

# VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC AND PRODUCTION ANIMAL MEDICINE

## Professional Program of Study

For the professional curriculum in veterinary medicine leading to the degree doctor of veterinary medicine, see Veterinary Medicine, Curriculum (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2016-2017/collegeofveterinarymedicine/#curriculuminveterinarymedicine>) .

Courses in veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine provide students with basic and advanced skills in diagnostics, reproduction, medicine, surgery, production, welfare, and health management of the major livestock species. Students in the fourth year of the curriculum in veterinary medicine may elect to take advanced courses in beef, dairy, swine, poultry or small ruminant production medicine. Elective courses may include preceptorships in private practices, at other veterinary schools, in research and disease control laboratories, or in related agribusinesses.

Production animal medicine emphasizes the integration of veterinary medicine with nutrition, genetics, economics, food safety, and other disciplines, enabling graduates to acquire and use a broad knowledge base to support the health and improve the production and efficiency of the food supply chain.

## Graduate Study in Veterinary Preventive Medicine

Veterinary Preventive Medicine is a multidisciplinary program focused on the study of health and disease in populations. The various disciplines represented in the program are unified by a common approach based on the application of epidemiological methods to problem solving in populations. Through their research and course work, students will learn to understand and apply a variety of disciplines, principles, and techniques to population health issues involving environmental, ecological, nutritional, genetic, infectious, or non-infectious diseases.

Graduate study in Veterinary Preventive Medicine will provide valuable skills and experience to persons interested in public health, food safety, emerging infectious diseases, zoo or wildlife health, and livestock health. A degree in Veterinary Preventive Medicine may be valuable for individuals considering a future in the biological or pharmaceutical industries, government regulatory agencies, public veterinary practice, international service agencies responsible for population health or progressive private practice.

Veterinary Preventive Medicine is an interdepartmental major administered by the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine (VDPAM) with participating faculty from colleges and departments across the University and collaborators from the National Animal Disease Center (USDA:ARS) and the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (USDA:APHIS) located in Ames, Iowa.

Both thesis and non-thesis options are available and require the completion of a minimum of 30 graduate credits for thesis and 36 graduate credits for non-thesis and a final examination.

## Program of Study: Master of Science in Veterinary Preventive Medicine (Thesis Option) 30 credits

STAT 401	Statistical Methods for Research Workers	4
VDPAM 527	Applied Statistical Methods in Population Studies	3
VDPAM 528	Principles of Epidemiology and Population Health	3
VDPAM 529	Epidemiological Methods in Population Research	3
VDPAM 699	Research	arr †

Research or Electives to total at least 17 additional credits

† Arranged with instructor.

## Program of Study: Master of Science in Veterinary Preventive Medicine (Non-Thesis Option) 36 Credits

STAT 401	Statistical Methods for Research Workers	4
VDPAM 527	Applied Statistical Methods in Population Studies	3
VDPAM 528	Principles of Epidemiology and Population Health	3
VDPAM 529	Epidemiological Methods in Population Research	3
VDPAM 590	Special Topics	3
One Additional STAT course from the following		3
STAT 402	Statistical Design and the Analysis of Experiments	
STAT 407	Methods of Multivariate Analysis	
STAT 415	Advanced Statistical Methods for Research Workers	
STAT 421	Survey Sampling Techniques	
VDPAM 599	Creative Component	arr †

Creative Component and Electives to total 18 additional credits

† Arranged with instructor.

## Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Preventive Medicine

Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine offers a graduate certificate for DVMs, concurrent DVM students and non-DVMs in allied animal industries in Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

Students in this program are able to select courses that focus in areas of animal welfare, diagnostics, food safety, evidence-based medicine, surgery, pathology, microbiology, epidemiology, public health, statistics and production medicine.

The purpose of the graduate certificate in Veterinary Preventive Medicine for industry professionals is to address the continued and advanced needs of animal health professionals. The certificate enables professionals to gain recognition for a skill set that includes epidemiology, risk assessment, production medicine and animal welfare. A graduate certificate may be used to increase knowledge in a new or emerging area of interest to the candidate. As such, it may be used to formally gain recognition for retraining to meet the needs of today's food production systems.

The graduate certificate for concurrent DVM students is designed to give additional skills to students planning on working with populations of animals. Using a combination of on-line and dual listed graduate level courses, the program is designed to enable DVM students to complete the certificate while studying for their DVM degree. Students enrolled in

any US-based DVM program are able to complete a graduate certificate at ISU using a combination of on-line and transfer graduate level courses.

The graduate certificate is an additional qualification awarded by Iowa State University after successful completion of 15 graduate level credits. A graduate certificate is different from continuing education as the certificate includes an academic transcript from Iowa State University. Students complete the same courses graduate students do with the the same expectations for all assignments and exams.

The program is available as a strictly on-line (off campus) delivery method or as a combination of classroom-based and on-line course offerings providing maximum flexibility in scheduling.

