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BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences
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'The RVC has a proud and strong college community (and by that I mean all staff and students alike) that increasingly encourages and embraces diversity of thought and expression, unusual for a scientific institution but fundamental in giving rise to graduates and a scientific community in touch with the outside world. You don't feel like a number or a statistic but are treated and feel like an individual.'



The way we live

Student life

We really do have the best of all possible worlds at the RVC: London on your doorstep; manageable living costs; a friendly, close-knit community; opportunities to mix with non-vets at the University of London Union (ULU); and the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside providing the perfect foil to the fast-paced capital.

LIVING IN LONDON

London is one of the world's greatest capital cities. It provides students with a wealth of cultural and intellectual opportunities, and a cosmopolitan social scene few European cities can match. Remember, many of London's museums and art galleries are free, and every part of the city can be reached easily by bus or Underground. As an RVC student you will qualify for membership of ULU, and your Union card will entitle you to discounts at many of the capital's cinemas and theatres, on travel, and in some shops.

LIVING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

At our Hertfordshire Campus, only 20 minutes from central London by train, students swap the pace of city life for leafy Hertfordshire. The countryside provides many opportunities for rural pursuits such as riding, and yet it's just a few minutes' drive to the ancient city of St Albans. Here, the old market, the cathedral and the Verulamium Roman Town rub shoulders with the Hatfield Galleria shopping centre and cinema, and several large supermarkets.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Both campuses have an all-day refectory and the Hertfordshire Campus also offers an evening and weekend meal service. The café there is a good place to get your coffee fix and the Students' Union Society (SUS) runs the Buttery Bar. At the London Campus you're spoilt for choice in the surrounding area when it comes to pubs, bars, restaurants and supermarkets.

STUDENTS' UNION SOCIETY (SUS)

The SUS organises a varied programme of social events throughout the year, and everyone is actively encouraged to take part. A number of sports clubs and societies are affiliated to, and supported by the SUS; the men and women's rowing crews, rugby teams, hockey teams, football teams and competitive riding teams, to name but a few. Other clubs include Shooting, Swimming, Squash, Cricket, Netball, Skiing, Tennis, Pool and Mountaineering, not to mention the Christian Union, the Theatrical Society, the Clinical Club and the RVC Zoological Society.

Through a network of year representatives and executive officers, the SUS also runs internal and external campaigns aimed at enhancing undergraduate life. Our efforts in that direction are facilitated by the size of the RVC, where it's relatively easy to cater for individual needs and provide a personal service.

For more information on the SUS, visit www.rvcsus.co.uk

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION (ULU)

ULU is a 20 minute walk from the RVC London Campus. It supplements the social, cultural and athletic activities of RVC students, helping to foster a united spirit among the scattered colleges in London by fielding all sorts of sports teams and providing a wide range of student services, including a fantastic gym and several bars.

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ALUMNUS ASSOCIATION

The Alumnus Association is a self-funded, independent association of RVC graduates and staff. It helps to support students through a variety of means such as funding EMS student bursaries, purchase of equipment for the Students' Union Society, the purchase of books, financially supporting the undergraduate research team and other student events. For more information, please go to www.rvc.ac.uk/AboutUs/alumni/

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, ALUMNI RELATIONS

Your relationship with the RVC will, we hope, extend beyond your years of study here into a long and fulfilling career. We are proud of our students, graduates and staff and the role of the Development Office is to keep in touch with you as you move on. We arrange reunions and offer our alumni opportunities to take part in research, attend professional development courses and host students seeking work placements.

