

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor of Veterinary Science
2.	Year 3
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2023/24
4.	<p>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination All subjects taught in the 3 terms of Year 3 Principles of Veterinary Practice (PVP) Strand material taught in Years 1 and 2.</p>
5.	<p>Form of Examination</p> <p>5.1. Written Papers One Basic Factual MCQ paper in Term 1 One Basic Factual MCQ paper and one Clinical Reasoning MCQ paper in Term 2 One Basic Factual MCQ paper and one Clinical Reasoning MCQ paper in Term 3</p> <p>5.2. Principles of Veterinary Practice Assignment Reflective in-course assignment</p> <p>5.3. Student Record of Achievement In-course record of learning activities</p> <p>5.4. Practical Tests – Only for students who have not previously taken DOPS 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.</p>
6.	<p>Marking Criteria</p> <p>6.1. 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 student will score zero. The pass mark for the MCQ examinations as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised and then scaled.</p> <p>6.2. Principles of Veterinary Practice (PVP) Assignment Will be marked according to the Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing).</p> <p>6.3. Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) Students' performance in each animal group will be graded to assess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety • Animal Welfare • Technical Ability • Professionalism <p>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.</p> <p>To be graded as “Safe” for the station overall, students are required to achieve a grade of “Pass” for both 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.</p> </p>

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7.	<p>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements</p> <p>For the purposes of determining the classification, and so honours points for the year, the allocation of marks will be:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">First Sit</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Resit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Written Papers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Term 1</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">16%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Term 2</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">32%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Term 3</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">32%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PVP Reflective Assignment</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student Record of Achievement</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Must complete</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> A result of "Safe" for each DOPS station* *Only for those students who have not previously taken DOPS </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				First Sit	Resit	Written Papers	80%	80%	<i>Term 1</i>	16%		<i>Term 2</i>	32%		<i>Term 3</i>	32%		PVP Reflective Assignment	20%	20%	Student Record of Achievement	Must complete	Not applicable	A result of "Safe" for each DOPS station* *Only for those students who have not previously taken DOPS		
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8.1.	<p>First Sit Following scaling of the marks, an aggregated average mark of 50% or more from the Written Papers and PVP Reflective Assignment combined. Students must achieve at least 40% in Basic Factual MCQ and at least 40% in Clinical Problem Solving MCQ when marks are combined for the 3 terms.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Satisfactory completion of at least 80% of the Student Record of Achievement</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A result of "Safe" for each DOPS station* *Only for those students who have not previously taken DOPS.</p>																										
8.2.	<p>Resit Following scaling of the marks, an aggregated average mark of 50% or more from the Written Paper (consisting of one Basic Factual MCQ paper and/or one Clinical Problem Solving MCQ paper, spanning the taught material in terms 1-3). Resubmission of the PVP Reflective Assignment if required.</p>																										
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9.1.	<p>A student who fails at their first attempt is required to resit or withdraw from the course.</p>																										
9.2.	<p>Students who do not pass Year 3 overall at the first attempt will be required to re-sit the component(s) failed. (i.e. Written Paper, PVP Reflective Assignment or DOPS station (Students will only have to re-sit the specific DOPS station(s) that they failed)).</p>																										
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9.4.	Students who fail to achieve 50% overall, but obtained over 50% in one of Basic Factual MCQ or Clinical Problem Solving MCQ papers only have to retake the area in which they obtained less than 50%.
9.5.	Students who fail to achieve 40% in either Basic Factual MCQ or Clinical Problem Solving MCQ papers (irrespective of whether they obtained more than 50% overall) must retake the area in which they achieved less than 40%.
9.6.	Students who fail to achieve 50% overall, but obtained over 50% in Basic Factual MCQ and Clinical Problem Solving MCQ papers combined only have to resubmit the PVP Reflective Assignment.
9.7.	Students who have not satisfactorily completed at least 80% of the Student Record of Achievement by the end of year deadline will be required to repeat the entire year.
9.8.	The overall mark awarded at the second attempt will be capped at 50%.
9.9.	A student who fails at their second attempt will be required to withdraw from the course. They have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.
10.	Classification
10.1.	A student who, at the first attempt, obtains an overall average mark of 70% or more, and a grade of "Safe" for each DOPS station, and satisfactorily completes the Student Record of Achievement, will be awarded a pass with Distinction.
10.2.	A student who, at the first attempt, obtains an average mark of 65%-69%, and a grade of "Safe" for each DOPS station, and satisfactorily completes the Student Record of Achievement, will be awarded a pass with Merit.
10.3.	A student who gains 40% or more overall in Year 3 and satisfactorily completes the Student Record of Achievement, will be eligible to transfer to the BSc Animal Health and Disease. A pass in the DOPS is not required in order to transfer.
11.	Disclosure of Marks
	Results will be published by candidate number.
12.	Absence From In-Course Assessment
12.1.	Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, they will be marked absent (A) from a summative assessment. Where a student has an A, and there are three or more in-course assessments in the year, the marks awarded will be the average of the other in-course assessment marks gained by the student.
12.2.	90% of the marks for the year must be attributed to results of direct assessment i.e. no more than 10% of marks can be attributed to Absent (A) marks.
12.3.	An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness.
12.4.	Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by the Student Performance and Development System (formerly Academic Progress Committee) and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.

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12.5.	A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.
13.	Late Submission of Work Reports, Projects and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the College's General Assessment Regulations.