## Program of Study: Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Preventive Medicine (15 credits)

First Year	Credits
Required	
VDPAM 528	3
STAT 401	4
Required	
	7
Second Year	Credits
VDPAM 570 (Offered Fall odd numbered years)	3
AND/OR	
VDPAM 527 (Offered Fall odd numbered years)	3
AND/OR	
VDPAM 529 (Offered Fall even numbered years)	3
Need 3 Credits from additional VDPAM graduate courses. (The above are available on line)	
Other classroom-based options are available	
	9
Third Year	Credits
5 credits from any approved ISU graduate course or transfer credit from another university	
	0
<b>Total Credits: 16</b>	

**Courses primarily for professional curriculum students:**

### VDPAM 308: Spanish for Veterinarians

(2-0) Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq: Classification in veterinary medicine and basic knowledge of Spanish*  
This course is designed to meet the needs of veterinary students who will practice in an environment in which the use of Spanish for accurate client communication is essential which includes much of our food animal industry in the state of Iowa. This is not a traditional Spanish language course. To be successful, students taking the course should have a basic knowledge of Spanish pronunciation, grammar and syntax.

### VDPAM 309: Introduction to Production Animal Informatics

(1-0) Cr. 1. S.

The fundamentals of how clinical, diagnostic, production and financial information is obtained and used by production animal operations will be presented. Students will acquire skills to create and use spreadsheets for manipulating and summarizing data. They will also acquire knowledge of where to find inexpensive and readily available resources with information on how to use spreadsheets and other software. Students will also have the opportunity to work with different record keeping programs used by swine, beef and dairy operations.

### VDPAM 310: Introduction to Production Medicine

Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq: Second or third year classification in veterinary medicine or permission of instructor*

The role of the veterinarian in the management of animal health and production in populations including evaluation tools in dairy and beef cattle herds, beef feedlots and swine herds will be described. Provides veterinary students with a starting point to understand the principles and techniques that are the basis of food-animal population health diagnosis management programs. Course available on-line, attendance is not required.

### VDPAM 312: Introduction to Animal Welfare

(1-0) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: First-year classification in veterinary medicine*

A continuation of the Veterinarian in Society series. The objective of this course is to develop knowledge of the fundamental principles of animal welfare, in terms of science, ethics and cultural components.

### VDPAM 340: Clinical Foundations

(0-30) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Classification in veterinary medicine*

One week course at Iowa State University. An introduction to Food Supply Veterinary Medicine covering overviews of major animal agriculture species (beef, dairy, pork, sheep and camelid), production systems, behavior, welfare, handling and restraint, examination techniques, biosecurity, epidemiology and food safety. Visits to production units are utilized to introduce the application of clinical skills. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

### VDPAM 351: Bovine Embryo Transfer and Related Technology

(2-0) Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq: Second or third year classification in veterinary medicine*

This course will meet for two hours once each week of the Spring Semester. The first hour will be traditional lecture and the second hour will be a combination of student projects, labs and demonstrations of applied clinical procedures. Bovine embryo transfer and closely related topics such as: female reproductive physiology, estrus synchronization, semen sexing and reproductive disease will be emphasized. In addition, several class periods will be devoted to the use of ultrasound for diagnosis of reproductive and non-reproductive conditions.

### VDPAM 365: Animal Welfare Judging and Assessment

Cr. 2. Repeatable. F.SS.

Preparation for competition in the Intercollegiate Animal Welfare Judging Contest. Development of critical appraisal and oral communication skills in regard to animal welfare. Animal behavior, physiology, health and performance parameters, basic husbandry, housing and preventive care will be explored for select farmed, companion and exotic species. Optional field trips.

**VDPAM 402: Advanced Dairy Production Informatics**

(1-1) Cr. 2. Repeatable. F.S.

*Prereq: VDPAM 309 or permission of instructor*

Advanced coverage of concepts related to collection, manipulation, analysis and reporting of information used by dairy farms and their consultants. Hands on experience with Dairy Comp 305 and PCDart as well as other dairy management and information software.

**VDPAM 402A: Advanced Dairy Production Informatics: Lecture Series**

(1-1) Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq: Classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced coverage of concepts related to collection, manipulation, analysis and reporting of information used by dairy farms and their consultants. Hands on experience with Dairy Comp 305 and PCDart as well as other dairy management and information software.

**VDPAM 402B: Advanced Dairy Production Informatics: Experience I**

(1-1) Cr. 2. F.S.

*Prereq: VDPAM 402A*

Independent records analysis and reporting of information used by dairy farms and their consultants. Hands on experience with Dairy Comp 305 and PCDart.

**VDPAM 402C: Advanced Dairy Production Informatics: Experience II**

(1-1) Cr. 2. F.S.

*Prereq: VDPAM 402A, VDPAM 402B*

Independent records analysis and reporting of information used by dairy farms and their consultants. Hands on experience with Dairy Comp 305 and PCDart.

**VDPAM 402D: Advanced Dairy Production Informatics: Experience III**

(1-1) Cr. 2. F.S.

