



## Calendar 2008-09

### FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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#### DATES OF SEMESTERS

*Semester 1:* 22nd September 2008 - 19th December 2008  
*Christmas Vacation:* 22nd December 2008 - 9th January 2009

*Semester 2:* 12th January 2009 - 29th May 2009  
*Spring Vacation:* 30th March 2009 - 17th April 2009

<b>Year</b>	<b>Teaching Starts</b>	<b>Teaching Ends</b>
Years 1-4	Monday 22 September 2008	Friday 12 December 2008
	<i>Christmas Vacation: 13 December 2008 - 4 January 2009 inclusive</i>	
	Monday 5 January 2009	Friday 13 March 2009
	<i>Easter Vacation: 14 March 2009 - 12 April incl. plus 13 April (Easter Monday)</i>	
	Tuesday 14 April 2009	Friday 5 June 2009
Year 5	Monday 22 September 2008	Friday 12 December 2008
	<i>Christmas Vacation: 13 December 2008 - 4 January 2009 inclusive</i>	
	Monday 5 January 2009	Friday 27 March 2009
	<i>Easter Vacation: 28 March 2009 - 26 April 2009 inclusive</i>	
	Monday 27 April 2009	Friday 12 June 2009

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## I APPEALS BY STUDENTS

The Senate is charged by the Universities (Scotland) Acts with a duty to superintend the teaching of the University. This is understood to include examining. The Senate has authorised the establishment of Faculty Appeals Committees to hear appeals in the first instance, as specified in the Code of Procedure for Appeals to a Faculty Appeals Committee.

A student may further appeal from the decision of the Faculty Appeals Committee to the Senate.

Any appeal giving all the grounds of that appeal must be despatched in writing to the Faculty Secretary, or to the Director of the Senate Office, as appropriate, within 10 working days of the intimation to the student of the decision against which he or she is appealing.

Students are advised to consult the Faculty Secretary before lodging an appeal to the Faculty Appeals Committee and the Director of the Senate Office, before lodging an appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee.

The Code of Procedure for Appeals to a Faculty Appeals Committee and the Code of Procedure for Appeals to the Senate are set out in that section of the University *Calendar* entitled 'University Fees and General Information for Students', which is available online at [www.glasgow.ac.uk/senate/calendar](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/senate/calendar). Copies are also available for students to consult in the Faculty Office.

The address of the Faculty Secretary is Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, 464 Bearsden Road, Glasgow G61 1QH.

## II UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Resolution 582** The provisions of this Resolution, which at the time of going to print are in draft form, are as follows:

1. All undergraduate degrees of the University of Glasgow except those listed in §20 of the section entitled 'Regulations' below may be governed by common regulations (the Generic Undergraduate Regulations) and by supplementary regulations specific to each degree.
2. The Senate may make such Generic Undergraduate Regulations, which are subject to the approval of the University Court – these are stated in §1 - §19 of the section entitled 'Regulations' below.

### REGULATIONS

#### 1. Introductory and Definitions

These regulations must be read together with each degree's supplementary regulations and each degree programme's programme specification. The definitions set out in the Glossary of Terms ([www.glasgow.ac.uk/senate/academic/policies/03-07-E240304.html](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/senate/academic/policies/03-07-E240304.html)) apply to these regulations.

#### 2. Scope of Regulations

These regulations apply to all undergraduate degrees offered by the University of Glasgow other than those listed in §20.

#### 3. Duration of Study

A candidate for a degree shall, subject to §4, normally attend the University of Glasgow either full-time or part-time for at least the number of academic sessions indicated as a minimum in the table below. The candidate must normally complete his or her studies for the award of a degree within the number of sessions indicated as a maximum in the degree's supplementary regulations.

Type of degree	Minimum duration of study (academic sessions)	
	Full-time	Part-time
Ordinary/designated degree <sup>1</sup>	3	4
Honours degree	4	5
MA Honours language degree	5	7
Integrated Masters degree <sup>2</sup>	5	6
BVMS, MBChB, BDS	5	N/A

#### 4. Recognition of Prior Learning

- 4.1 Credit may be awarded towards the completion of a degree programme for courses or examinations satisfactorily completed while following another programme at the University of Glasgow or at another institution or, where indicated in the degree's supplementary regulations, for other examinations satisfactorily completed. Such credit

<sup>1</sup> The minimum duration of study for the ordinary degrees of Bachelor of Technical Education and MA Religious and Philosophical Education with Secondary Teaching Qualification is four academic sessions.

