FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE SURVEY

Class of 2016
Message from the Class of 2016:

We know first hand how big of a commitment it is to choose to attend veterinary school.

To try to make it a little easier, we have given our honest opinions about life as a first year veterinary student at the NCSU CVM to hopefully help answer some of your burning questions.
We hope you find it helpful, and look forward to meeting the Class of 2017!
How many hours per week do you spend studying?

- 5-10 hours: 4%
- 11-15 hours: 23%
- 16-20 hours: 23%
- 21-25 hours: 32%
- 26+ hours: 18%
What was your **FAVORITE** first semester class?

#1 – Teaching Animal Unit (41%)

#2 – Physiology (32%)
What was your EASIEST first semester class?

#1 – Careers in Veterinary Medicine (73%)

#2 – TAU (19%)
What was your HARDEST first semester class?

#1 – Anatomy Small Animal (65%)

#2 – Infection and Immunity (27%)
What was your FAVORITE second semester class, so far?

#1 – Physiology (54%)

#2 – TAU (30%)
Did you work during the school year?

- No – I prefer to focus on school (47%)
- Yes – occasionally (weekends, holidays) (37%)
- Yes – part time (10-20 hr/wk) (8%)
- No – but I plan to have a job next school year (8%)
Top 3 challenges to overcome while in vet school:

#1 – Getting enough exercise

#2 – Classes themselves; amount of material, content, etc.

#3 – Making time to study
What is the **BEST** part about vet school so far?

#1 – Meeting people with similar career goals

#2 – Interesting course material

#3 – Wetlabs/Club Experiences
Has your career focus changed from when you began school?

No – I am still set on the career focus I came in with (57%)

Somewhat, I am now considering options I had not previously considered (37%)

Unsure of focus area (6%)
What is the **MAIN** reason you chose NC State over another vet school?

#1 – In-state school (41%)

#2 – Quality of program (18%)

#3 – Price; tuition, living, expenses, etc (17%)

#4 – I love the Wolfpack! (12%)
How does your workload compare to your undergraduate workload?

- 16% - Somewhat greater
- 80% - Much greater
- 2% - About the same
- 2% - Somewhat less
How did you go about finding a place to live and/or a roommate?

#1 – Already had somewhere to live (from undergrad, with family, etc)

#2 – Internet search

#3 – School classifieds/emails

#4 – Got info from/live with upperclassmen at the CVM