Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	**Course**	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine
2.	**Year**	1
3.	**Applicable to Academic Year** 2023/24	
4.	**Aspects of Course Covered by Examination** All subjects taught in Year 1.	
5.	**Form of Examination** 5.1 **Written Papers** Paper 1: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ); up to 1½ hours Paper 2: Problem Solving / Integrated Reasoning Questions (integrated PSQ format); up to 3 hours Paper 3: Problem Solving / Integrated Reasoning Questions (research paper and mini-DL/extended PSQ format); up to 3 hours 5.2 **Structured Orals** Integrated Structure and Function (ISF) oral exam related to subjects taught in Year 1. 5.3 **In-Course Assessments** Two summative in-course assessments (MCQ & PSQ) related to subjects taught in Year 1. Formative extended essay. 5.4 **Reflective Asset** 5.5 **Practical tests:** Animal Handling - Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) in the following animal groups: Small artiodactyls (e.g. sheep), large artiodactyls (e.g. cattle), horse, dog, poultry.	

6. Marking Criteria

6.1 Essay Questions
The Common Grading Scheme (LAQ & CPRQ) will be used as appropriate for extended pieces of writing.

6.2 Multiple Choice Questions
The number of marks available for each type of question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the candidate will score 0 (zero). The pass mark for MCQ examinations as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised and then scaled.

6.3 Problem Solving Questions
The number of marks allocated to each section of the question will be clearly stated, totaling 10 marks for the whole question. The model answer will state how marks are to be allocated

6.4	**Integrated Structure and Function (ISF) Orals** Each structured oral examination topic will be marked out of a maximum of ten marks with students accumulating marks by answering question of increasing complexity. Highest marks will be obtained by students demonstrating integration of their knowledge.		

6.5	**Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS)**
	
	     Health & Safety
	     Animal Welfare
	     Technical Ability
	     Professionalism
	
	Health & Safety and Animal Welfare are graded as a pass or fail. The grades for Technical Ability and Professionalism are: Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, Borderline, Below Expectations.
	
	     Safe tudents are required to achieve a grade of Health & Safety and Animal Welfare, as well as no grade of Below Expectation or no more than 1 Borderline grade for Technical Ability and Professionalism.		

7.	**Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements**		
		First Sit	**Resit**
7.1	i. Written Paper 1	35	37.5
	ii. Written Paper 2	30	32.5
	iii. Written Paper 3	10	12.5
	iv. ISF Oral	15	17.5
	v. In-Course Assessment 1 Term 1	5	0
	vi. In-Course Assessment 2 Term 2	5	0
	vii. Students are required to submit an Extended Essay and a Reflective Asset	N/A	N/A
	viii. Safe	N/A	N/A

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	but who does not proceed with study on the BVetMed course, will be eligible to apply for transfer to BSc Bioveterinary Sciences Year 2.
10.	**Classification**
10.1	A student who , and at the first attempt, obtains an overall mark of 70% or more, with a mark of at least 65% gained in each of the two elements (Essential Knowledge AND Problem Solving and Interpretation) will be awarded a pass with Distinction.
10.2	A student who , and at the first attempt, obtains an average mark of 65% or more, but who does not meet the criteria for the award of a pass with Distinction, will be awarded a pass with Merit, provided each of the two elements (Essential Knowledge AND Problem Solving and Interpretation) is passed.
10.3	A student who achieves an overall mark of 40% or more in Year 1 but does not proceed with study will be eligible for the award of Certificate of Higher Education. The award of Certificate of Higher Education will be classified by the overall mark as follows: 40-59% Pass 60-69% Merit 70% or more Distinction
11.	**Disclosure of Marks** Results will be published by candidate number.
12.	**Absence From In-Course Assessment**
12.1	Where a student has an *allowable* absence, they will be marked absent (A) from a
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