Our RVC alumni are eager to help our students to make the most of their time here and achieve their professional ambitions. With their support the Development Office, through the Alumni Annual Fund, finances social and sporting activities, hardship funds and much of the work of the RVC. If you'd like more details, please go to www.rvc.ac.uk/rvc4life

OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

The University of London also has an Officer Training Corps, a University Air Squadron and a Royal Naval Unit. These provide an excellent insight into the work of the modern armed forces, as well as giving opportunities for adventurous training, expeditions and sports such as parachuting, sailing and shooting. Training concentrates on the leadership and management skills essential not only for commissioning into the armed forces but also for post-graduation civilian employment. Students who join as Officer Cadets receive normal armed forces rates of pay whilst training. For more information, please visit www.ulotc.co.uk



Hannah Bagguley
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences

'The RVC encapsulates all the things that make a university great! There is a great deal of support when you need it, whether that is with regards to academic help or personal advice. I love the fact that we are a specialist university. The quality of the teaching is fantastic. I like that as an RVC student, you feel part of a small community; I love the friendly atmosphere. I lived in Mary Brancker House for both my first and now my second year, and am a resident coordinator for the hall this year. I love the independence but also the security that is offered by living in halls.'

Andrew Hagner
BVetMed

'Like all things, living and studying in the UK took some adjusting to and there were times of panic in the first week certainly, but now it is often more of a culture shock for me visiting the US than being here! Some of my EMS placements in the small towns around England have been amazing experiences; I also like the idea of having a qualification that I can use in as many countries as possible. And there is nothing as relaxing as a Sunday Roast – sitting by the fireplace in a nice old pub on a cold Sunday afternoon, reading the paper and having a pint!



A home from home

International students

The RVC has a long history of welcoming international students. Whether you are coming here from Europe, North America or beyond, you will find a close, supportive environment. Friendly staff and students will help you adjust to your new home from the moment you arrive and be there for you until the day you graduate.

When selecting a school of veterinary medicine, hundreds of questions go through your head, even more so if you're planning to study overseas. So if you're weighing up your options, here are some very good reasons to put the Royal Veterinary College at the top of your list.

- a world class education is guaranteed
- if you are North American AVMA accreditation means your degree will be widely recognised
- your career choices will multiply as a result
- you will get a great deal of hands-on clinical experience
- our staff will make the effort to get to know you well
- they will make time for you if you want to talk
- our international student body will extend a warm welcome
- you'll find it easy to meet and mix with all sorts of people
- everything London has to offer will be on your doorstep
- the lovely Hertfordshire countryside will become a home from home

A special induction programme for international students takes place at the start of each academic year, and ongoing support will be provided by your personal and academic tutors and the student support team.

For more insight into being an international student at the RVC, please visit www.rvc.ac.uk/international

Where we live

Student accommodation

We aim to help all our students live cost-effectively in London or Hertfordshire, in halls or private housing. To this end, when you receive an offer, details of hall accommodation, application forms and an information booklet, issued by the University of London Accommodation Office (ULAO), will be sent out.

Together, we hope the following options will enable us to offer almost every first year student a room in managed accommodation, if required.

LONDON CAMPUS

COLLEGE GROVE

This is a modern development of 83 single occupancy rooms in the form of 12 flats with up to seven rooms in each (one with disabled access). Each flat is designed as a self-contained unit and contains a large communal kitchen/dining area. All bedrooms have ensuite facilities with shower, toilet and hand basin. Subject to a setting up charge, internet access is available in each bedroom. Individual rooms are let on a self-catering basis for a minimum of 48 weeks. The rate set for College Grove for 2008-09 is £115.50 per week, including utility bills.

MARY BRANCKER HOUSE

The RVC also has occupation rights on a UNITE Group plc managed halls of residence. Mary Brancker House is a purpose-built, self-catering student hall. It is located in Kentish Town, a short bus ride or 20 minute walk from the College, and consists of 178 ensuite bedrooms in which broadband internet connection is available, managed and charged by UNITE. Small groups of rooms are arranged into flats, each with a common kitchen/dining area.

Individual rooms are let on a 50-week tenure and rates include utility bills and contents' insurance. The rate set for 2008-09 is £127.09 per week plus broadband charges.

