South Farm Complex for face to face instruction the first day of courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

The answers to this section were provided by the Class of 2022.

Q: What supplies do I need to purchase before school starts?

A: Reach out and talk to current veterinary students about what to purchase before classes begin. Textbooks for classes are listed on Banner. Many are available at the library in a room reserved specifically for veterinary students.

NEEDED

- Stethoscope
- Rubber boots
- Coveralls

OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Laptop/tablet with note-taking capabilities

NOT NEEDED

- Microscope/microscope locker- these are provided by USU SVM

Q: How do I find housing in Logan?

A: Feel free to reach out to the current students through email or by posting on the "USU SVM Students" Facebook group. Many students will be moving out and will know of housing options with pet-friendly policies. Websites that students recommend for finding housing: Facebook Marketplace, Rentler.com, Apartments.com, Zillow.com, Ksl.com, ReederProperties.com, ResideRentals.com.
Craigslist is not reliable generally in this area. Some of the major apartment/townhome complexes that are pet friendly are: Bridger Pointe, Logan Landing, Twin Creek, The Falls at Riverwoods, Legacy Village (dog only, one pet maximum), Four Seasons, and Maple Valley.

Q: What are some student-recommended things to do in Logan?

A: Check in with students on the "USU SVM Students" Facebook group to hear about what activities they do in their spare time or to ask about their favorite restaurants, hiking trails, etc. If you enjoy hiking, some popular trails include the Wind Caves, Crimson trail, and the Temple Sawmill trail. The book "Cache Valley Trails" by Jim Sinclair is a great resource of all the trails in the area. People enjoy spending time at Porcupine Dam and Hyrum Reservoir in the summer.

- Coffee: Café Ibis, Westside Coffee Co., Jitters inside Johnny O's Donuts

- Food: Herm's, Morty's, Le Nonne, Crumb Brothers, Bull's Head, El Toro Viejo, Tandoori Oven, Logan's Heroes, The Beehive Pub & Grill, Angie's

Q: What type of computer system and accessories do I purchase?

A: There is no one platform or system that will ideally fit all of your needs while here or at WSU. However, a laptop or pad/tablet system that you can take from course to course is highly recommended. Having software installed that will allow you to upload and use pdf documents and PowerPoint presentations is also considered necessary. Many students use additional software to take notes on top of these types of documents. Notability and One Note are fairly popular options for PDF editing, though Preview for Mac and Draw Board for Surface Pros are also sufficient. Microsoft 360 products (Microsoft Word, Office, PowerPoint) can be obtained for free from your @wsu.edu account

Miscellaneous Information

The following is a list of various systems that are used throughout the program:

Banner- Banner is the student and academic management system used at USU to track all student progress throughout their academic career. It is the interface used by students and administration for such things as admissions, financial aid, registration, transcripts, and access to other services throughout the university system.

Course Recordings: Many of your instructors now make video recordings of their lectures. If they do, most will make them available through our course management system known as Canvas. Please, however, do not expect that staying home and watching a video recording will be an adequate replacement for being present and participating in class. Part of your grading is based on participation and professional behavior. For the most part, lectures are considered optional attendance. However, attendance in all labs is considered mandatory. This will be explained further at our orientation.

Canvas and Blackboard - Canvas is the learning management system used here at USU. WSU has recently transitioned to Canvas from Blackboard. If used by your instructor, Canvas will house all course information such as the syllabus, class schedule, and course materials. They provide a means to deliver quizzes, and maintain grades, and also serve as a medium for faculty/student interaction and communication.

Box and J-Drive - Box is an online content management system used by USU. It offers secure content management and collaboration for individuals, teams, and courses by enabling secure file sharing and access to files online from any internet enabled device. As a student you will be given a certain amount of space in this cloud-based environment. The J-drive is part of a WSU server designated tor the storage of course materials. Students have access to portions of this drive to archive materials related to specific courses and subjects. It is also the space used by certain courses or exercises (such as Diagnostic Challenge) to provide a means of allowing access to specific materials. You will learn more about these apps and how to access them during orientation.

Additional information and training will be offered Thursday morning during the WSU portion of our Orientation

Checklist of Things to do BEFORE Orientation

- ☐ **Housing:** Check into local housing options. If you are interested in USU student housing, information can be obtained at http://usu.edu/student-life/living/. Finding off-campus housing can be the most stressful part of your preparation for vet school (especially if you are coming with your pets). Use the student Facebook pages to network, especially with the second-year students who are moving up to Pullman.

- ☐ **Financial Aid:** Go to the TSC Building room 106, or check online to make sure your financial aid is on track. Financial aid will be available after the first week of classes. Visit http://usu.edu/finaid, for more information. If you have questions about financial aid call the Financial Aid Office at 435-797-0654.

- ☐ **Health Records and Insurance:** Login to http://aggiehealth.usu.edu and complete the Immunizations Form. For more information visit the Student Health Center website at http://usu.edu/health/. Please contact Katelyn Richins at *katelyn.richins@usu.edu* if you have questions about the mandatory health insurance requirement.

- ☐ **Register for Classes:** There are three parts to the registration process at USU. Visit http://www.usu.edu/registrar/htm/registration/ and follow the steps. You will be able to begin registering for classes after June 1, 2022. You will need to set a password and gain access into Banner.

- ☐ **Math Packet:** Refresh your math skills by completing the math packet. All entering students will take a math skills exam their first week in the program. The math packet is a good way to gauge what you will be tested on. Students not scoring 90% or higher will be required to take a math refresher course until they are able to pass a similar exam.

- ☐ **Purchases:** Bring cash/checks to orientation, as you will have to purchase your access and ID cards. You will also need to pay for your surgery kit through PayPal prior to Orientation (see "Course Fees" under "Financial Aid, Tuition, and Fees" sections above). Once you register for classes, you will also see the material supply list associated with each course. You may want to consult a second-year student about what to buy and when.

- ☐ **Parking Permit:** If you are going to be driving to school, you may want to purchase a parking permit. Visit USU's Parking and Transportation Services at http://parking.usu.edu. Do not park in any colored parking zone without a permit or YOU WILL GET A TICKET.

- ☐ **Banking:** There are numerous community and regional banks. You might consider establishing a local account to make the handling and transfer of funds more expedient.

- ☐ **Fun Campus Places:** Visit the Student Recreation Center and Aggie Ice Cream on campus. For more place around Logan (see the FAQ section above).

- ☐ **Bus System:** The Aggie Shuttle is FREE to the USU community. To check out the routes and times visit http://parking.usu.edu/htm/aggie-shuttle. The Cache Valley Transit District (CVTD) also provides fare free bus services throughout Cache Valley and Logan. For more information visit https://cvtdbus.org.