

## Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Veterinary Technology to Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) at MU

*In earning your AAS degree in Veterinary Technology the vast majority of the courses you completed were in a single specialized field. To complete a Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree you'll be earning one quarter of your remaining coursework in Biomedical Science and three quarters of your coursework in other valuable areas of general studies, fulfilling the broader range of bachelor's degree requirements.*

- ❖ Admission Requirements for MU's BGS degree completion (<http://www.cdis.missouri.edu/online-bachelor-degree-admission-requirements.aspx>):
  - A minimum of 60 credit hours of accredited college coursework
  - A minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
  - Course credit equivalent to MU's College Algebra and English Exposition with minimum C-range grades, required of ALL MU students no matter what their major or degree program
    - MU's College Algebra course is Math 1100. The ONLY Math equivalency MU accepts is College Algebra. Many AAS degrees don't require it so if yours didn't you'll need to complete it prior to applying to MU for the BGS degree.
    - English Exposition at MU is English 1000. At most community colleges the equivalent course is the second half of a two-semester Freshman English sequence and is often called Composition II. Many AAS degrees require Composition I but not Composition II. You'll need to complete the equivalent of English Exposition (Comp II) prior to applying to MU for the BGS degree.
    - You may complete College Algebra and English Exposition at a nearby accredited community college or university prior to applying to MU, or you may complete either course online at MU as a "non-degree" student through the Center for Distance and Independent Study (CDIS).
  
- ❖ The required three-part BGS major:
  - An AAS degree in Veterinary Technology means you've completed one and a half component parts of your three-part BGS major already.
  - The three required component parts of the BGS major will be
    - One entirely completed transfer component in Veterinary Technology (from your AAS)
    - One component in Biomedical Science, half of which is already completed with AAS transfer work and half of which must be completed with a minimum of 9 credit hours of your choice of MU's 3000+ level BIOMED courses
    - One MU component entirely made up of 18 credit hours of coursework from the College of Arts and Science, such as
      - ◆ Behavioral Science (Psychology and/or Sociology and/or Anthropology courses)  
OR
      - ◆ Social Science (Economics and/or History and/or Political Science and/or Geography courses)  
OR
      - ◆ American Studies (History and/or Political Science and/or English courses)  
OR
      - ◆ Humanities (Classical Studies and/or English and/or Religious Studies and/or Philosophy courses)
  
- ❖ Total credit required for a BGS degree:
  - The minimum amount of credit for an MU bachelor's degree is 120 credit hours.
  - Most AAS degrees in Vet Tech require between 70 and 80 credit hours.
  - Your BGS degree completion after an AAS in Vet Tech probably will be in the range of 40 to 50 credit hours, depending on your official transfer equivalencies.

- You won't know exactly how much credit you'll need for the BGS until you apply and are accepted by MU as a degree-seeking BGS student and Admissions officially evaluates your transfer credit and grants equivalencies. At that point you and your academic advisor will create an official graduation plan.
  
- ❖ Can you take MU's BIOMED courses before qualifying for admission to the BGS degree completion?
  - Yes, that's possible. You'll be an MU student in a registration category called "non-degree".
    - Courses taken as non-degree do count in your BGS degree completion once you're admitted as a degree-seeking BGS student.
    - The MU credit you earn in BIOMED courses may also count as a Dean's certificate and grant you CE credit.
    - The grades you earn while an MU non-degree student count in your MU cumulative GPA.
    - Federal financial aid will not apply until you're accepted by MU as a degree-seeking student.
    - It would be wise to limit your non-degree BIOMED course registrations to 12 credit hours (four 3-credit hour courses) and be sure to take courses numbered 3000+ (junior-senior level) so that you don't take more than you'll need for the minimum 120 credit hour bachelor's degree requirements.
  
- ❖ Will all courses be online?
  - Yes. The BIOMED courses will be online courses linked to the dates and deadlines of campus semesters and summer sessions. Most other courses will be distance online courses that you may start at any time and complete on your own schedule as long as you complete them within 9 months.
  
- ❖ Here are some helpful websites:
  - About the online BGS degree completion and 9-month online courses through MU's Center for Distance and Independent Study (CDIS) <http://www.cdis.missouri.edu>
  - About online BIOMED courses [http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/online\\_biomed\\_technology.htm](http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/online_biomed_technology.htm)
  - To apply for the BGS online <http://www.admissions.missouri.edu/apply/transfer/index.php>
  - To apply for financial aid <http://www.financialaid.missouri.edu/applying-for-aid/index.php>