

# ANS 4932

## Survey of Veterinary Medicine Professions

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### OFFICE HOURS

Our schedules are variable so please see us after class, email, or call to make an office appointment. We are willing to work with you to accommodate your schedule.

- Amie's appointment calendar: <https://amieufansci.youcanbook.me/>
- Alex's appointment calendar: <https://calendly.com/aavelino/survey-of-veterinary-professions>

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

ANS 4932 offers an introduction to careers in the veterinary medicine profession and a discussion of career exploration, career preparation, and the procedure of job placement.

### 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.

### SCHEDULE

Monday

Period 6 (12:50 PM to 1:40 PM)

Animal Sciences Bldg 459, Room 151

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Understand the broad scope of disciplines and opportunities that exist within veterinary medicine.
- Become competitive and realistic candidates when applying to veterinary school.
- Develop an appreciation for the diverse career opportunities within veterinary medicine
- Determine the requirements for each career and internal characteristics needed for success in each profession.
- Evaluate lifestyle versus career values and determine the best fit for future career.
- Develop 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.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS**

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 by contacting Ms. Avelino and Mrs. Imler.

***\*Dress Code\****

- On days of invited speakers, dress code is business casual (nice blue jeans are acceptable). **No shorts, sleeveless shirts, flip-flops, t-shirts, caps, or hats**

***\*Cell phones & Laptops\****

- Please have your cellphones **OFF** & your laptops **CLOSED** during class

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/>.

**\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 2020 IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\******NO CLASS***

- January 20 ~ Martin Luther King Day
- March 2 and March 4 ~ Spring Break

***Last Day of Classes***

- April 22, 2020

**GRADING SYSTEM**

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|---|------------------|
| <b><i>Participation in Class</i></b>                      | <b>560</b>       |
| <i>*14 Invited Speakers worth 40 points each</i>          |                  |
| <b><i>PreHealth CAS Kickoff Attendance</i></b>            | <b>25</b>        |
| <b><i>One-on-One meeting with UF Pre-Vet Advisor</i></b>  | <b>25</b>        |
| <b><i>One-on-One meeting with Academic Advisor</i></b>    | <b>25</b>        |
| <b><i>Financial Literacy Plan</i></b>                     | <b>50</b>        |
| <b><i>Leadership Activity Attendance (3 meetings)</i></b> | <b>50</b>        |
| <b><i>Wellness Plan</i></b>                               | <b>50</b>        |
| <b><i>Contact Sheet for Veterinary Opportunities</i></b>  | <b>25</b>        |
| <b><i>Professional School Plan</i></b>                    | <b>100</b>       |
| <b><i>Resume</i></b>                                      | <b>40</b>        |
| <b><i>Resume Review</i></b>                               | <b><u>50</u></b> |
|   | <b>1000</b>      |

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| <b>≥ 90%</b>            | <b>A</b> |
| <b>≥ 80% - &lt; 90%</b> | <b>B</b> |
| <b>≥ 70% - &lt; 80%</b> | <b>C</b> |
| <b>≥ 60% - &lt; 70%</b> | <b>D</b> |
| <b>&lt; 60%</b>         | <b>E</b> |

***\*Please Note: If you miss 4 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.***

**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/>

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

### ***Student Honor Code***

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students 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.” The Honor Code ([sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/](http://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/)) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

### ***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 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](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), 352-392-1575, or visit [umatter.ufl.edu/](http://umatter.ufl.edu/) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit [counseling.ufl.edu/](http://counseling.ufl.edu/) 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 [shcc.ufl.edu/](http://shcc.ufl.edu/).
- University Police Department: Visit [police.ufl.edu/](http://police.ufl.edu/) 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; [ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center](http://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center).

#### Academic Resources:

- E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu).
- Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services [career.ufl.edu/](http://career.ufl.edu/).
- Library Support: [cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask](http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask) 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. [teachingcenter.ufl.edu/](http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/)
- Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. [writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/](http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/)
- Student Complaints:
  - On-Campus: [sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-codestudent-conduct-code/](http://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-codestudent-conduct-code/)
  - On-Line Students Complaints: [distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/ /](http://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/)

#### **Online Course Evaluation Process**

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 [gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/](http://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 [ufl.bluera.com/ufl/](http://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/). Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at [gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/](http://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/).

**TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Speaker</b>   |
|----------------|--|--|
| Jan. 6         | Introduction to Careers in Veterinary Medicine                                   | Alex Avelino<br>Amie Imler   |
| Jan. 13        | Financial Literacy   | Lana Marshall  |
| <b>Jan. 20</b> | <b>No Class – MLK Jr. Day</b>  | -----  |
| Jan. 27        | Wellness   | Dr. Jamie Stahl  |
| Feb. 3         | Vet Student Panel  | UF DVM Candidates  |
| Feb. 10        | Small Animal General Practice  | TBD  |
| Feb. 17        | Equine General Practice  | Dr. Liz Steele<br>Steele Equine Veterinary Services & Performance<br>Horse Center<br><a href="http://www.steele-equine.com/">http://www.steele-equine.com/</a> |
| Feb. 24        | Food Animal Practice   | Dr. LuJean Waters<br>Heartland Large Animal Services<br><a href="http://heartlandvet.blogspot.com/">http://heartlandvet.blogspot.com/</a>                      |
| <b>March 2</b> | <b>No Class – Spring Break</b>   | -----  |
| March 9        | Specialty Panel  | Dr. Amy Alexander, Zoological Medicine, UF CVM<br>Dr. Alex Fox-Alvarez, Small Animal Surgery, UF CVM   |
| March 16       | Military   | TBD  |
| March 23       | Government   | TBD  |
| March 30       | Research   | TBD  |
| April 6        | Careers in Veterinary Medicine   | Katelyn Jerles   |
| April 13       | Academia   | Dr. Sarah Beatty<br>Clinical Assistant Professor, UF CVM   |
| April 20       | Last Day of Classes<br>Course Wrap-up and Professional<br>School Application Q&A | Alex Avelino<br>Amie Imler   |