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.
- Academic Support provides several free resources to improve academic performance, including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching (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 the International Poultry Expo.
- 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.
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- 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
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.

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