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COVID-19 Impact on Iowa State University Veterinary Medicine Applicants

The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at Iowa State University (ISU) understands the challenges and disruptions brought to teaching, learning and assessing academic performance during the current global COVID-19 pandemic. A majority of institutions were compelled to abruptly change teaching from face-to-face to online, with minimal preparation and training. Because of these challenges, many institutions have adopted a Pass/Not Pass, or similar grading system for all coursework or they are allowing students to choose this type of system for courses taken during Winter 2020 through Spring 2021.

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University will respect the decisions made by institutions and individuals when reviewing transcripts. All prerequisites taken during the Winter/Spring/Summer 2020 terms and the Fall 2020 and Winter/Spring 2021 terms receiving a grade of Pass (or similar indication of having successfully completed the class) will be accepted. This will also be true for those repeating a course. A Pass will be accepted to fulfill the course requirement and neither the original grade nor the Pass grade will be used in calculated GPA. The COVID-19 pandemic situation is constantly evolving and extending this policy past the Spring 2021 term will be reviewed depending upon how the situation develops.

For the 2020-21 and 2021-22 application cycles the ISU-CVM Admissions Committee will take into consideration the impact of the pandemic on each applicant when reviewing applications. This includes any impact to continuing experiences, research and employment, as well as individual personal experiences.

The goal of the ISU-CVM Admissions Committee continues to be reviewing the entirety of the applicant's record to determine applicants who will succeed in the ISU-CVM curriculum and contribute meaningfully to their communities as veterinarians who display the highest standard of knowledge, skill and professional conduct.