<sup>2</sup> In a minority of cases the minimum duration of study for an integrated Masters degree is four academic sessions.

may permit a candidate entry to the second or subsequent year of the degree programme. The maximum limit for the award of such credit is, other than in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Clerk of Senate, 50% of the credits associated with the degree programme.

- 4.2 Although appropriate prior learning may be recognised for the award of credit, all such credit is ungraded for the purposes of the University except that credit obtained in earlier study at the University of Glasgow may be graded.
- 4.3 Graded credit may be awarded for study undertaken at an institution other than the University of Glasgow where this is done while registered for a degree programme at the University of Glasgow.

#### **5. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning**

Where indicated in the degree's supplementary regulations, a candidate may be awarded credit for prior experiential learning. The procedure for approval of such credit is set out in the policy which can be found at: [www.glasgow.ac.uk/senate/academic/policies/aplguidelines.html](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/senate/academic/policies/aplguidelines.html).

#### **6. Composition of Degree Programmes**

- 6.1 Each degree programme shall be composed of courses, each of which is characterised by the academic level at which it is set and the number of credits which it conveys. The course level will be expressed as 1, 2, 3, H or M, these corresponding to levels 7 to 11 in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework. Each course shall convey either 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, or 60 credits, or exceptionally a different number of credits where approved by the Faculty.
- 6.2 In each academic session a full-time candidate will normally take courses conveying a total of 120 credits.
- 6.3 The structure of a degree programme, including the compulsory and optional courses of which it is composed, is shown in the degree's supplementary regulations and the programme specification.

#### **7. Pre-requisites, Co-requisites and Excluded Combinations**

- 7.1 Each course may have pre-requisite and/or co-requisite course(s). To be admitted to a course:
- (i) The candidate must normally have attained a grade D or better in each pre-requisite course. If the course follows a pre-requisite course in the same academic session, however, it shall be sufficient for the candidate to have attended the pre-requisite course.
  - (ii) The candidate must either have attended, or be concurrently attending, each co-requisite course.
- 7.2 Where a candidate's curriculum includes courses which form an excluded combination, credits from only one of these courses may be counted towards the requirements for award of a degree or other qualification.

#### **8. Approval of Curriculum**

The curriculum of each candidate must be approved at the start of each session by the candidate's Adviser of Studies. Once approved, the curriculum may not be altered except with the approval of an Adviser of Studies.<sup>3</sup>

#### **9. Assessment**

Assessment and re-assessment are governed by the Code of Assessment which is contained in the Fees and General Information for Students section of the *University Calendar*.

#### **10. Progress**

- 10.1 The progress of candidates shall be reviewed annually.
- 10.2 The requirements for a full-time candidate to progress are set out in the degree's supplementary regulations.
- 10.3 For a part-time candidate, the minimum achievement required to progress will be determined for and communicated to the candidate at the start of each session by the Principal/Senior/Chief Adviser for the degree on which the candidate is enrolled. A candidate who fails to meet this progress requirement must apply for re-admission to the Principal/Senior/Chief Adviser.

#### **11. Administration of Progress**

- 11.1 Decisions on progress shall be taken by the Faculty Progress Committee or a sub-committee thereof. The committee shall have the power to exclude a candidate or to impose conditions regarding a candidate's future progress.
- 11.2 The Faculty shall publish to all candidates the arrangements for identifying any candidate who does not comply with progress requirements. The Faculty shall notify such candidates of the date of the meeting of the committee and the procedures to permit a candidate to make representations at or prior to the committee meeting.
- 11.3 Appeal against decisions of the Faculty Progress Committee may be made following the Codes of Procedure set out in the Fees and General Information for Students section of the *University Calendar*.

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<sup>3</sup> Where a candidate is in the third or subsequent year of an Honours or integrated Masters programme, the approval of the Adviser extends to Honours/Masters status and not to individual courses.

**12. Award of a Certificate in Higher Education**

- 12.1 A candidate who has completed courses totalling at least 120 credits with a grade point average of at least 8.5 shall be eligible to receive a Certificate of Higher Education, unless the candidate proceeds immediately to a diploma or degree programme. This does not preclude the use in subsequent completion of a degree programme of credit counted towards the award of a Certificate of Higher Education.
- 12.2 The Certificate of Higher Education shall be awarded with Merit where the grade point average is at least 12, and with Distinction where the grade point average is at least 14.
- 12.3 Where the candidate has accumulated more than 120 credits, the credit counted in the calculation of the grade point average shall be reduced to 120 credits by discarding all or part of the credit for certain of the courses in such a way as to maximise the grade point average while meeting all other requirements of the regulations.

