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## 1. Degrees

1.1 The Royal Veterinary College (RVC) offers courses leading to the awards of the University of London, in veterinary and other science related subjects, and the awards of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the RVC itself.

#### 2. Admission

- 2.1 In order to be admitted to the RVC applications must follow the processes and procedures of the institution's admissions systems which can be found here:

  Admissions policy July 2022.pdf (rvc.ac.uk)
- 2.2 Admission to the RVC is subject to the requirement that the student will comply with the Regulations and Procedures of the RVC.
- 2.2 The RVC authorities reserve the right to refuse admission to the RVC to any applicant, and to require any student to withdraw.
- 2.3 All programmes are delivered in English. An applicant for admission to any programme may be required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language.
- 2.4 Where a student seeks to commence study before the age of 18, admission will only be permitted where parents or guardians agree to provide supervision that has been agreed by them and the RVC to be appropriate for a minor studying at the RVC.

## 2.5 Identification:

- 2.5.1 On registration, a student must provide the Registry with the original of an official document, normally a birth certificate or passport, confirming their full name and date of birth. The name under which a student is enrolled shall be the name under which any letter, certificate or award will be issued in respect of that student. Any request to record a change of name shall be made to the Registry and must be supported by official documentary evidence.
- 2.5.2 The RVC reserves the right to require original, official evidence of academic entry qualifications at any time. Any student who secures admission to the RVC on the basis of qualifications, documents or statements which are subsequently found to be false may have their registration terminated.
- 2.6 The RVC reserves the right to make offers subject to satisfactory occupational health reports.

3.	Registration

3.1 All RVC or University of London awards must be designed and delivered such that

MSci	36 Months	72 Months	Not available	Not available	
MSci (with Placement Year)	48 Months	84 Months	N/A	N/A	
Postgraduate Certificate	3 months	12 months	12 months	24 months	
Postgraduate Diploma	6 months	24 months	12 months	36 months	
MSc	12 months	36 months	24 months	48 months	
MRes	12 months	24 months	24 months	36 months	
MVetMed	36 Months	48 Months	Not available	Not available Not1 ( 6	3.6 0.04 5V
MPhil	24 months	•	'		ı

# 5. Attendance and Progress

- 5.1 Students are required to enrol at the beginning of each year of study and be available for the full period of term as published in the Academic Year Plans.
- 5.2 Students are expected to engage fully with their programme throughout the year of study in a variety of ways as appropriate to their course. This includes (but is not limited to) attending scheduled teaching, placements, rotations and examinations, access

FdSc and BSc Veterinary Nursing students must be mindful of RCVS requirements to complete the registerable part of the programme within 6 years of student enrolment with the RCVS (including periods of interruption). Veterinary Nursing students must also be mindful that they cannot undertake programme placements required for RCVS registration whilst their RVC studies are interrupted as per RCVS student veterinary nursing registration requirements.

For Intern students, the high clinical component and duration of the course for interns (PGDipVCP) means that any absence or interruption for a period greater than 4 weeks is likely to have a significant impact on their ability to complete the clinical requirements of the course. Absences of more than 4 weeks will, in most cases, require students to withdraw from the course.

Students studying for the award of the BVetMed are permitted to undertake preclinical and clinical Extra Mural Studies (EMS) whilst interrupted as they remain BVetMed students (albeit inactive due to interruption). All interrupted students wishing to undertake EMS during their interruption period must have express permission to do so via SPD and the Placements Office.

## 6. Intercalation Study on the BVetMed

- 6.1 A student on the BVetMed will be permitted to intercalate for a maximum of five years as follows:
  - i. for one year for a BSc.
  - ii. for one year for a MSc or MRes
  - iii. for four years for a PhD or MPhil; or for any combination of these awards.

However, we also recognise that intercalating student may be Subject to situations warranting consideration of regulation 5.6.

- Intercalation will normally take place after the Second Year of the BVetMed.