INTERCOLLEGIATE HALLS

As a University of London College, students at the RVC have access to intercollegiate accommodation managed via ULAO. Further information can be found at www.lon.ac.uk/halls

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

ULAO is the main source of information for private sector accommodation. It maintains a landlord registration scheme of approximately 4500 landlords, which is updated on a daily basis. ULAO also operates a contact list for students offering or wanting accommodation, and assists with tenancy agreement, deposit and rent queries. It supplies a Tenancy Agreement Pack for most self-contained accommodation, a Licence Pack for accommodation with a resident landlord, and lists of registered accommodation agencies, hostels and inexpensive hotels.

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Emily Good
BVetMed

'I come from a village in Vermont of only 5,000 and my first degree was from a small liberal arts college of only 1,200 students, so moving to the largest city in England was an exciting but daunting prospect. In my first month at the RVC, other students were the greatest help. The on-campus housing is a mix of international and British students, which works well for the internationals. Everything goes so much better when there is someone there to show you basic Britishness, from working kitchen appliances to using public transport. Once you're over the growing pains of adjusting to a new culture and finding how best to balance all the aspects of student life, there's no difference between the experience of an international student and a British one.'

HERTFORDSHIRE CAMPUS

NORTHUMBERLAND HALL

This hall comprises 40 single study bedrooms with shared bathroom and kitchenette facilities. Rooms are fully serviced and let on a full-board basis, including breakfast and evening meal (Mon to Sun) and lunch (Sat and Sun). Subject to a setting up charge, internet access is available in each bedroom. Other facilities include a laundry room and pay phones. As there is a 'no fixed term contract' for Northumberland Hall, short term lets are available. Rates for 2008-09 are £108 per week, including utility bills.

Please note, Northumberland Hall places are only available to Veterinary Nursing students.

ODIHAM HALL

This hall comprises 30 single study bedrooms with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. Rooms are available on a self-catering basis and students have access to a laundry and a communal television room. Subject to a setting up charge, internet access is available in every bedroom. As there is a 'no fixed term contract' for Odiham Hall, short term lets are available. Rates for 2008-09 are £86 per week, including utility bills.

COLLEGE CLOSE

The Close is comprised of 17 self-sufficient, independent houses for up to six students sharing. Each house is fully equipped and furnished, has ample bathroom facilities with a separate laundry and refuse area close by. Individual rooms are let on a self-catering basis for a minimum of 46 weeks. Subject to a setting up charge, internet access is available in every bedroom. Rates (per person) in 2008-09 are £86 per week, including utility bills.

Please note that a deposit is payable in advance on all managed accommodation.

All accommodation tariffs are reviewed on an annual basis and may be subject to increase.

For additional information about RVC accommodation, please visit our website at www.rvc.ac.uk/accommodation

Looking after our students

Health and welfare

Whether you need support with your studies or need advice and guidance on financial or personal issues, there is always someone on hand at the RVC to help.

SUPPORT SERVICES

A range of specialist staff provide advice and support when you are applying to or studying at the RVC.

A dedicated Student Support Manager, a Disability Officer (see opposite); a Finance and Welfare Officer for financial matters; counsellors at both campuses; a Chaplain who offers pastoral care to anyone who wants it, whatever their faith; and housing and careers advisors based at the University of London, are all on hand. Of course, your tutors are always available too.

REGISTERING WITH A DOCTOR

All UK, EU and international students, provided they are on a course for more than six months, are eligible for treatment by the UK National Health Service (NHS) in case of accident or ill health, although we do recommend that you arrange some personal accident insurance for added protection.

As soon as your address in the London area is confirmed, you must register with a doctor. Those in halls of residence at the London Campus can register with a local practice. Those in University Intercollegiate Halls or private accommodation in the Bloomsbury area may register with the University's Central Institutions Health Service. Dental services are also available from the University Dental Clinic. Students living at the Hertfordshire Campus register with the local medical practice.