**13. Award of a Diploma of Higher Education**

- 13.1 A candidate who has completed courses totalling at least 240 credits, of which at least 80 credits are for courses at level 2 or above, with a grade point average of at least 8.5, shall be eligible to receive a Diploma of Higher Education, unless the candidate proceeds immediately to a degree programme. This does not preclude the use in subsequent completion of a degree programme of credit counted towards the award of a Diploma of Higher Education.
- 13.2 The Diploma of Higher Education shall be awarded with Merit where the grade point average is at least 12, and with Distinction where the grade point average is at least 14.
- 13.3 Where the candidate has accumulated more than 240 credits, the credit counted in the calculation of the grade point average shall be reduced to 240 credits by discarding all or part of the credit for certain of the courses in such a way as to maximise the grade point average while meeting all other requirements of the regulations.

**14. Award of an Ordinary/Designated Degree**

- 14.1 Subject to further requirements contained in the degree's supplementary regulations, the candidate, to be eligible for the award of an ordinary/designated degree, must have obtained at least 360 credits and achieved an overall grade point average of 10. Within these 360 credits:
- at least 120 must be at level 2 or higher, **and**
  - at least 280 must be at grade D or better including at least 60 at level 3 or higher.
- 14.2 Subject to further requirements contained in the degree's supplementary regulations, the ordinary/designated degree shall be awarded with Merit where the grade point average is at least 12, and with Distinction where the grade point average is at least 14.
- 14.3 Where the candidate has accumulated more than 360 credits, the credit counted in the calculation of the grade point average shall be reduced to 360 credits by discarding all or part of the credit for certain of the courses in such a way as to maximise the grade point average while meeting all other requirements of the regulations.
- 14.4 The ordinary/designated degree may be awarded to candidates on Honours programmes who fail to meet the requirements of the Honours degree, including any progress requirements, provided that the requirements of (a) above are met. The supplementary regulations for a degree programme shall specify any provision for candidates who have been assessed at level H to be reassessed at level 3.

**15. Entry to an Honours or Integrated Masters Degree Programme**

- 15.1 In order to obtain entry to an Honours or integrated Masters degree programme, a candidate must normally:
- meet the requirements set out in the degree's supplementary regulations; and
  - meet any additional requirements set by the Department or Departments in which the candidate is applying for entry to the Honours or integrated Masters programme.
- 15.2 The Faculty and Department will provide all candidates with written information on the specific level of performance required to obtain entry to each Honours and integrated Masters degree programme in the Department. This information will be made available to candidates at the start of the session preceding that in which Honours study normally commences.
- 15.3 Admission to an Honours or integrated Masters degree programme does not guarantee admission to a particular course. A candidate must apply for admission to a particular course in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department. Admission to a particular course cannot be guaranteed even for a candidate who satisfies the minimum admission requirements. Where there are more applicants for a particular course than there are places available, selection of candidates will be based on criteria published in course documentation and/or department web pages.
- 15.4 Additional regulations relating to Honours or integrated Masters degree programmes shall be included in the degree's supplementary regulations.

**16. Award of an Honours Degree**

- 16.1 To be eligible for the award of an Honours degree, the candidate must have obtained at least 480 credits, including at least 120 at level H, completed a piece of independent work worth at least 20 credits, and complied with the other requirements set out in the degree's supplementary regulations.
- 16.2 A scheme of assessment may permit a candidate for Honours in a single subject to be assessed in not more than 25% of the total assessment for Honours from the scheme of assessment in one other subject.

**17. Award of an Integrated Masters Degree**

To be eligible for the award of an integrated Masters degree, the candidate must have obtained at least 600 credits, including at least 120 credits at level M, completed a piece of independent work worth at least 20 credits, and complied with the other requirements set out in the degree's supplementary regulations.

**18. Award of an MBChB, BVMS or BDS Degree**

Eligibility for the award of an MBChB, BVMS or BDS degree is defined in the degree's supplementary regulations.

**19. Award of Certificates for Graduates Studying at Undergraduate Level**

A graduate of the University of Glasgow, or of another institution of tertiary education recognised for this purpose by the Senate, may be permitted by a Department in consultation with the Clerk of the Faculty to enrol in a course, complete the assessment elements of the course, and receive certification of the outcome of the assessment.