*Prereq: VDPAM 402A, VDPAM 402B, VDPAM 402C*

Independent records analysis and reporting of information used by dairy farms and their consultants. Hands on experience with Dairy Comp 305 and PCDart.

**VDPAM 407: Evidence Based Clinical Decision Making**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 507). (1-0) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Permission of instructor*

Discussion, lectures and laboratories to assess the quality and significance of medical evidence in making informed decisions about the treatment of individual animals and animal populations.

**VDPAM 408: Poultry Diseases**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 508). Cr. 2. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

*Prereq: Classification in veterinary medicine or permission of instructor*

Bacterial, viral, parasitic, and nutritional diseases of domestic poultry and gamebirds; biosecurity, immunization, and management procedures to prevent poultry diseases.

**VDPAM 409: Veterinary Practice Management and Organization**

(2-0) Cr. 2. F.S.

An A to Z introduction to proven veterinary practice management methods and strategies. The student will follow a detailed hands-on workbook describing most of the processes and procedures of day to day veterinary practice. The class content will be composed of class room discussions, didactic presentations, a practical workbook, ancillary handouts, and both in and out of class assignments.

**VDPAM 410: Llama Medicine**

(1-0) Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: Second or third year classification in veterinary medicine*

Introduction to basic camelid medicine, including anatomy, behavior, restraint, handling, husbandry, herd health, common diseases, surgical conditions, and anesthesia protocols.

**VDPAM 414: Veterinary Practice Entrepreneurship**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 514). Cr. 2-3. S.

Formal exposure to the entrepreneurial and business skills necessary to own and operate a successful veterinary practice or other small business opportunity. Personal finance, marketing, human resource management, general accounting, site assessment, location demographics, practice valuation, and a host of other issues which must be considered when purchasing or starting a new business are covered. Class instruction will be delivered by successful practice and business owners with examples from real world experience.

**VDPAM 416: Bovine Reproduction Evaluation Laboratory**

(0-4) Cr. 1. F.S.

*Prereq: Third year classification in veterinary medicine. 10 students per section.*

Bovine rectal palpation techniques will be repetitively taught in 7 four-hour sessions. Students will also learn techniques of epidural anesthesia, artificial insemination, and ultrasonic imaging. University-owned cattle will be used. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred. No Wednesday section in Spring semester.

**VDPAM 419: Advanced Swine Production Informatics**

(1-0) Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: VDPAM 309 or permission of instructor*

Advanced coverage of concepts related to collection, manipulation, analysis and reporting of information used by swine production companies. Production, financial, diagnostic and clinical data will be covered in the course. Hands-on experience with computer software and information systems used in swine production will be provided. Students will learn to objectively evaluate the validity of information that is presented to them and also be able to make practical and useful recommendations regarding the types of information tools that can/should be used. The students will learn what software and information systems are available and be able to critically evaluate them.

**VDPAM 420: Applied Production Animal Medicine Preceptorship**

(0-30) Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced course in production animal medicine with emphasis on government, industry or veterinary practice settings. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will be preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian, governmental agency and/or production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 420A: Applied Production Animal Medicine Preceptorship: Mixed Animal Practice with Food Animal Emphasis**

(0-30) Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced course in production animal medicine with emphasis on mixed animal practice with food animal emphasis in a veterinary practice settings. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will be preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian, governmental agency and/or production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 420B: Applied Production Animal Medicine Preceptorship: General Mixed Animal Practice**

(0-30) Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced course in production animal medicine with emphasis on general mixed animal veterinary practice settings. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will be preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian, governmental agency and/or production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 420C: Applied Production Animal Medicine Preceptorship: Government Agency or Food Processing Company**

(0-30) Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced course in production animal medicine with emphasis on government agency or food processing company in veterinary practice settings. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will be preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian, governmental agency and/or production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 421: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center**

Cr. 1. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Great Plains Veterinary Education Center (GPVEC), located on the US Meat Animal Research Center (USMARAC) near Clay Center, Nebraska offers one week clinical training in production animal medicine species. All sections will be held at GPVEC. Students need to provide their own transportation to the site and overnight stays at or near GPVEC are required.

**VDPAM 421A: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Calving**

Cr. 1. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Calving Elective provides an opportunity to expand knowledge and experience in all phases of calving management. The program is structured around normal calving operations at USMARC. The GPVEC and USMARC veterinary staff will make an effort to include students in veterinary activities that take place during the Calving Elective. The opportunity exists for assistance in diagnosis, treatment, and management of many commonly encountered situations in the dam and calf. Students are encouraged to make every effort to become involved in USMARC calving activities. Direct involvement includes routine husbandry activities beyond those involving traditional veterinary roles which are expected of the student.

**VDPAM 421B: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Bull Breeding Soundness**

Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Bull Breeding Soundness Examination Elective involves training in all phases of the examination, collection, and semen evaluation for up to 200 herd bulls and/or sale bulls as recommended by the Society for Theriogenology. Chuteside training and hand-on experience are the primary training techniques for this elective with informal discussions held during the performance of the breeding soundness examinations.

