

Honours Points system for the new curriculum

The introduction of a new BVetMed curriculum and the joint BVSc degree course with the University of Aberystwyth has necessitated a review of the Honours Points system. The following changes to the allocation of Honours Points has been approved by the RVC Learning, Teaching and Assessment Committee (LTAC) and will be introduced for BVetMed/BVSc students starting in 2021 and Accelerated BVetMed students starting in 2022.

	Distinction	Merit
Gateway Year	0	0
First Year BVetMed	4	2
Second Year BVetMed	8	4
First Year BVSc (AU)	4	2
Second Year BVSc (AU)	8	4
Graduate-accelerated BVetMed	12	6

Maximum of 12 Points available prior to transition to Hawkshead

	Distinction	Merit
Third Year BVetMed/BVSc	12	6
BVetMed/BVSc Finals Part 1*	0	0
BVetMed/BVSc Finals Part 2*	16	8
BVetMed/BVSc Finals Part 3*	4	2

*To be confirmed

The following requirements are currently applied for deciding whether a student has achieved honours. This may require some adjustments, depending upon the nature of the assessment in the final two years of the BVetMed/BVSc degree course.

i) A candidate with 20 or more points shall be eligible for Honours, provided that the criteria in ii) to iv) are also fulfilled.

ii) At least 10 Points have been accrued up to BVetMed Finals.

iii) At least 10 points must be obtained from the BVetMed Finals examinations.

iv) The candidate has not been required to defer BVetMed Finals Part 1 as a result of earlier failure.

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