**20. Degree Programmes not Subject to these Regulations*****Faculty of Medicine***

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Science

***Faculty of Medicine: Dental***

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Dental Science

***Faculty of Veterinary Medicine***

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science

***Free Church of Scotland College***

Degree of Bachelor of Theology

***Glasgow School of Art***

Degree of Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Design (Part-Time) in a Designated Subject

Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art

Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Product Design

Degrees in Product Design

Degrees in Product Design Engineering

Diploma in Architecture and Master of Architecture (By Conversion) Degree

***Scottish Agricultural College***

Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Scottish Agricultural College)

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Scottish Agricultural College)

**III DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE & SURGERY****RESOLUTION**

The Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery is governed by Resolutions of the University Court. The provisions of Resolution No. 582 supporting the Generic Undergraduate Regulations are set out above; the provisions of Resolution No. 606, which at the time of going to print is in draft form, are as follows:

1. The Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (BVMS) may be awarded by the University of Glasgow in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (the Faculty) as Degree in such designations as may be prescribed by Regulations.
2. The award of the Degree shall be governed by the Generic Undergraduate Regulations which are governed by Resolution No. 582 of the University Court.
3. The Senate may make supplementary regulations governing the award of the Degree which are subject to the approval of the University Court - these shall be as stated under 'Regulations' below.

4. The early exit award of Bachelor of Animal Health (BAH) is also included in the Regulations.

## REGULATIONS

### 1. Recognition of Prior Learning

- 1.1 Assessed prior experiential learning cannot be counted for credit on this degree.
- 1.2 Non-university exams cannot permit entry with advanced standing.

### 2. Maximum Period of Study

The degree programme should normally be completed within five academic sessions of the date of registration but under exceptional circumstances six academic sessions. Even where evidence of good cause is presented and accepted, the maximum period of study shall be no more than eight academic sessions from date of registration.

### 3. Progress

- 3.1. The progress requirements for this programme are:

A candidate cannot proceed to the second, third, fourth and final years of the curriculum until he or she has completed all the courses and achieved grade D or better in the Degree Examinations in the preceding session. In addition, to proceed into fourth year of the programme a candidate must have completed and documented prescribed 'preclinical' extramural (EMS) requirements (12 weeks).

#### 3.2 Exclusion of Candidates

A candidate may be excluded from further instruction and assessment if:

- (a) the candidate does not achieve grade D or better in any of the professional assessments on TWO occasions;  
AND/OR
- (b) the candidate's progress is not considered satisfactory (as determined by the Faculty Progress Committee), e.g. a candidate's duration of study, relative to the stated maximum periods of study and/or whether a candidate has met additional, stated, Faculty requirements.

If after consideration, a candidate is readmitted to the programme he/she will be permitted one further attempt at the assessment at the next available diet. Failure to pass the assessment at this diet will result in exclusion.

### 4. Courses Available to Candidates

All courses are compulsory and are designated in the programme specification

In addition the candidate must complete 32 weeks extramural studies (EMS).

### 5. Programme Requirements for the Award of the Degree

#### 5.1 Award of a Certificate of Higher Education (Animal Health)

A candidate who has completed all first year courses at grade D or better shall be eligible to receive a Certificate of Higher Education (Animal Health). A candidate who proceeds to a diploma or degree in any Faculty will not be eligible for the Certificate.

#### 5.2 Award of a Diploma of Higher Education (Animal Health)

A candidate who has completed all first year and second year courses at grade D or better shall be eligible to receive a Diploma of Higher Education (Animal Health). A candidate who proceeds to a diploma or degree in any Faculty will not be eligible for the Diploma.

#### 5.3 Award of a Degree of Bachelor of Animal Health

- (a) A candidate who has completed the first three years of the curriculum for the Degree of BVMS and has achieved grade D or better in the Degree examinations prescribed for these courses may be recommended for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Animal Health.
- (b) Such a candidate, if graduating with the Degree of Bachelor of Animal Health, may not be a candidate either for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science or for the Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery, of the University of Glasgow on a future occasion.

#### 5.4 Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery

A candidate who has completed all five years of the BVMS programme and has achieved grade D or better in all of the prescribed courses and has additionally completed thirty two weeks extramural studies (EMS) will be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.