**VDPAM 421D: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Feedlot Management**

Cr. 1. F.S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

Evaluation of production techniques and production efficiency including ration and feeding management, health management program development and evaluation, environmental management, quality assurance, feedlot necropsy and microbiology techniques, and break even analysis. Approaches to solve seasonal health problems within the management objectives for different feed yards are the strong emphasis of this elective. Students may have the opportunity to follow cattle to a packing plant to learn the methods for tracking animals into the food chain, identifying production problems that are not diagnosable at the feedlot level, and monitoring beef quality assurance. Biosecurity activities will be emphasized and practiced.

**VDPAM 421E: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Weaning Management**

Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

This is a hands-on elective in which students participate in the weaning management at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center. Students will be involved with processing, feeding, finding, and treating sick calves. Additionally, students will be introduced to developing weaning rations and managing feed delivery. Students will also learn how to develop vaccination and treatment protocols and each student will have as an objective the development of their own vaccination and treatment protocol template. As time allows, students will visit commercial feed yards and cover production management topics.

**VDPAM 421F: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Pregnancy Examination**

Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Pregnancy Examination Elective involves students, the GPVEC faculty, and USMARC personnel during pregnancy examination. Activities involve rectal examinations for pregnancy, collecting data and entry into the CowCalf5 computer software program to evaluate the reproductive performance of the herd. This elective is designed for students who have some palpation experience and are interested in honing their skills. Ultrasonography may be utilized by students based on adequate time and interest. Pregnancy Examination occurs during yearly fall herd work at the USMARC, therefore, speed and accuracy will be stressed, rather than basic technique. Introduction into rectal examination for reproductive use is stressed during the Bovine Reproduction Elective.



**VDPAM 421J: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Lambing**  
Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Lambing Elective involves students with the USMARC lambing crew and GPVEC faculty in observations, assistance with delivery when necessary, and routine lambing duties. Students will work with veterinary personnel in sheep necropsy and health surveillance. Activities and objectives closely parallel to those listed in the Calving Elective. Self study material will be provided covering topics such as pre-breeding and breeding, pregnancy diagnosis, pregnant ewe management, pre-lambing ewe/lambing management, feeder lamb health and nutrition management, and replacement ewe and ram management.

**VDPAM 421K: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Equine Dentistry**  
(20-20) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site*

The Equine Dentistry Elective provides the opportunity for students to expand their knowledge and experience related to equine dentistry. The rotation consists of lectures on topics relevant to equine dental care and hands-on laboratories during which students practice routine dental care procedures on USMARC horses. Equine Dentistry will involve both lecture and lab time at about equal shares.

**VDPAM 421M: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Preconditioning**  
Cr. 1. F.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Preconditioning Elective provides the opportunity for students to expand their knowledge and experience in the development and implementation of calf preweaning programs. Students will assist GPVEC and USMARC personnel during routine processing of USMARC spring-born calves prior to weaning. GPVEC faculty will also lead discussions related to vaccine and dewormer protocols, preweaning nutrition, and other topics related to preparing beef calves for weaning.

**VDPAM 421P: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Gomer Bull Surgery**  
Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Gomer Bull Surgery Elective is designed to give students interested in food animal surgery an opportunity to practice their surgical skills by performing penile translocations and epididymectomies on USMARC teaser bull candidates. Lectures specific to gomer bull surgery as well as other topics related to food animal surgery will be presented during this elective.

**VDPAM 421Q: Great Plains Veterinary Education Center: Swine Husbandry**  
Cr. 1. F.S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

This elective provides students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience related to the daily activities of an intensively managed confinement swine unit. Rotation participants will work closely with USMARC Swine Unit personnel as they complete their daily routines in the farrowing and breeding areas of the USMARC Swine Unit and will participate in piglet delivery, neonatal pig processing, artificial and natural breeding, necropsies, and other activities as they arise.

**VDPAM 421R: Great Plains Veterinary Education Center: Sheep Weaning Management**  
Cr. 1. SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

This elective provides the opportunity for students to develop their skills in the area of health and nutritional management of sheep immediately before and after weaning. The rotation consists of lectures on pre- and post-weaning nutrition, clinical parasitology, and prevention and control of common ovine infectious diseases. Hands-on experience during the week will take place at the USMARC Sheep Unit and will consist of walk-through and hand-on examinations of recently weaned lambs, treatment of sick lambs, inspection of weaning pen environment, investigation of herd outbreaks, and post mortem examination of all sheep mortalities.

**VDPAM 421S: Great Plains Veterinary Education Center: Ultrasound Pregnancy Examination**  
Cr. 1. SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.*

The Ultrasound Pregnancy Examination Elective involves students, the GPVEC faculty, and USMARC personnel during pregnancy examination of USMARC yearling heifers. Activities involve transrectal ultrasonographic examinations for pregnancy, collecting data and entry into the CowHerd/CowCalf computer software program to evaluate the reproductive performance of the herd. This elective is designed for students who have some ultrasound experience and are interested in honing their skills. This elective occurs during yearly fall herd work at the USMARC, therefore, speed and accuracy will be stressed, rather than basic technique. Didactic instruction may include several topics in cow herd health, nutrition, management and reproductive decision making.

