

**VETT 50 Course Outline as of Summer 2025****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: VETT 50 Title: VET ANATOMY TERMINOLOGY

Full Title: Veterinary Anatomy and Terminology

Last Reviewed: 10/11/2021

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: ANHLT 50

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1994	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Recognize and identify the normal anatomy of selected organs and organ systems of domestic animals and relate it to the clinical practice of veterinary technology.
2. Apply fundamental anatomical and veterinary medical vocabulary in communication.
3. Discuss the importance of anatomical structure and terminology knowledge to daily clinical work with the canine and feline.

**Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify normal anatomy and physiology of small companion animals.
2. Discuss and define the terminology of all major organ systems in small companion animals.
3. Define terminology used in small animal veterinary practices.
4. Identify disease progression in small animals using appropriate terminology.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of basic biochemistry, and its relationship to animal nursing.

**Topics and Scope:**

- I. Introduction to Word Vocabulary, Roots, Prefixes, Suffixes, and Combinations; Introduction to Body Planes and Application of Directional Terms
- II. Overview of Body Structure and Organization Defined in Terms of Anatomy and Physiology of the Tissues, Organs, and Organ Systems
- III. The Hematopoietic System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology

- IV. The Lymphatic System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- V. The Musculoskeletal System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- VI. The Cardiovascular System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- VII. The Respiratory System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- VIII. The Nervous System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- IX. The Eye and Visual Pathway
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- X. The Ear
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- XI. The Alimentary System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- XII. The Urinary System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- XIII. The Reproductive System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- XIV. The Endocrine System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- XV. The Integumentary System
  - A. Terminology
  - B. Anatomy
  - C. Physiology
- XVI. Pharmacology
  - A. Terminology of drugs
  - B. Routes of medication administration
  - C. Prescription format

## Assignment:

1. Weekly reading (35-40 pages).
2. Weekly quizzes.
3. Midterm(s) (1-3) and final exam.
4. Complete (1-3) self-evaluation exercise(s) (from textbook or instructor-prepared materials).
5. Identification of structures on and re-creation of anatomical diagrams in case studies exercise(s) (1-3).

## Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Case studies exercise(s), self-evaluation exercise(s), weekly quizzes

Problem solving  
20 - 60%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Weekly quizzes; midterm(s), final exam

Exams  
40 - 80%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

## Representative Textbooks and Materials:

- An Illustrated Guide to Veterinary Medical Terminology. 4th ed. Romich, Janet Amundson. Delmar Cengage Learning. 2014 (classic)
- Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians. 3rd ed. Bassert, Joanna M. and Colville, Thomas P. Mosby. 2015 (classic)
- McCurnin's Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians. Bassert, Joanna M. Saunders. 2021.