#### 5.5 Honours and Commendation

A BVMS with Honours or Commendation may be awarded to a candidate based on their performance throughout the 5 years of the BVMS programme. Honours will be awarded to a candidate who achieves an aggregate result of grade A, based upon the results obtained at the first diet of assessment in each course. Commendation will be awarded to a candidate who achieves an aggregate result of grade B, based upon the results obtained at the first diet of assessment in each course.

## 6. Other Information on Awards

### 6.1 Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise

A candidate for the degree of BVMS is required to assent to the Faculty Code of Professional Conduct. Any candidate who refuses to do so will be denied access to extramural studies. A candidate in breach of the Code will be subject to Fitness to Practise procedures which may include referral to the Faculty Fitness to Practise committee. (see Fees and general information section XXXIV of the *University Calendar*.)

### 6.2 Assessment

In addition to Generic Undergraduate Regulation §9:

#### (a) Prescribed Components of an Assessment

To achieve a grade D in a course which utilises components of assessment or more than one instrument of assessment a candidate may, where it is specified, be required to obtain, for all components/instruments of assessment, a grade D or better.

#### (b) Distinction

A candidate may be awarded a pass with Distinction, for courses within the BVMS programme, in which the candidate has achieved a grade A and demonstrated outstanding knowledge/ability in that course, on the first occasion of presenting himself or herself for that examination.

### 6.3 Combined Programmes

#### (a) Degree of BSc (VetSci)

At the end of the third year of the BVMS programme, a candidate may be permitted to undertake as an intercalated programme, the Degree of BSc (VetSci) Honours. Such a candidate will normally resume the BVMS programme in the session immediately following that in which he or she completed or terminated the programme leading to the Degree of BSc (VetSci).

#### (b) Degree of BSc

At the end of the second or third year of the BVMS programme, a candidate may be admitted at the discretion of the Faculty of Science to study for the two year intercalated Degree of BSc Honours. Such a candidate will be re-admitted to the BVMS programme provided he or she resumes study in the session immediately following that in which he or she completed or terminated study in the Faculty of Science.

(c) These Degrees shall not be recognised as a registerable qualification carrying the right to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

## IV DEGREES OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONOURS IN VETERINARY BIOSCIENCES AND MASTER IN SCIENCE IN VETERINARY BIOSCIENCES

### RESOLUTION

The Degrees of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Veterinary Biosciences and Master in Science in Veterinary Biosciences are governed by Resolutions of the University Court. The provisions of Resolution No. 582 supporting the Generic Undergraduate Regulations are set out above; the provisions of Resolution No. 607, which at the time of going to print is in draft form, are as follows:

1. The Degrees of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Veterinary Biosciences (BSc (Hons)) and Master in Science in Veterinary Biosciences (MSci) may be awarded by the University of Glasgow in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (the Faculty) as Degrees in one or more principal subjects as may be prescribed by Regulations.
2. The award of the Degrees shall be governed by the Generic Undergraduate Regulations which are governed by Resolution No. 582 of the University Court.
3. The Senate may make supplementary regulations governing the award of the Degrees which are subject to the approval of the University Court - these shall be as stated under 'Regulations' below.
4. The Degrees may not be awarded *honoris causa*, and shall not be recognised as a qualification carrying the right to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

### REGULATIONS

#### 1. Recognition of Prior Learning

Generic Undergraduate Regulation §4 applies. Prior experiential learning and non-university exams cannot permit entry with advanced standing.

#### 2. Maximum Period of Study

The degree programme should normally be completed within four academic sessions of the start of the programme for a degree with Honours and five academic sessions for an MSci.

### 3. Progress

Generic Undergraduate Regulations §10 and §11 apply with the following additional requirements:

The minimum requirements for progress to a succeeding year of study are as follows:

- After one session: the candidate must have obtained at least 120 credits at grade D or better.
- After two sessions: the candidate must have obtained at least 240 credits at grade D or better.
- After three sessions: the candidate must have obtained at least 360 credits at grade D or better.
- After four sessions: the candidate must have obtained at least 480 credits at grade D or better.  
(MSci candidates)

A candidate for the MSci will undertake a Work Placement between levels 3 and 4.

If a candidate does not meet the criteria required for progression he or she may leave the programme with an appropriate exit award (see §5 below).

### 4. Courses Available to Candidates

- 4.1 All courses in years 1, 3 and 4 are compulsory and are designated in the programme specification. In addition to the four compulsory core courses in year 2, a candidate must take courses equivalent to a further 60 credits from level 2 FBLS courses.

