

# PATHWAYS | POULTRY PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE



COLLEGE OF  
AGRICULTURE

Bachelor of Science in Poultry Pre-Veterinary Medicine

## COURSE SELECTION

### FRESHMAN

- Acquaint yourself with veterinary school requirements. Recognize that veterinary science requires success in the basic sciences.
- Gateway Courses: CHEM 1030/1031 and CHEM 1040/1041, BIOL 1020/1021, BIOL 1030/1031

### SOPHOMORE

- Maintain excellent GPA, seeking academic support early and often. Discuss appropriate science electives with advisor.
- Gateway Courses: CHEM 2070/2071 and CHEM 2080/2081, POUL 3030

### JUNIOR

- Written and oral communication skills should be developing.
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 3200, BCHE 3200

### SENIOR

- Complete remaining upper level poultry science courses.
- Gateway Courses: POUL 5050, POUL 5080

## ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Meet with your assigned faculty advisor each semester to discuss your major and academic plan.



Comer Hall, home of the College of Agriculture student advising.

- Academic Support provides several free resources to improve academic performance, including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. ([auburn.edu/academic-support](http://auburn.edu/academic-support))

- Meet with a counselor in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.
- Begin preparing a VMCA personal statement. Visit schools you are interested in.

- Work with the Career Center to update your resume and cover letter.
- Complete VMCA by September 15. Request reference letters and participate in practice interviews.

## GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Check your "This Week on Ag Hill" and "Find Your Career" e-mails to learn about ways you can get involved and gain experience on campus.
- Gain animal experience by shadowing, volunteering, or working with a veterinarian and keep track of your hours.

- Consider traveling abroad. The college offers Study Abroad Scholarships to students studying abroad.

- Apply to the Ag Alumni Mentoring Program. Students get to take part in job shadowing opportunities, networking opportunities, and see first hand where your degree can take you.

- Consider participating in undergraduate research opportunities.

- Pursue opportunities for an internship.
- Attend professional development events (Career Fairs, Etiquette Dinners, Workshops)

- Attend All Majors Career Expo ([auburn.edu/career/events](http://auburn.edu/career/events)).

- Attend professional conferences and take part in industry tours.

## GET INVOLVED

- Join the College of Agriculture Student Services Facebook page for college and major updates, and internship and job postings.
- The Poultry Science Club exposes students to the poultry industry and strengthens their relationships with departmental faculty and industry leaders.

- Volunteer! Seek out opportunities that cater to your interest and also challenge you to get out of your comfort zone.
- Utilize AUInvolve ([auburn.edu/auinvolve](http://auburn.edu/auinvolve)) to identify organizations of interest, to attend meetings and enhance your resume.



- Attend the International Poultry Expo.

- Pursue leadership roles in your organization to exercise and enhance your skills.

- Gamma Sigma Delta is the Honor Society of Agriculture. The organization is dedicated to recognizing your academic achievements.

## CAREER PLANNING

### AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

303 MARY MARTIN HALL | [AUBURN.EDU/CAREER](http://auburn.edu/career)

The Poultry Pre-Vet/Pre-Professional option provides the strong science background needed for graduate programs and veterinary school, as well as technical industry positions.

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$17.3K - \$65.0K

#### PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$35.0K - \$62.0K

#### VETERINARIAN

MINIMUM EDUCATION: D.V.M.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$46.0K - \$65.0K

These are just three options out of many that poultry production majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on [auburn.edu/career](http://auburn.edu/career).



Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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