Further information about the NHS, doctors' practices (often called GP or General Practitioners' surgeries) and a list of local doctors and dentists can be found at www.nhs.uk/England/Doctors

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

We offer a confidential Occupational Health Service to all students who are experiencing illness affecting their ability to pursue aspects of their course, or to those whose illness is caused or exacerbated by their studies. A full-time service operates from the Hertfordshire Campus and is available at the London Campus on pre-arranged days once a month.

INJECTIONS

All students are urged to consult their doctors to make sure they have proper protection at all times (eg up-to-date tetanus jabs) and keep a record of injections. The Occupational Health Service offers primary and booster inoculations and vaccinations for students travelling abroad for research purposes or to attend conferences.

DYSLEXIA, LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS AND DISABILITIES

The RVC is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and long-term health conditions are fully supported at the College. Our Disability Officer is available on Wednesdays to discuss any access issues you have and any support you need, or to advise you on:

- all aspects of studying at the RVC with a disability or health condition
- funding available for students with disabilities and dyslexia
- the support we offer and how any adjustments might be made
- procedures such as getting extra time for exams, a new dyslexia report or extended loans for library books
- accommodation facilities, transport and healthcare in London for disabled students
- specific learning difficulties and the technologies and strategies that might be useful during your studies
- multi-sensory learning tools, such as recordings of lectures and podcasts

Anything you tell us will be dealt with sensitively and in the strictest confidence, and nothing will be passed on without your consent.

We'd like to try and meet any access needs you have from the moment you start your course, so please let us know about them when you fill in your application form, and do so with confidence.

More information is available in the *RVC Dyslexia and Disability Guide*, which can be obtained from the Disability Officer, both the London and Hertfordshire Campus receptions, or via our Admissions Office.

Disability Officer
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Transitions

Adjusting to life at university

Starting at the RVC is likely to involve two big changes – learning very differently and living with different people. It helps to start thinking about this as soon as possible.

LEARNING DIFFERENTLY

At the RVC, whatever course you choose, our aim is make sure that you leave us as a ‘lifelong, independent learner’. This journey starts right at the very beginning of the course. Rather than be taught directly ‘what you need to know for the exams’, you are more likely to be given ideas on where to find information. You will be given problems to solve, and we will want to know that you are able to search for solutions on your own and sometimes with your peers as part of a team. We will be working with you in partnership; but if we give you the answers that you need to learn for the exams, then you won’t become self reliant. This might be a big change for you and you might find it odd at the start and need to adapt – but don’t worry, our Learning Support team is there to help.

LEARNING SUPPORT

The College has in place a number of mechanisms to support the learning of our students. All students are assigned a tutor to help with a range of issues, including discussing and building upon students’ reflective learning diaries. In addition, a series of Study Skills sessions are run throughout the academic year covering a variety of topics, such as Exam Revision Techniques and Essay Writing. One-to-one sessions with our Learning Support team are also available.

LIVING DIFFERENTLY

Leaving home is exciting and fun, yet you will find new opportunities and challenges here too. Sharing with new people means you will make new friends and discover their nice and not so nice habits! At first, it may be unfamiliar, but it is a great opportunity to mix with a variety of different people. There is lots of help and guidance from the University of London Accommodation Office (ULAO) about this and how to choose where to live – so do use it. When you come at the start of term enjoy yourself but remember you are likely to come across some different approaches to domestic life.

Accommodation offered by the College is outlined on page 64.

Useful facts and figures

Finances

FEES

HOME/EU STUDENTS

Undergraduate course fees were set at £3,145 per year in 2008-09 for UK/EU students entitled to 'Home' fee status. It is expected that UK/EU fees for 2009-10 will be £3,225.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Fees for international students vary according to course. Fees may be paid in three instalments in September, January and April, or in full in September. For 2009-10 the fees are:

	DISCOUNT	INSTALMENTS
Veterinary Medicine (D100)	£19,320	£20,290
BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences (D300)	£8,410	£8,830
BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing (D313)	£8,410	£8,830
Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing (D310)	£8,690	£9,120

North American students are required to pay their fees in US dollars. The fee for 2009-10 is \$37,430. Fees for 2010-11 entry will be available on the College website once they have been confirmed.