#### 4.2 BSc Honours and MSci Work Placements

The Faculties and Senate may approve a work placement scheme associated with the MSci course. A work placement shall normally be worth 10 credits for each four weeks worked, excluding any holidays, but shall not in any case exceed 120 credits.

A work placement shall be undertaken in an industrial, research, or similar establishment. The Faculty concerned shall approve a proposed work placement only if it is satisfied that the work to be undertaken will make a substantial contribution to the objectives of the candidate's Degree programme. The work shall be supervised by a responsible person approved by the Faculty, and shall be monitored by a member of academic staff of the University of Glasgow nominated by the Faculty.

### 5. Programme Requirements for the Award of the Degree

#### 5.1 Award of a Certificate in Higher Education (Animal Biosciences).

As defined in Generic Undergraduate Regulation §12.

#### 5.2 Award of a Diploma of Higher Education (Animal Biosciences).

As defined in Generic Undergraduate Regulation §13.

#### 5.3 Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Biosciences.

In place of Generic Undergraduate Regulation §14.1, the following applies; to be eligible for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Biosciences, a candidate must have completed all first, second and third years of the programme and have obtained at least 360 credits at grade D or better .

#### 5.4 Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Biosciences (Hons)

To be eligible for the award of Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Veterinary Biosciences, a candidate must have completed all first, second, third and Honours years of the programme and have obtained at least 480 credits at grade D or better.

#### 5.5 Degree of Master of Science in Veterinary Biosciences (MSci)

To be eligible for the award of MSci Veterinary Biosciences, a candidate must have obtained a total of 600 credits as follows:

- (a) the candidate must have completed all taught elements of the BSc (Hons) Veterinary Biosciences along with the Honours project, obtaining 480 credits at grade D or better; and
- (b) the candidate must have undertaken a work placement between levels 3 and 4 worth 120 credits.

## V DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN VETERINARY SCIENCE

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science (BSc (VetSci)) is governed by Resolution of the University Court with provision that:

1. The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science (BSc (VetSci)) may be conferred by the University of Glasgow in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (the Faculty) as a Degree in such designations as may be prescribed by Regulations.
2. The Senate may make Regulations governing the award of the Degree which are subject to the approval of the University Court. These shall be stated under 'Regulations' below.



3. The Degree may be offered as an Ordinary Degree or as a Degree with Honours in one or more principal subjects. The Degree may not be awarded *honoris causa tantum*. The Degree shall not be recognised as a registerable qualification carrying the right to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

## REGULATIONS

### 1. Duration of Degree Study

#### 1.1 Study in the University of Glasgow

Every candidate for the Degree, unless granted a concession or exemption under Regulations made under this Resolution, must attend during not less than four academic sessions courses of instruction in the University of Glasgow in the subjects of study prescribed by Regulations made under this Resolution and must pass the examinations similarly prescribed.

#### 1.2 Recognition of Study in other Faculties, Universities and Institutions of Tertiary Education

Every student admitted as a candidate for the Degree must also be a candidate for the Degree of BVMS or have obtained the Degree of BVMS not more than five years before the date of admission as a candidate for the Honours Degree.

Admission to the Honours study depends on satisfactory completion of studies in the year or years preceding admission and satisfaction of the specified entry requirements prescribed for a particular Honours course. Candidates must apply to the department(s) responsible for the courses to which they seek admission with a statement of their results achieved to date. Admission is at the discretion of the head(s) of department concerned but a candidate refused entry may submit for the consideration of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine any special circumstances bearing on his or her case.

### 2. General Structure and Assessment of Degree

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science follows a prescribed curriculum.

Every candidate for the Degree, unless granted a concession or exemption under Regulation 9, set out below, must attend in the University of Glasgow during not less than three academic years courses of instruction in the classes of the first three years of the curriculum for the Degree of BVMS, and pass the Degree examinations prescribed for these courses, and attained the specified entry requirements at the first attempt.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements set out above, every candidate must pursue advanced studies for at least one year in the University of Glasgow in one of the following principal subjects of study:

- a) Biochemistry
- b) Cell Biology
- c) Microbiology
- d) Molecular Biology
- e) Genetics
- f) Pharmacology
- g) Anatomical Sciences
- h) Physiology

or in such principal subjects of study in the University of Glasgow as may be approved by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The year of study in one of the principal subjects for Honours may be intercalated after the third year of study or added on at the end of the course leading to the Degree of BVMS, subject to the approval of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

#### 2.1 Minimum requirements for the award of credits

Credits for courses contributing to a candidate's curriculum shall be awarded subject to the fulfilment of required conditions. The minimum requirements for the award of credits are set out in the Code of Assessment at §16.36 - §16.40 of the section Fees and General Information for Students in the University Calendar.

