

# Getting Connected to UNL Animal Science: Your College Prep Checklist

Whether you know exactly what you want to be, or you need some time to explore your options, making sure you are prepared for college will start you off on the right foot toward a rewarding career! Hopefully you are taking classes in high school that reflect your interests, but what else should you do in order to make sure you are ready to take that next step? This checklist is designed to help you cover all of your bases—not only for gaining admittance to college, but also for getting the best financial assistance possible, the most choices for classes that first semester of college, and yes, even the best options for housing during your first year!



Home sweet home, where your journey to college begins...

## THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR

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Freshman and Sophomore Years:

**What high school classes are required for the types of colleges you are interested in?** Be sure to take these classes now, so you won't have to later!

- ✓ UNL Freshman Admissions Requirements can be found at <http://admissions.unl.edu/requirements/freshman.asp>
- ✓ Find out what classes in your high school count towards the UNL Freshman Admissions Requirements at <http://admissions.unl.edu/nebraska/>



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Junior Year #1:

**What do you know about the colleges you are interested in?** Now is a good time to start gathering information, and weighing the pros and cons of your top picks!

- ✓ Look at websites
- ✓ Attend college/career fairs
- ✓ Read information materials
- ✓ Discuss options with family



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Junior Year #2:

**Have you taken the ACT or SAT (UNL accepts both)?** Taking the ACT or SAT at least once during your Junior year will leave you plenty of time to take it again to improve your score!

- ✓ Take a pre-test ahead of time
- ✓ Sign up to take the test locally
- ✓ Get lots of sleep the night before
- ✓ List UNL as your first choice!



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Junior Year #3:

**Have you thought about getting a head start on college visits?** Beginning to visit colleges in the spring of your junior year can give you more time to consider your options, and make the process less stressful by spreading it out!

- ✓ Your family is welcome too
- ✓ Have some questions in mind
- ✓ Don't be shy, this is your future!
- ✓ Review pros & cons of your top picks afterwards



## THINGS TO DO YOUR SENIOR YEAR

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Senior Year #1:

**Have you made the most of your college visits?** If you checked off “Junior Year #3”, then you are well on your way! Now is a good time to make sure you’ve visited the departments (like the **UNL Animal Science Department**) that interest you most. You can do this as a part of your college visit or come back another day.

- ✓ Tour the building where you will have most of your classes
- ✓ Meet current students in the program
- ✓ Meet with a faculty advisor who shares your interests



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Senior Year #2:

**How about that ACT/SAT score?** If you’ve checked off “Junior Year #2, then you already know your test score. But even if you’ve met UNL’s admissions standards for this, it never hurts to improve. The higher your score is, the better your chances are for scholarships!

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Senior Year #3:

**Have you applied for admission to UNL?** Complete the UNL Application for Admission by January 15!

- ✓ Go to [www.unl.edu](http://www.unl.edu) -- Just click on “Apply” and follow the instructions
- ✓ Write in “**Animal Science**” for your major. Later, you can select your option from Pre-Veterinary Animal Sciences, Production & Management, Business, Meat Science, Biology, and Equine Science (Companion Animal Science coming soon).

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Senior Year #4:

**Have you applied for additional scholarships and financial aid?**

- ✓ UNL & CASNR Scholarships use UNL Admissions Application (Deadline is January 15)
- ✓ UNL Animal Science Scholarships: [www.animalscience.unl.edu](http://www.animalscience.unl.edu) (Deadline is February 15)
- ✓ Local or other outside scholarships
- ✓ FAFSA : [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (required for non-scholarship aid and need-based scholarships)

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Senior Year #5:

**How do you enroll for classes and secure housing at UNL?** If you are admitted as an Animal Science student, a faculty advisor in the department will help you enroll!

- ✓ Fill out and return ASCI Interest form to be assigned a faculty advisor in March
- ✓ Check out University Housing options at <http://www.unl.edu/housing>
- ✓ Pay your enrollment deposit by May 1 at [www.admissions.unl.edu/deposit](http://www.admissions.unl.edu/deposit)
- ✓ Register for New Student Enrollment (NSE) at [www.admissions.unl.edu/nse](http://www.admissions.unl.edu/nse) and attend your session

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UNL Freshman Year #1:

**What’s first when you get to campus?**

- ✓ Move in and meet your roommate
- ✓ Attend **BIG RED WELCOME** events!
- ✓ Go to class



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