

ASSESSMENT & AWARD REGULATIONS

1.	Course BVetMed Gateway																														
2.	Year 0																														
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2014/15																														
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination All subjects taught in the year.																														
5.	Form of Examination																														
5.1.	Written Papers (All Subjects) Paper 1: 1 hour up to 60 multiple choice questions (MCQ). Paper 2: 2 hours 4 x 30-minute problem solving questions. Paper 3: 2 hours 4 x 30 minute essay questions.																														
5.2.	In Course Assessments 1 Written Exam: 1.5 hours, MCQs and problem solving/essay questions. 1 Library-Based Project. 1 Poster Presentation. 1 Lambing Report. 1 Practical Assessment of basic competency of Animal Husbandry.																														
6.	Marking Criteria																														
6.1.	Examinations, In Course Assessment, Orals, Library Projects and Practical The College Common Grading Scheme will be used as appropriate for extended pieces of writing with 0-10 marking on short answer responses of a factual nature.																														
6.2.	Multiple Choice Questions and Extended Matching Questions 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 candidate will score zero. The pass mark for MCQ examinations as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised and then scaled.																														
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8.	Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage
8.1.	<p>First Sit Following scaling of the marks, candidates must gain an average mark of 50% or more aggregated from the marks listed under “First Sit” in 7 above, with no mark below 40% in either Written Paper 1, Written Paper 2 or Written Paper 3.</p> <p>AND To have passed the AH practical assessment.</p>
8.2.	<p>Resit Following scaling of the marks, candidates must gain an average mark of 50% or more aggregated from the marks listed under “Resit” in 7 above, with no mark below 40% in either Written Paper 1, Written Paper 2 or Written Paper 3.</p> <p>AND To have passed the AH practical assessment.</p>
9.	Consequences of Failure
9.1.	A candidate who fails at the first sit is required to take the resit or withdraw from the course.
9.2.	A candidate who fails the Animal Husbandry practical assessment at the first time of taking will be given the opportunity to retake the assessment after suitable further training during the Gateway Year.
9.3.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has not previously repeated a year of study will be entitled to repeat the year. The number of attempts at assessments will be the same as for those students not repeating the year. All Final Year Marks under the ‘repeat year’ rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass.
9.4.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has previously repeated a year of study will be required to withdraw from the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.
10.	Classification
10.1.	A candidate who obtains an average mark of 65-69% inclusive will be awarded a pass with Merit.
10.2.	A candidate who obtains an average mark of 70% or more will be awarded a pass with Distinction.
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, s/he 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.

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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 Academic Progress Committee and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.
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.