  Intercalation after the Third Year will require approval by the Student Performance and Development (SPD) Panel/ meeting. Following intercalation, a student shall be re-admitted to the Third Year (or where appropriate the Fourth Year).
- 6.3 Whilst intercalating, students are not normally considered as BVetMed students as they are actively studying an alternative programme until re-enrolment on the BVetMed at the start of the relevant academic year. Intercalating students are therefore unable to undertake clinical EMS.
- Time spent in intercalation will not be counted against the maximum periods of interruption of study permitted in 3.13.

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requirements for Research Degrees. These can be found at <u>Academic Quality</u>,

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vivas can be found in the relevant handbooks.

## 8.6 Examination Offences

- 8.6.1 Any case of alleged cheating or irregularities of a similar character, including plagiarism, will be governed by the Academic Misconduct Procedure.
- 8.6.2 Candidates shall not, unless expressly so authorised, pass any information from one to another during an examination, nor shall any candidate act in collusion with another candidate or other person or copy from another candidate or engage in any similar activity.
- 8.6.3 Any assessable work submitted by a candidate must be their own and any quotation from the published or unpublished works of other persons, or any summary or paraphrasing of them, must be duly acknowledged.

## 8.7 Special Examination Arrangements and Extenuating Circumstances

- 8.7.1 Special arrangements may be made for a candidate who is ill or otherwise disabled to take their examination, subject to the arrangements being jointly agreed by the Chair of the Board of Examiners and the Disability Officer. The Examinations Officer is permitted to approve routine and frequently occurring alternative arrangements.
- 8.7.2 The Boards of Examiners may not take into account the personal extenuating circumstances of students in determining a result.
- 8.7.3 All candidates are expected to present themselves at the examination. Failure to sit any part of an examination will be regarded as a failure in that part of the examination.
- 8.7.4 A candidate unable to sit as a result of illness or other unavoidable cause, should present independent evidence to the Exams Office <a href="mailto:exams@rvc.ac.uk">exams@rvc.ac.uk</a> and seek a deferral of a sitting.

## 8.8 Submission Deadlines for Essays, Reports and Dissertations

- 8.8.1 Essays, Reports and Dissertations must be submitted by the date, time and means specified.
- 8.8.2 Penalties for late submission will be applied according to the following requirements:

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8.8.3 Students unable to meet the deadline for medical reasons or unforeseeable,

- I. There was an administrative error in the award: or
- II. subsequent to the award, a Board of Examiners, having taken into account information which was unavailable at the time its decision was made, determines that a candidate's result no longer permits the making of the award.

## 9 Professional conduct and compliance with regulations

- 9.1 The RVC may at any time discipline, suspend or exclude any student who is deemed to be acting in a manner which jeopardises animal welfare or the health and safety of staff, students or clients or who does not meet the expectations outlined in the <a href="RVC Charter">RVC Charter</a> using the <a href="RVC's Student Misconduct Procedures">RVC Charter</a> using the <a href="RVC's Student Misconduct Procedures">RVC's Student Misconduct Procedures</a> or <a href="Professional Requirements Procedures">Professional Requirements Procedures</a>.
- 9.2 Students may not bring animals on to the campus unless they are either a volunteer animal for designated purposes of teaching or research or as a hospital patient or assistance animal. Students must observe any RVC policies or procedures concerning the welfare of animals at all times.
- 9.3 Students shall carry their RVC identity card with them at all times when on RVC premises (including hospitals and SUS rooms) or on placements or visits. The RVC reserves the right to exclude from any RVC activity or building any student who is unable, on demand, to produce their current identity card to a member of staff of the RVC or authorised security personnel.

# 10 Rules and Regulations: Publication and Compliance

- 10.1 RVC rules and/or Regulations are published electronically and must be complied with.

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- 10.2 Students shall be subject to the RVC Regulations for as long as they are students of the RVC. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action using the RVC's Student Misconduct Procedures or Professional Requirements Procedures.
- 10.3 A student or group of students may be exempted from any RVC Regulation, either temporarily or permanently, at the discretion of the Academic Board in the form of a Suspension of Regulation. An anonymized record of any such exemptions will be presented to the Academic Board at the next meeting.