Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine (VDPAM)

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: Classification as second or third year veterinary student 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

**VDPAM 340. Clinical Foundations.**
(0-30) Cr. 1. F.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.S.S.
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: Classification as second or third year student 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.
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 or/and 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.

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.

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 421. Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center. Cr. 1. F.S.S.S. 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.S.S. 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 are stressed, rather than basic technique. Introduction into rectal examination for examinations for pregnancy, collecting data and entry into the CowCalf5 computer program to test 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. Proper 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 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 421C. Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Clinical Calving. Cr. 1. S. Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.
This clinical rotation involves participation in veterinary field services at the U.S. MARC during calving season. Activities include examination, diagnosis, treatment, and intensive care of individual animals as well as occasional herd problems. Additional activities include clinical and/or microbiological diagnostic techniques, clinical pharmacology, record keeping, and health surveillance. Students will accompany the "on duty" veterinarian on all cases, including emergency, after-hours calls. The majority of clinical activities during calving season are related to peri-parturient, perinatal and neonatal problems. Students will assist in handling difficult calf deliveries and cesarean sections and will be involved with the necropsy examination of all animals lost during the previous 24 hours.

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 CowCal5 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 421G. Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Bovine Reproduction. Cr. 1. F. Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.
This elective involves some of the clinical techniques utilized in beef cattle management. The majority of time will be spent in the examination of cows for pregnancy and the collection of ovarian data from non-pregnant cows. Additional opportunities will involve hands on activities such as data collection and analysis, breeding herd nutrition, artificial insemination, and the use of ultrasonography for pregnancy detection and staging of ovarian evaluation.

VDPAM 421J. Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center: Lambling. Cr. 1. S. Prereq: Fourth year classification in veterinary medicine; ability to provide own transportation to each site.
The Lambling 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.S.S. 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 epididymectomy 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 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”, call “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.

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, 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 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.S. Prereq: Classification as a fourth year student 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, third or fourth 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.

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 unlicensed 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 Cameldid Medicine and Surgery.**
Cr. 1-2. Repeatable. F.S.S.S. Prereq: Fourth-year classification in veterinary medicine

Clinical assignment focused on the management of food animal and cameldid medicine and surgery cases. Specific instruction in clinical evaluation of cases will be emphasized. Additional instruction will be provided in disease prevention, control, and management of food animal and cameldid 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.S.S. 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.S.S. 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.S.S. 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.S. 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 topical 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.S.S. 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.**
(15-50) 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. F.S.S.S. Prereq: Permission of department chair

**VDPAM 491. Advanced Ruminant Nutrition.**
(30-10) Cr. 3. 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 492. Orientation for International Experience.**
(2-0) Cr. 1. S. Prereq: Classification in veterinary medicine

Predeparture orientation for group study abroad. Cultural considerations for the study abroad experience and a conversational language introduction. Out of class work will be assigned. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

**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, and 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 405. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

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

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: STAT 104 or consent of instructor.
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.S. 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.S. 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.S. 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.