OTHER EXPENSES

In addition to fees, students require sufficient funds to cover their accommodation, travel, books and other living expenses. Information about living expenses can be found on our website at www.rvc.ac.uk/Education/Undergraduate/Information/Finances.cfm. UKCISA also provide useful information on living costs and you can find this on their website at www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/living_costs.php

FINANCIAL ADVICE

The RVC Student Welfare and Financial Guidance Officer is also available to give advice if you need it. Please contact sbeale@rvc.ac.uk

GRANTS AND AWARDS

There is a constantly evolving range of schemes and conditions relating to grants and other awards for prospective university undergraduate or postgraduate students. For up-to-date information about finances, including fees, bursaries, grants and awards, please visit www.rvc.ac.uk/Education/Undergraduate/Information/Finances.cfm and www.dcsf.gov.uk

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(Please note: this section does not apply to North American students)

BURSARIES

(UK students only)

Students eligible to receive the government Maintenance Grant are also eligible for College bursaries. Bursary amounts for eligible students vary from course to course and are calculated according to the amount of Maintenance Grant received.

For 2009-10 the maximum bursary amounts will be:

Veterinary Medicine (D100)	£1,650
BSc (Hons)/BVetMed Combined (D101)	£1,650
BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences (D300)	£1,750
BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing (D313)	£2,000
Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing (D310)	£2,000
Veterinary Gateway Course (D190)	£5,700

Please see our website at www.rvc.ac.uk/Education/Undergraduate/Information/Finances.cfm for information about College bursaries for 2010-11.

ARMY UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES (UK students only)

A small number of bursaries are available annually to provide financial support for the clinical part of the BVetMed (not more than three years) if this is your first degree. For more information, please go to www.armyjobs.mod.uk/education/atuni

ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS (UK students only)

If you wish to join the Veterinary Corps, please note that financial assistance is available in the form of an undergraduate bursary for BVetMed students in their final three years in return for a minimum of four years' service. Applicants for bursaries are encouraged to join the University Officer Training Corps first. For more information please go to www.army.mod.uk/5331.aspx

SCHOLARSHIPS

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarships to the value of £3,000 for every year of the course are available to highly academically able students. There are three Merit Scholarships available each year for BVetMed entrants and one per year for BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences, BSc (Hons) and Foundation Veterinary Nursing first-year students.

For the BVetMed and BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences courses scholarships are awarded on the basis of your BMAT score. Although BMAT is not required for entry to the BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences, applicants who wish to be considered for a Merit Scholarship do have to take the test.

Merit Scholarships are awarded to BSc (Hons) and Foundation Veterinary Nursing students demonstrating very high achievement at the end of their first-year assessments.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

If you find yourself in difficulty, you are currently eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Access to Learning Fund (UK and EU students only) or the RVC Hardship Funds (all students).

General application information

Non course-specific

APPLYING VIA UCAS

Applications for undergraduate degree courses based at the Royal Veterinary College must be directed through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), apart from North American applicants to the BVetMed course who must apply through VMCAS.

UCAS

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New Barn Lane

Cheltenham

Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ

Telephone +44 (0)871 468 0468

www.ucas.com

For all full-time higher education courses at universities and colleges in the UK, students must apply online at www.ucas.com. If you choose to apply to more than one course, university or college you need to pay £19 when you apply. If you only apply to one course at one university or college, you pay £9.

