

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course: Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine												
2.	Year : 4												
3.	Applicable to Academic Year: 2023/24												
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination: All subjects taught in Clinical Preparation												
5.	Form of Examination												
5.1.	Written Papers Paper 1: Factual Multiple Choice Questions and Clinical Reasoning Multiple Choice Questions Paper 2: Integrated Reasoning Case Studies												
5.2.	Practical Tests Formative Clinical OSCE												
6.	Marking Criteria												
6.1.	Essay Questions & Integrated Reasoning Questions The appropriate College Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking depending on the type of assessment. The Common Grading Schemes available are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Grading Scheme (LAQ) • Common Grading Scheme (CPRQ – Undergraduates) • Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing) 												
6.2.	Multiple Choice Questions and Extended Matching 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 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.												
7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements												
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8.	Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage												
8.1.	First Sit Following scaling of the marks, an overall mark of 50%, with no mark below 40% in either Written Paper 1 or Written Paper 2 AND To achieve an average of 40% or more in each species-specific Integrated Clinical and Professional Reasoning question (part A and part B combined) AND To have attended the formative Clinical OSCE												
8.2.	Resit As First Sit												

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9.	<p>Consequences of Failure</p> <p>9.1. Candidates who do not pass the Written Papers at the first attempt will be required to resit both papers.</p> <p>9.2. A candidate who fails at their first attempt is required to take the resit or withdraw from the course. The overall mark obtained at the second attempt will be no greater than 50%.</p> <p>9.3. A candidate 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.</p>
10.	<p>Classification</p> <p>10.1. A candidate who, at the first attempt, obtains an overall average mark of 70% or more from the aggregate weighted marks of Written Papers 1 and 2 AND has achieved a minimum of 40% in each individual question within Written Paper 2, will be awarded a pass with Distinction.</p> <p>10.2. A candidate who, at the first attempt, obtains an average mark of 65% - 69% from the aggregate weighted marks of Written Papers 1 and 2 AND has achieved a minimum of 40% in each individual question within Written Paper 2, will be awarded a pass with Merit.</p> <p>10.3. A candidate who passes Year 4 but does not proceed with study will be eligible to transfer to the BSc Animal Health and Disease.</p>
11.	<p>Disclosure of Marks</p> <p>Results will be published by candidate number.</p>
12.	<p>Absence From In-Course Assessment</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12.3. An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12.5. A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.</p>
13.	<p>Late Submission of Work</p> <p>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.</p>

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14.	Requirements to Progress to the Next Stage of the Course In addition to passing overall (see section 8) a student must have completed the pre-rotation skills log and action plan as well as at least 10 weeks of EMS (in accordance with the EMS guidelines applicable to their year of study) prior to the start of rotations. A student who has not completed 10 weeks will normally be required to delay their progression to the next year.
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