**VDPAM 422: Beef Cattle Calving**  
Cr. 2. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

This elective provides students opportunity to assist cow-calf operations with calving in Nebraska, South Dakota or other locations. These operations typically calve 300-1,000 head each spring. Calving experience is not required, but a good understanding of working around cattle is necessary. Students will be actively participating in the day to day, normal calving routine including detecting and sorting off "springers", calf "watch", detecting when intervention is needed and assisting delivery, caring for and monitoring newborns and dams for good health and early disease detection, tagging/processing new calves, treating calves needing intervention and performing other routine calving chores. Students need to provide their own transportation to the site and overnight stays at or near the production sites are required. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 426: Veterinary Toxicology**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 526). (Cross-listed with TOX). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

*Prereq: Third year classification in veterinary medicine*

Study of toxicological diseases of animals emphasizing clinical recognition, circumstances of poisoning, differential diagnosis with clinical and laboratory data, therapeutic procedures, preventive management and public health implications. Supplemented with case-based materials.

**VDPAM 428: Principles of Epidemiology and Population Health**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 528). (Cross-listed with V MPM). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Epidemiology and ecology of disease in populations. Disease causality and epidemiologic investigations. Issues in disease prevention, control, and eradication. This course is available on campus and by distance.

**VDPAM 436: Beef Records Analysis**

(0-30) Cr. 1. F.S.

*Prereq: First, second or third year classification in veterinary medicine, or permission of instructor*

Lectures will emphasize current production and evaluation techniques for beef cow/calf operations and students will learn to conduct and critically assess production and financial data using a standardized approach. Lab activities will allow students an opportunity to work with individual beef cattle producers to identify areas for improving profitability, health, and sustainability. Each semester's content builds on the material from the previous semester. Enrolling in the class for multiple semesters will be encouraged.

**VDPAM 436A: Beef Records Analysis: Introduction**

(0-30) Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: First, second or third year classification in veterinary medicine, or special permission of instructor*

Lectures will emphasize current production and evaluation techniques for beef cow/calf operations and students will learn to conduct and critically assess production and financial data using a standardized approach. Lab activities will allow students an opportunity to work with individual beef cattle producers to identify areas for improving profitability, health, and sustainability.

**VDPAM 436B: Beef Records Analysis: Herd Management**

(0-30) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: First, second or third year classification in veterinary medicine, or special permission of instructor, VDPAM 436A*

Lectures will emphasize current production and evaluation techniques for beef cow/calf operations and students will learn to conduct and critically assess production and financial data using a standardized approach. Lab activities will allow students an opportunity to work with individual beef cattle producers to identify areas for improving profitability, health, and sustainability.

**VDPAM 436C: Beef Records Analysis: Cow/Calf Preventive Medicine**

(0-30) Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: Second or third year classification in veterinary medicine, or special permission of instructor, VDPAM 436A, VDPAM 436B*

Lectures will emphasize current production and evaluation techniques for beef cow/calf operations and students will learn to conduct and critically assess production and financial data using a standardized approach. Lab activities will allow students an opportunity to work with individual beef cattle producers to identify areas for improving profitability, health, and sustainability.

**VDPAM 436D: Beef Records Analysis: Feedlot Production Medicine**

(0-30) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Second or third year classification in veterinary medicine, or special permission of instructor, VDPAM 436A, VDPAM 436B, VDPAM 436C*

Lectures will emphasize current production and evaluation techniques for beef cow/calf operations and students will learn to conduct and critically assess production and financial data using a standardized approach. Lab activities will allow students an opportunity to work with individual beef cattle producers to identify areas for improving profitability, health, and sustainability.

**VDPAM 445: Production Animal Clinical Medicine**

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

*Prereq: Third year classification in veterinary medicine*

Clinical diagnosis and treatment of diseases of swine, beef and dairy cattle, and small ruminants.

**VDPAM 450: Disturbances of Reproduction**

(4-0) Cr. 4. F.

*Prereq: Third year classification in veterinary medicine*

General principles of normal reproductive functions in addition to environment, management and diseases causing disturbances in reproduction.

**VDPAM 451: Clinical Embryo Transfer**

Cr. 2. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Elective clinical assignment in techniques of embryo transfer. Primary species studied will be bovine but equine and small ruminant embryo transfer will be covered during appropriate seasons. Enrollment is limited to four students per two week session. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 455: Diagnostic Laboratory Practicum**

Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Practical experience and training in necropsy, recognition of gross lesions, diagnostic sample collection and test selection for the diagnosis of infectious, toxic, nutritional and metabolic diseases of small animal and production livestock species through exposure to diagnostic cases submitted to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

**VDPAM 456: Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Methods & Applications**

(16-0) Cr. 1. F.