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF APPLICANT

1 STUDENTS AT A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE REGISTERED WITH UCAS

All UK schools and colleges (and a small number of establishments overseas) are registered with UCAS to manage their students' applications. You will need to obtain a 'buzzword' from your tutor or careers adviser in order to register with UCAS. This establishes the organisation from which you are applying and allows your referee to attach your reference. Once you have completed your application submit it to your referee, who will send it to UCAS on your behalf. You can pay for your application online by credit or debit card, or by paying your school or other registered centre, who will then pay UCAS.

2 INDEPENDENT APPLICANTS IN THE UK

Other UK applicants who are not at school or college should apply online independently and are responsible for paying the correct application fee, for obtaining and attaching the academic reference and for submitting the completed application online to UCAS. Your referee should know you well enough to write about you and your suitability for higher education. UCAS will not accept references from family, other relatives or friends. You will need to make your payment online using a credit or debit card.

3 INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS OUTSIDE THE UK (EU AND WORLDWIDE, EXCEPT NORTH AMERICAN APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR THE BVETMED PROGRAMME WHO APPLY THROUGH VMCAS)

Individuals from the EU (excluding the UK) and worldwide should apply online independently, unless their school or college is registered with UCAS. Advice is available from British Council offices and other centres overseas, such as your school or college. You are responsible for paying the correct application fee, for obtaining and attaching the academic reference and for submitting the completed application online to UCAS. Your referee should know you well enough to write about you and your suitability for higher education. UCAS will not accept references from family, or other relatives or friends. You will need to make your payment online using a credit or debit card.

For all applicants, there are full instructions at www.ucas.com to make it as easy as possible for you to fill in your online application, plus help text where appropriate.

If you require further information and advice, you can contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit on +44 (0)871 468 0468, open Monday to Friday, 08:30 to 18:00 (GMT).

DEFERRED ENTRY

We consider applicants who wish to defer entry until after a gap year, but offer conditions must be met in the same academic year as the application. If you decide not to apply until the beginning of your gap year, please remember that if you are selected for interview, this may be scheduled during the period November to March.

CONDITIONAL OFFERS NOT MET

Applicants holding offers from the RVC who fall slightly below the grades required are always reconsidered by the Admissions Committee in August and may be offered entry if places are available.

CLEARING

Our BVetMed courses (D100 and D101) and our Gateway programme (D190) do not go into Clearing. However, places on the BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences (D300), BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing (D313) and FdSc Veterinary Nursing (D310) may be available. Please contact the College at the earliest opportunity if you are interested in one of these courses.

REAPPLICATION

In view of the large number and high quality of new candidates coming forward each year, we are normally unable to consider more than one repeat application. Your previous application and accompanying documents/correspondence will be attached to your new application. If the course requires the BMAT this must be retaken on reapplication. See specific course information if you are resitting any qualifications.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Nationals from the following countries do not need to obtain a visa for study:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK, EEA countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Swiss nationals have certain rights similar to those of EEA nationals.

For students starting courses in September 2009 and beyond the UK Government has introduced a points based immigration system for those requiring a visa. Full details were not available at the time of going to print. However, further information should be available by April 2009 on the UK Border Agency website at www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk

Advice is also available from UKCISA at www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/immigration.php

At a glance entry requirements

For full information please see individual course pages

COURSE	UCAS CODE	MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS [†]
BVetMed	D100	A Level GCSE AAA-AAB Five As including Double Science or Biology and Chemistry. Grade B in English, Maths and Physics (if taken separately)
BSc (Hons)/BVetMed Combined	D101	A Level GCSE AAA-AAB Five As including Double Science or Biology and Chemistry. Grade B in English, Maths and Physics (if taken separately)
BVetMed Accelerated	D102	2:1 in an appropriate biological science undergraduate degree plus D100 course entry requirements
BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences	D300	A Level GCSE BBB Five A-C grades Grade B in English, Maths and Double Science
Veterinary Gateway	D190	A Level GCSE CCC Grade B in English, Maths and Double Science See page 47 for eligibility criteria
BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing	D313	160 UCAS tariff points at A2 and AS Level including at least 80 points in an A2 science subject (preferably Biology) 5 GCSE's at Grade C including English Language, Maths and a science
Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing	D310	80 UCAS tariff points at A2 and AS Level including at least 40 points in an A2 science subject (preferably Biology) 5 GCSE's at Grade C including English Language, Maths and a science