#### 2.2 Assessment

Regulations for assessment are governed by the Code of Assessment which is contained in the Fees and General Information section of the *University Calendar*.

#### 2.3 Approval of Curriculum

The curriculum of every candidate and any changes in that curriculum must be approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine or his nominee.

#### 2.4 Conditions of Study

- a) During the minimum period of study required for graduation by a candidate that candidate may not undertake any professional training or other occupation without the approval of the Faculty.
- b) Candidates may not attend courses outwith their curriculum in another Faculty without the permission of the Faculty.

### **2.5 Reassessment**

Subject to compliance with the progress requirements a candidate who fails to satisfy the examiners in any of the Degree Examinations will be required to resit and pass at the next diet. The number of grade points awarded as a result of the resit assessment will be no higher than 10 (defined in Schedule C of the Code of Assessment as being equivalent to a Grade D) and no lower than the number corresponding to the Grade achieved in the original assessment. Re-assessment is not permitted for Honours.

## **3. Progress of Students**

### **3.1 General progress requirements for all levels of the award**

The Faculty with the approval of Senate (i) may require any candidate to repeat in any academic year attendance in any courses provided previously attended in which the candidate has not yet satisfied the examiners or other course in lieu and to take in that session only such other courses as the Faculty may permit; (ii) may suspend any candidate for a period of further attendance on courses for the Degree; (iii) may require any candidate to discontinue study for the Degree.

### **3.2 Administration of Progression**

Any candidate who fails to meet the minimum requirements for progression will be referred to the Faculty Progress Committee

### **3.3 Appeals against Decisions relating to the Progress of Students**

A student who believes that he or she has grounds for appeal should refer to the Code of Procedure for Appeals to a Faculty Appeals Committee in the *Calendar*. Students are advised to consult the Faculty Secretary before lodging an appeal.

## **4. Specific Structure of the Degree and the Associated Awards**

### **4.1 Honours Examination**

The written papers and other components of the Honours examination, all of which must be taken at a single diet of examination, shall be as prescribed in the syllabus of Honours examinations. The examiners at their discretion may further examine candidates orally. A dissertation on an approved topic may be substituted for any one of the relevant papers with the permission of the Head of Department concerned. Any such dissertation must be submitted on or before the first day after the University's spring vacation in the year in which the Honours examination is taken.

No candidate who has taken the Honours examination at any diet in a Principal subject may subsequently retake the examination in the same subject without the permission of the Senate.

Honours are awarded in three classes but the second class may be divided into upper and lower divisions. The names of successful candidates within each class or division shall be arranged in alphabetical order. A candidate who has not been placed in any class may be recommended by the examiners for the award of an Ordinary Degree.

The standard of Honours examinations and the criteria for distinguishing the classes and divisions of classes shall be recommended by the Faculty to Senate for approval.

In assessing a candidate's performance for the purpose for the award of Honours the examiners shall have regard to the merit of his or her performance in the Honours examinations and may also have regard to the merit of his or her previous performance in the BVMS Course.

Where a candidate who has duly completed the work in his or her Honours subject is prevented by illness medically certified or by other good cause from taking or completing the Honours examination:

- i) if the candidate has completed at least two-thirds of the prescribed Honours examination the examiners, having received reports on his or her class work, having imposed if they think fit a test or tests, written or oral, in lieu of the uncompleted part of the written examination and having considered all the evidence available to them, may recommend the award of the appropriate class of Honours Degree or an Ordinary Degree; *or*
- ii) if a candidate has completed a lesser or no part of the Honours examination the examiners shall receive reports on his or her class work and consider all the evidence available to them and if in their opinion the candidate would have reached at least the standard expected of candidates who are awarded Honours of the second class may recommend the award of an unclassified Honours Degree. If in their opinion the candidate would not have reached that standard they may recommend the award of an Ordinary Degree.

The consent of a candidate to the award shall be required for the award of such an unclassified Honours or Ordinary Degree on the first occasion only on which it is recommended. If such an award is refused on this occasion the candidate will be deemed not to have taken the examination.