*Prereq: Second or third year classification in veterinary medicine*

Case materials are used to develop diagnostic questions and to better understand the value of diagnostic tests. Testing methods and interpretation of diagnostic tests are coupled with sampling strategy and objective assessment of available evidence to provide accurate diagnosis.

**VDPAM 471: Theriogenology: Food Animal**

Cr. 2.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine.*

Elective clinical assignment in Food Animal and Small Ruminant Theriogenology involving male and female breeding soundness exams, dystocia management, advanced diagnostic procedures, surgical and nonsurgical insemination programs in small ruminants, and semen cryopreservation. Medical and surgical correction of reproductive disorders in cattle and small ruminants.

**VDPAM 476: Food Animal and Camelid Field Service**

(0-40) Cr. 2. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; Fourth year classification in Veterinary Medicine*

Elective course in food animal and camelid field services. Students will assist university veterinarians in delivering health care and production management services to the ISU livestock farms and other livestock farms in the local area. Focus will be on delivery of individual animal care and establishment of best practices for herd management of production systems at the university and in the region. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 477: Food Animal and Camelid Medicine and Surgery**

Cr. 2. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Fourth-year classification in veterinary medicine*

Clinical assignment focused on the management of food animal and camelid medicine and surgery cases. Specific instruction in clinical evaluation of cases coupled with appropriate diagnostic testing and therapeutic intervention will be emphasized. Additional instruction will be provided in disease prevention, intensive care and management of food animal and camelid species. Particular emphasis will be placed on appropriate on-label and extra-label drug usage in food animal species. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 479: Applied Swine Production Medicine Preceptorship**

(0-30) Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; Fourth year classification in Veterinary Medicine*

Preceptorship course in swine production medicine with emphasis on herd management, production analysis, and problem solving. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will be preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian and/or a production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 480: Swine Production Medicine**

(15-25) Cr. 2. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; Fourth year classification in Veterinary Medicine or permission of instructor*

Two week clinical rotation in swine production medicine. Students will be assigned to take the lead in investigating field based client cases with supervision of the instructors. Development of critical thinking skills that will allow students to apply concepts of herd management, production analysis, economic analysis, and disease prevention in addressing client cases. Variable amounts of travel to farm sites will be required with the potential for rare overnight stays. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 481: Advanced Cow/Calf Production Medicine**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 581). (20-20) Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq: Completion of two semesters of VDPAM 436 or UNL equivalent (V MED 596 Cattle Production), fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*  
Two-week senior elective that will focus on the economics of animal disease in cow/calf operations. Evidence based medicine and epidemiological principles will be used in investigation of disease outbreaks. Extensive partial budgeting used. Students will complete at least two disease investigations involving outbreaks in commercial cow/calf operations and communicate their findings to the class, the herd owner, and local practitioner. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 482: Applied Beef Production Medicine Preceptorship**

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced course in beef production medicine with emphasis on herd management, production analysis, and problem solving. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will include preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian and/or a production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 483: Beef Production Medicine**

(15-20) Cr. 2. F.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Two week advanced clinical rotation in beef production medicine. Fifteen hours recitation/discussion and 20 hours clinical experience per week. This course is designed to expose students to cow-calf and feedlot production concepts. The activities scheduled for the rotation depend greatly on the time of year. Whenever possible, the class incorporates field trips. Students should anticipate that travel, including overnight stays, may be required. These field trips can vary in length from several hours to several days and may include weekends. Typically, 3-4 days of the rotation are spent at the Great Plains Veterinary Education Center, Clay Center, NE. Students should, therefore, plan accordingly and contact the instructor, immediately, if they anticipate a conflict. Students should not schedule Grand Rounds during this rotation. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 484: Dairy Production Medicine**

(15-20) Cr. 2. F.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Two week course in dairy production medicine combining class time with multiple on-farm visits to learn various management aspects (DHIA, DC305 & PC Dart record analysis, calf rearing through lactating cows, reproduction programs, udder health and milk quality, biosecurity, welfare, nutrition and cow comfort) for a wide variety of dairy operations. Students will learn the latest in dairy management by reviewing current topic articles and gain experience in farm evaluation through a group project. Fifteen hours recitation/discussion and 20 hours clinical experience per week. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 485: Applied Dairy Production Medicine Preceptorship**

(0-30) Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: VDPAM 310; fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Advanced course in dairy production medicine with emphasis on herd management, production analysis, and problem solving. Forty hours clinical experience per week. Assignments will include preceptorships with a practicing veterinarian and/or a production unit. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 486: Introduction to Small Ruminant Production Medicine**

(15-0) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Third year classification in veterinary medicine or permission of instructor.*

Survey of small ruminant production systems, common management practices, and disease processes of small ruminants. This course is intended to give the student a background in small ruminant medicine. Herd health, disease monitoring and prevention, and typical management systems will be emphasized in lecture.