[†] for alternative entry requirements to A Levels please see relevant course pages

SPECIFIED SUBJECTS AT A LEVEL	WORK EXPERIENCE	BMAT REQUIRED	APPLICATION DEADLINE	FURTHER INFORMATION
Chemistry Biology	One week in a veterinary practice One week in a different animal environment	Yes	15 October	Page 26
Chemistry Biology	One week in a veterinary practice One week in a different animal environment One week in a scientific environment	Yes	15 October	Page 32
Chemistry Biology	One week in a veterinary practice One week in a different animal environment Must be recent work experience	Yes	15 October	Page 37
Chemistry plus one of Biology, Maths or Physics	Not required	*No	15 January	Page 42
Chemistry Biology	Advisable but not essential	No	15 January	Page 47
One science subject (preferably Biology)	Minimum two weeks in a veterinary practice plus two weeks in a different animal environment Written references required	No	15 January	Page 50
One science subject (preferably Biology)	Minimum two weeks in a veterinary practice plus two weeks in a different animal environment Written references required	No	15 January	Page 52

* required to be considered for a Merit Scholarship



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HERTFORDSHIRE CAMPUS

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Hawkshead Campus Library
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Useful organisations

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Sophia Gearing
Gateway graduate now on the BVetMed

'The Gateway Programme is a really good course and well structured as a basis for BVetMed. It has allowed me to feel more confident with lecture material in the transition from A Level to University teaching. The atmosphere at the RVC is really friendly, both students and staff alike. Being in London is also a great experience, there are so many things to do and places to see; there's definitely something for everyone!'

Further reading

University and College Entrance – The Official Guide
Published by UCAS
Normally available in school and public reference libraries.

UCAS Directory
This should be available in schools and colleges. The information contained in the Directory is also available on the UCAS website www.ucas.com and is regularly updated.

Studying and Living in Britain
Compiled by the British Council
Northcote House Publishers Ltd
Plymbridge House
Estover Road
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Article also available to download at
www.educationuk.org/downloads/study_live_uk.pdf

Educational Grants Directory
Available from the Directory of Social Change
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www.dsc.org.uk

The Grants Register
Published by Macmillan Reference Limited
Available in reference libraries.

Important note

All students will be required as a condition of enrolment to abide by, and to submit to, the procedures of the College's Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time.

A copy of the current rules and regulations is available on request, from the College, and is available to all students at the time of enrolment.

The College will use all reasonable endeavours to deliver courses in accordance with the descriptions set out in this prospectus. However, the College does not provide education on a commercial basis. It is also very largely dependent upon charitable and public funds, which the College has to manage in a way which is efficient and cost-effective. In addition, the College continually strives to improve the content and delivery of its courses.

It therefore:

- reserves the right to suspend recruitment to a course or make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of courses if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary by the College
- cannot accept responsibility and expressly excludes liability for damage to or loss of students' property

Students will need to purchase all essential equipment, including protective clothing, for their own use during the course. Students will also be expected to purchase text books, and charges are made for certain lecture notes.

As a new graduate of the BVetMed degree, before you can practise as a veterinary surgeon, you must register your BVetMed degree with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

Visit us

If you want to visit the RVC or find out more about the College and the courses available, our Education Liaison Team provide a range of activities and events throughout the year for prospective students, parents, teachers and careers advisors.

The Education Liaison Team is responsible for providing information and opportunities for students to learn about the College, our courses and the careers available in the veterinary field. The events available range from our annual Open Day through to visits to individual schools and colleges across the UK.

