

THE UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

2016-2017 CURRICULUM GUIDE

ANY MAJOR: PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE

DEGREE: BA or BS

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A suggested four-year program:

Early contact with the Chair of the Health Professions Advising Committee or the program coordinator is recommended in the first year. The current Veterinary School Admission Requirements book must be checked during the sophomore year for specific school requirements. Animal nutrition and physiology coursework, required at some schools, are not reflected here. Direct animal contact through a practicing D.V.M. is required at most schools.

Fall Semester Classes

Spring Semester Classes

Freshman		Units			Units
SSI 1	1	SSI 2		1	
CHEM 110/lab (NS core) ¹	1	CHEM 120/lab ²		1	
Math*** (MA core)	1	MATH 160***		1	
FL (if needed) or Major*	1	FL (if needed) or Major*		1	
Sophomore		Units			Units
BIOL 111/lab ³	1	BIOL 112/lab ³		1	
CHEM 250/lab	1	CHEM 251/lab		1	
Approaches core	1	Approaches core		1	
Elective or Major	1	Elective or Major		1	
Junior		Units			Units
PHYS 111/lab**	1	PHYS 112/lab**		1	
BIOL 212/lab	1	Elective or BIOL 311/lab ⁴		1	
Approaches core	1	Elective		1	
Elective or Major	1	Elective or Major		1	
Senior		Units			Units
CN core ⁶	1	Elective or Major		1	
Elective or Major	1	Elective or Major		1	
Elective or Major	1	Elective or Major		1	
Elective or CHEM 460/lab or BIOL 361 ⁶	1	Elective or CHEM 461 ⁵		1	

NOTES:

Puget Sound requires a total of 32 units to graduate.

- 1) Students with a strong chemistry background could take CHEM 115.
 - 2) Students who have taken CHEM 115 should take CHEM 230.
 - 3) If Biology major, take BIOL 111/112 first year.
 - 4) BIOL 311 is required at many veterinary medical schools; BIOL 350 at some.
 - 5) Many schools require biochemistry. If target school requires a lab course, choose CHEM 460 (and 461 if possible). BIOL 361 is a non-lab option.
 - 6) Of the three units of upper division coursework required outside the first major, the Connections course will count for one unless it is used to meet a major requirement.
- * Meet with advisor to ensure that major requirements as well as university requirements are met.
- ** PHYS 111/112 is preferable, but 121/122 acceptable.
- *** The math requirement is highly variable, most programs require only one math course, but some request two. Statistics is highly recommended at some schools; MATH 260 recommended for WA State and some other programs. Check the pre-requisites for programs of interest.

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COURSE CHECKLIST

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CORE CURRICULUM

UNIVERSITY CORE	CRS	TERM	GRADE
SSI 1			
SSI 2			
AR			
HM			
MA (MATH 180)			
NS (CHEM 110)			
SL			
CN			

KEY

SSI1= Seminar in Scholarly Inquiry1
 SSI2= Seminar in Scholarly Inquiry2
 AR= Artistic Approaches
 HM= Humanistic Approaches

MA= Mathematical Approaches
 NS= Natural Scientific Approaches
 SL= Social Scientific Approaches
 CN= Connections
 FL= Foreign Language

Foreign Language Requirement (circle one)

- 1) Two semesters at 101/102 level or One semester at 200+ level
- 2) Proficiency exam (3rd high school level or 1st year college level)
- 3) AP foreign language score of 4 or 5
- 4) IB higher level foreign language score of 5, 6, or 7

Upper Division Level Requirement

Three units at the upper division level outside the first major.

KNOWledge, Identity, and Power Requirement

One course. See Bulletin for details. Courses may also fulfill other program or graduation requirements.

NOTES

Denotes labs.

*Recommended.

**CHEM 230 or 231 are prerequisites

***Math requirements vary widely; check programs of interest.

Statistics is highly recommended at some schools; MATH 260 recommended for Washington State & some others.

- 1) If program requires Biochemistry with a lab, take CHEM 460 and 461. BIOL 361 is a one semester non-lab option if a lab is not required.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

COURSE	UNITS	TERM	GRADE
BIOL 111#			
BIOL 212 #			
BIOL 311*			
BIOL 350*			
CHEM 110 (or 115)#			
CHEM 120 (or 230**)#			
CHEM 250#			
CHEM 251#			
MATH****			
PHYS 111 (or 121) #			
PHYS 112 (or 122) #			
EXSC221*			
Biochemistry*, CHEM 460 ¹ and 461			
OR			
BIOL 361			

THIS FORM IS

NOT AN

OFFICIAL GRADUATION ANALYSIS

Recommendations

- There is no single best major to prepare for a health profession—choose a subject that you love, and then be sure to take the pre-requisite courses (listed on back).
- For a higher probability of success in your classes, **spread out the science courses**. Science majors will spend most of their semesters taking 2 lab courses; non-science majors have the luxury of tackling the science classes one course at a time. **Warning:** taking 3 science courses with labs in one semester is NOT recommended.
- **Start with Chemistry**. The first year chemistry sequence is a pre-requisite for future chemistry courses AND for Biology 212 (recommended for most pre-health professions students). Since Chemistry is a year-long sequence, it can't be started mid-year. [Many of the Biology courses are offered each semester.]
- Minors and second majors are much less important than the actual classes you take. In general, health professions programs appreciate breadth—this means strength in the sciences, but also exposure to courses which will provide insight on other cultures and diverse ways of thinking, ethical issues, and psychological and societal influences on individual health and healthcare systems.