**VDPAM 487: Livestock Disease Prevention**

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

The course is designed for both the pre-veterinary and animal science majors who have an interest in production animal health, disease prevention methods, epidemiology of economically important agents, and the ecology of currently important pathogens found in North American livestock industries. It will focus on disease prevention principles for individuals and large production population systems.

**VDPAM 488: Laboratory in Clinical Microbiology**

Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.

*Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

Application of microbiological procedures to the diagnosis of infectious diseases.

**VDPAM 489: Issues in Food Safety**

(Cross-listed with AN S, FS HN, HSP M). (1-0) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Credit or enrollment in FS HN 101 or FS HN 272 or HSP M 233; FS HN 419 or FS HN 420; FS HN 403*

Capstone seminar for the food safety minor. Case discussions and independent projects about safety issues in the food system from a multidisciplinary perspective.

**VDPAM 490: Independent Study**

Cr. 1-5. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Permission of department chair***VDPAM 491: Advanced Ruminant Nutrition**

(30-10) Cr. 2. F.

Focus on dairy nutrition and balancing rations from the calf to the adult, lactating cow. Introduction to different feedstuffs and forage varieties to determine those that are best suited to bovine diets. This course is held the week immediately prior to the start of the fall semester. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 494: Advanced Dairy Production Medicine**

(20-20) Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq: VDPAM 484 or permission of instructor*

Advanced course in investigating dairy herd problems relating to milk quality or nutrition. Milk quality and nutrition troubleshooting will be taught through the combination of lecture and on-farm investigations. Students will combine lecture knowledge, data acquired from on-farm investigations and record analysis to generate management plans. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 495: Advanced Small Ruminant Production Medicine**

(15-20) Cr. 2. F.S.

*Prereq: VDPAM 486, fourth year classification in veterinary medicine, or permission of instructor*

Two week clinical rotation in small ruminant production medicine. Field trips (including overnight stays) will be incorporated when possible. Topics to be covered include small ruminant industries (milk, meat, and fiber), milk quality, nutrition, reproduction, and disease management of small ruminants. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 496: International Preceptorship**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 596). Cr. 1-12. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq: Second, third or fourth year classification in veterinary medicine*

International Preceptorships and Study Abroad Group programs. This course will provide opportunities for students to be involved in applied clinical, production, and/or research experiences in international locations. The course consists of 40 hour per week experiential learning opportunities. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:**

**VDPAM 507: Evidence Based Clinical Decision Making**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 407). (1-0) Cr. 1. S.

*Prereq: Permission of instructor*

Discussion, lectures and laboratories to assess the quality and significance of medical evidence in making informed decisions about the treatment of individual animals and animal populations.

**VDPAM 508: Poultry Diseases**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 408). Cr. 2. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

*Prereq: Classification in veterinary medicine or permission of instructor*

Bacterial, viral, parasitic, and nutritional diseases of domestic poultry and gamebirds; biosecurity, immunization, and management procedures to prevent poultry diseases.

**VDPAM 514: Veterinary Practice Entrepreneurship**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 414). Cr. 2-3. S.

Formal exposure to the entrepreneurial and business skills necessary to own and operate a successful veterinary practice or other small business opportunity. Personal finance, marketing, human resource management, general accounting, site assessment, location demographics, practice valuation, and a host of other issues which must be considered when purchasing or starting a new business are covered. Class instruction will be delivered by successful practice and business owners with examples from real world experience.



**VDPAM 526: Veterinary Toxicology**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 426). (Cross-listed with TOX). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

*Prereq:* Third year classification in veterinary medicine

Study of toxicological diseases of animals emphasizing clinical recognition, circumstances of poisoning, differential diagnosis with clinical and laboratory data, therapeutic procedures, preventive management and public health implications. Supplemented with case-based materials.

**VDPAM 527: Applied Statistical Methods in Population Studies**

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered odd-numbered years.

*Prereq:* STAT 401

ANOVA, Linear Regression, Model Selection, Mixed Models, ANCOVA, Repeated Measurement Analysis, MANOVA, Nonparametric Methods, Diagnostic Test Evaluation, ROC Curve Analysis, Generalized Linear Models, Logistic Regression, Survival Analysis, Cox Proportional Hazards Regression. This course is available on campus and by distance.

**VDPAM 528: Principles of Epidemiology and Population Health**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 428). (Cross-listed with V MPM). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Epidemiology and ecology of disease in populations. Disease causality and epidemiologic investigations. Issues in disease prevention, control, and eradication. This course is available on campus and by distance.

**VDPAM 529: Epidemiological Methods in Population Research**

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

*Prereq:* STAT 401

Designing, conducting, and analyzing outcomes from field-based studies, including cross-sectional, case-control, cohort, and clinical trials with categorical outcomes. This course is available on campus and by distance.

**VDPAM 542: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques**

(Cross-listed with B M S, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

Sessions in basic molecular biology techniques and related procedures. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542A: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: DNA Techniques**

(Cross-listed with B M S, BBMB, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.

Includes genetic engineering procedures, sequencing, PCR, and genotyping. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542B: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Protein**

(Cross-listed with B M S, BBMB, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS). Cr. 1. Repeatable. S.SS.