One of the most popular ways to learn about the College is through attending one of our Open Days. We currently offer two types of Open Day; a general Open Day held in May each year for students interested in any of our undergraduate courses, and two specific Open Days run in November and February for students interested in studying the BSc (Hons) Bioveterinary Sciences programme. These days are packed with a wide range of activities that allow you to visit our state-of-the-art facilities, speak to current students and academics and gain a general insight into life at the RVC. Parents, teachers and careers advisors are also welcome to attend.

In addition, each September the RVC holds a number of events across the country that offer informative talks on the pathways available in the veterinary profession as well as the opportunity to speak one-to-one with current RVC staff, students and recent graduates. You also have the chance to undertake practical activities from our innovative Clinical Skills Centre, such as bandaging, gowning, gloving and attempting a one-handed surgical tie.

In the Spring term we run a two-day Taster Course for those considering applying for the BVetMed programme. This enables you to experience life as a veterinary medicine student at the RVC first-hand, attending lectures, undertaking dissections and participating in practical sessions designed to introduce you to the course.

You can also come and visit us by attending one of our Camden Campus Tours. These tours of our London Campus are led by current students and as a general rule take place on the last Wednesday of every academic month.

In addition, we also attend around 30 of the UCAS Conventions which run between March and July each year across the UK.

If you are a teacher or careers advisor with students who are interested in the veterinary field, please contact us if you would like an RVC representative to attend a school or college careers or HE fair, or would like us to run a talk or session for your students.

Booking is essential if you want to attend any of the RVC organised events. For more information and to book please visit: www.rvc.ac.uk/Education/Undergraduate/VisitUs.cfm

If you would like further information about any of the opportunities to visit or find out about the RVC, please contact the Education Liaison Team. You can telephone us on +44 (0) 20 7468 5104 or email us at schools@rvc.ac.uk

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The Royal Veterinary College welcomes applications from people from all backgrounds.

Our equality policy can be found at
www.rvc.ac.uk/aboutus/policyandlegal/humanresources

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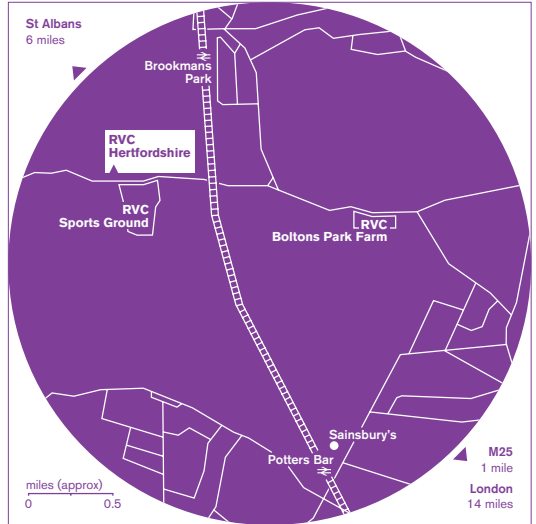
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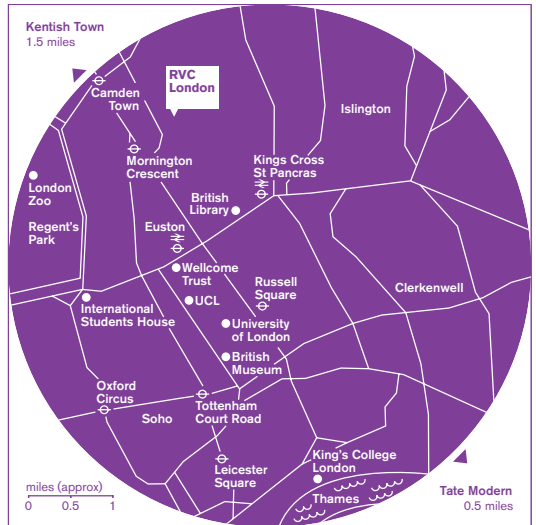
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