

MSc Veterinary Epidemiology

Re-sit requirements for In-Course Assessments will be agreed during the interim Exam Board whilst re-sit requirements for Summer Exams and Research Projects will be agreed at or soon after the final Exam Board. Re-sit requirements will be communicated to the student as soon as possible after the relevant Exam Board meeting by the Exam Board Chair along with the relevant deadlines.

Failed In-Course Assessments (modules):

Re-sits of failed module(s) will be offered during September of the same academic year. Where appropriate, re-sit assessments will be set such that they may, at the discretion of the Exam Board, be completed at a distance rather than requiring a return to London. In the case of part-time students who have not successfully completed or who have received a grade <40% for one or more modules in year 1, re-sits of failed modules would be allowed in year 2.

Failed Summer Exams:

A candidate who does not at his/her first entry successfully complete the examination or part of the examination may re-enter that part of the examination on one occasion. Such re-entry will be at the next following examination. In the case of part-time students who have opted to take paper 1 in year 1 and received a grade <40% a re-sit of Paper 1 would be allowed in year 2.

Failed Research Projects:

If a candidate fails the Research Project component then it will be at the discretion of the Exam Board to determine whether the candidate can amend the project they submitted or whether s/he will need to submit an entirely new project. In either case, both the report and the Oral Examination will need to be re-done. Ordinarily candidates would be required to sit the Oral Examination in person however overseas candidates may, at the discretion of the Exam Board, be allowed the choice to re-sit the Oral Exam at a distance. A candidate being required to resubmit their project will be allowed one meeting with either a supervisor or Course Director.

Amended Projects:

If the failed project is to be amended, the candidate will be given two months from the time of being informed by the Exam Board for resubmission. The revised submission should include electronic versions of both the revised report and the original project report with "Track-changes" showing the modifications (for reference). The Exam Board may also require a candidate to formally respond to the feedback for the original submission. If a resubmitting student has other commitments immediately following the Exam Board and cannot work on the project in the following 2 months, supporting evidence for this is needed and an appropriate hand-in date agreed by the Exam Board (via Chair's action).

Where new material is needed for the project the project supervisor should be consulted by the Exam Board chair to establish if sufficient new data can be collected and if so an acceptable time for submission determined. If new material cannot be obtained it may be necessary for the candidate to undertake a new project. A revised ethics submission may also be needed.

New Projects:

New projects may be initiated at any time following project and ethics approval up to the usual starting date in the summer of the following year and subject to an appropriate supervisor being available and willing.

On recommendation of the course directors, the Exam Board can determine whether a project has just not worked out through no fault of the candidate (perhaps most commonly a lab or field project) and permit a new project to be undertaken with the same or a new supervisor. This is not a re-sit and there is no grade cap.