



Cornell University
College of Veterinary Medicine

ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR FOUNDATION COURSES I-V INCLUDING 5220; 54410 AND VII

Each foundation course is a prerequisite to the immediately following foundation course. No student may attend a foundation course without having passed the immediately preceding course, regardless of the time the new course begins within a semester.

A student who achieves a grade of F in two foundation courses, or a grade of D or below in three foundation courses, shall not be allowed to reregister in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

A student who achieves a grade of F in one foundation course in any one semester, or a grade of D or below in two foundation courses in any one semester, shall be denied permission to advance to the subsequent term; however, the student will be permitted to repeat the term in which the above grade(s) was (were) received.

A student who achieves a grade of D or below in one foundation course shall be placed on academic warning and shall be required to attain a grade point average of 2.0 or above in foundation courses taken the following semester. A student who does not achieve this required grade point average shall be denied permission to advance to the subsequent term, however, the student will be permitted to repeat the semester.

POLICY FOR REPEATING A SEMESTER

A student who has been denied permission to advance may only repeat once. A student who repeats a term shall be required to take all foundation courses normally offered during that term, unless exempted by the faculty responsible for teaching the course.

For VTMED 5500 and 5510, the grade received for these courses will be calculated based on the scores received on examinations within each course. Students must receive a passing grade in each of the disciplines of 5500 and 5510. A student receiving a grade of "F" in one discipline of 5500 shall be entitled to an automatic re-examination. A student receiving a grade of "F" on the re-exam or a grade of "F" in a second discipline of 5500 shall be required to repeat VTMED 5500. The same grading policy applies to VTMED 5510.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR COURSE VI (CLINICAL ROTATIONS)

A student who receives a grade of F or two grades of D on required clinical or pathway rotations will be placed on academic warning. A student who receives a grade of F on a required clinical or pathway

rotation will be required to repeat that rotation. A student who receives two D grades on required clinical or pathway rotations will be placed on academic warning but will not be required to repeat those rotations.

A student cumulatively receiving more than one grade of F or more than two grades of D or lower on required clinical or pathway rotations throughout Foundation Course VI shall be denied permission to continue in the course (or graduate). Upon receiving a first grade of F or a second grade of D, the student will be notified as soon as possible by the Assistant Dean for Learning and Instruction that s/he is on academic warning for the balance of Foundation Course VI, and the clinical rotations class teachers committee shall be convened to make recommendations to the College Faculty at the next earliest faculty meeting.

A weighted average of all required clinical rotations (including pathway rotation) will be calculated to determine a final grade for Foundation Course VI. This grade will be used to determine advancement (graduation) of students starting Foundation Course VI on academic warning.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION COURSES

Whereas the College Faculty has not instituted minimum yearly credit requirements for distribution courses, receiving a grade of D or F for individual distribution courses will not, by itself, constitute grounds for denial to advance to the subsequent semester. However, only courses for which a passing grade (D or above) is achieved will count towards the minimum credit requirement for graduation (=37.0 credits from sets I, II, III, IV, V and VII plus 6 credits from set VI) or towards fulfilling minimum requirements for distribution courses from required sets. Furthermore, no more than four distribution courses with D grades will count towards the minimum credit requirements for graduation. The foregoing does not compromise the prerogative of the College Faculty which may, under unusual circumstances, make exception to these guidelines.

POLICY ON SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

All graduation requirements for the DVM degree must be completed within six years of a student's initial registration in the veterinary program. This requirement applies to all veterinary students except those participating in Track 1* of the dual DVM/PhD degree program.

For all students on leave, responsibility for maintaining eligibility to return to the DVM curriculum rests with the student. Failure to meet the applicable time of completion requirements will be deemed unsatisfactory performance, resulting in dismissal. If a student does not return from a leave at the conclusion of the set time period, and has not received an extension in writing, the individual will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Veterinary College. He or she may reapply through the College's admissions process and, if admitted, complete the entire DVM program.

*Track 1 is expected to consist of two years in the DVM program, three years in graduate training, followed by two years in the veterinary program. If necessary, students in this track of the Dual Degree program may petition both the Curriculum Committee and the Dual Degree Oversight Committee for an extension of the graduate training period. This request should be made at least one semester before the scheduled return to the DVM program.