*Prereq:* Graduate classification

Techniques. Includes: fermentation, protein isolation, protein purification, SDS-PAGE, Western blotting, NMR, confocal microscopy and laser microdissection, Immunophenotyping, and monoclonal antibody production. Sessions in basic molecular biology techniques and related procedures. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542C: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Cell Techniques**

(Cross-listed with B M S, BBMB, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.

Includes: immunophenotyping, ELISA, flow cytometry, microscopic techniques, image analysis, confocal, multiphoton and laser capture microdissection. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542D: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Plant Transformation**

(Cross-listed with B M S, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. S.

Includes: Agrobacterium and particle gun-mediated transformation of tobacco, Arabidopsis, and maize, and analysis of transformants. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542E: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Proteomics**

(Cross-listed with B M S, BBMB, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.

Includes: two-dimensional electrophoresis, laser scanning, mass spectrometry, and database searching. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542F: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Metabolomics**

(Cross-listed with B M S, BBMB, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.

Includes: metabolomics and the techniques involved in metabolite profiling. For non-chemistry majoring students who are seeking analytical aspects into their biological research projects. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 542G: Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Genomic**

(Cross-listed with B M S, BBMB, EEOB, FS HN, GDCB, HORT, NREM, NUTRS, V MPM). Cr. 1. Repeatable. S.

Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 546: Clinical and Diagnostic Toxicology**

(Cross-listed with TOX). (0-3) Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq:* D.V.M. degree or VDPAM 526

Advanced study of current problems and issues in toxicology. Emphasis on problem solving utilizing clinical, epidemiological, and laboratory resources.

**VDPAM 551: Advanced Veterinary Diagnostic Medicine**

(0-3) Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq:* VDPAM 455

Necropsy techniques of animals with emphasis on gross and microscopic lesion description and microbiological diagnosis of disease in food animals.

**VDPAM 570: Risk Assessment for Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine**

(Cross-listed with AGRON, TOX). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

*Prereq:* Statistics 300-level or higher.

Risk assessment principles as applied to biological systems. Exposure and effects characterization in human and animal health and ecological risk assessment. Risk analysis frameworks and regulatory decision-making. Introduction to quantitative methods for risk assessment using epidemiological and distributional analysis. Uncertainty analysis. This course is available only by distance.

**VDPAM 581: Advanced Cow/Calf Production Medicine**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 481). (20-20) Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq:* Completion of two semesters of VDPAM 436 or UNL equivalent (V MED 596 Cattle Production), fourth year classification in veterinary medicine

Two-week senior elective that will focus on the economics of animal disease in cow/calf operations. Evidence based medicine and epidemiological principles will be used in investigation of disease outbreaks. Extensive partial budgeting used. Students will complete at least two disease investigations involving outbreaks in commercial cow/calf operations and communicate their findings to the class, the herd owner, and local practitioner. Biosecurity policies require documentation of your presence in the USA 5 days immediately prior to the start of class if international travel has occurred.

**VDPAM 590: Special Topics**

Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq:* Permission of instructor

Topics in medicine, surgery, theriogenology; beef, swine, dairy, or sheep production medicine.

**VDPAM 596: International Preceptorship**

(Dual-listed with VDPAM 496). Cr. 1-12. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq:* Second, third or fourth year classification in veterinary medicine

International Preceptorships and Study Abroad Group programs.

This course will provide opportunities for students to be involved in applied clinical, production, and/or research experiences in international locations. The course consists of 40 hour per week experiential learning opportunities. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**VDPAM 599: Creative Component**

Cr. arr. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

*Prereq:* Enrollment in nonthesis master's degree program

**Courses for graduate students:**

**VDPAM 650: Swine Diagnostic Medicine**

Cr. 4. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

*Prereq:* Permission of instructor

A detailed study of swine diseases emphasizing the pathogenesis and diagnosis of swine respiratory, enteric, reproduction, metabolic, and septicemic diseases. Course activities include interpretation of diagnostic case reports and development of diagnostic plans for specific disease objectives.

**VDPAM 654: Comparative Antimicrobial Clinical Pharmacology**

Cr. 2. S.

*Prereq:* Graduate student, resident, or intern in College of Veterinary Medicine

Initial antimicrobial selection for infectious diseases of domestic animals. The antimicrobial drug groups will be examined, stressing pharmacokinetics, minimal inhibitory concentrations, and the use of these parameters to select appropriate compounds and dosages for maximum efficacy.

**VDPAM 655: Advanced Swine Production Medicine**

Cr. 4. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

*Prereq:* Permission of instructor

Detailed overview of applied techniques used in swine production medicine; production modeling and record analysis, facility design and management, analysis of competing intervention options, design and evaluation of therapeutic and vaccination strategies, quality control procedures and food safety. Course activities include interpretation of diagnostic case reports and development of diagnostic plans for specific disease objectives.

**VDPAM 699: Research**

Cr. arr. Repeatable.