

Award & Assessment Regulations

1.	Course Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine
2.	Year 2
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2014/15
4.	<p>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination</p> <p>All subjects taught in Years 1 and 2</p>
5.	<p>Form of Examination</p> <p>5.1. Part 1</p> <p>5.1.1. Written Papers Paper 1: Multiple choice questions (MCQ); up to 3 hours Paper 2: Problem solving questions; up to 3 hours Paper 3: Essay questions; up to 3 hours</p> <p>5.1.2. In Course Assessments In Course Assessments related to subjects taught in the 2nd Year.</p> <p>5.1.3. Practical Tests Structured Orals and Spot Test related to subjects taught in the 2nd year.</p> <p>5.2. Part 2 Research Project 1</p>
6.	<p>Marking Criteria</p> <p>6.1. Essay Questions and Research Project 1 College Common (0-100) Grading Scheme. 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.</p> <p>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 and EMQ examinations as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised and then scaled.</p> <p>6.3. OSPVEs and Spot Tests A pass mark will be set for each station. The pass mark for the examination as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, including if appropriate a minimum number of stations to be passed, then normalised and scaled.</p> <p>6.4. Structured Orals and Short Answer Questions Each structured oral examination will be marked out of a maximum of ten marks with students accumulating marks by answering questions of increasing complexity. Highest marks will be obtained by students demonstrating integration of their knowledge.</p>

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7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements		
7.1.		First Sit	Resit
	Part 1		
	i. Written Paper 1	20	22
	ii. Written Paper 2	20	22
	iii. Written Paper 3	20	22
	iv. Spot Test	10	11
	v. Structured ISF Oral	10	11
	vi. In Course Assessment 1	5	0
	vii. In Course Assessment 2 (Integrated Concepts)	5	0
	Part 2		
	viii. Research Project 1	10	12
7.2.	<p>For the purposes of section 8 and section 10 below: Components i. and iv. are grouped together as 1. Essential Knowledge Elements, AND Components ii., iii. and v. are grouped together as 2. Problem Solving and Interpretation Elements.</p>		
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall		
8.1.	<p>First Sit Following scaling of the marks, candidates must: Obtain an average mark of 50% or more aggregated from the marks listed under "First Sit", components i. to viii. in 7.1 above. AND Pass Part 1 by gaining an average mark of 50% or more aggregated from the marks listed under "First Sit", components i. to vii. in 7.1 above AND Gain at least 40% for the combined ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE elements (Written Paper 1 plus the Spot Test) AND Gain at least 40% for the combined PROBLEM SOLVING AND INTERPRETATION elements (Written Papers 2 & 3, plus ISF Structured Oral) of the examinations. AND Achieve 40% or more for Part 2 (Research Project 1)</p>		
8.2.	<p>Resit Following scaling of the marks, candidates must: Obtain an average mark of 50% or more aggregated from the marks listed under "First Sit", components i. to viii. (excluding vi. and vii.) in 7.1 above AND Pass Part 1 by gaining an average mark of 50% or more aggregated from the marks listed under "First Sit", components i. to v. above AND Gain at least 40% for the combined ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE elements (Written Paper 1 plus the Spot Test) AND Gain at least 40% for the combined PROBLEM SOLVING AND INTERPRETATION elements (Written papers 2 & 3, plus ISF Structured Oral) of the examinations. AND Achieve 40% or more for Part 2 - Research Project 1</p>		

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9.	Consequences of Failure
9.1.	A candidate who fails overall at the first attempt due to failure to achieve 50% in Part 1 will be required to resit Part 1 (items i. to v. listed in 7.1. above.). If the candidate has achieved at least 50% in Part 2 these marks will be carried forward. If the candidate has achieved less than 50% in Part 2, they will be required to rework and resubmit the project (item viii in 7.1 above).
9.2.	A candidate who fails overall at the first attempt due to Part 2 will be required to rework and resubmit the project (item viii. listed in 7.1 above). If the candidate has passed Part 1 these marks will be carried forward.
9.3.	A candidate who has failed overall at the first attempt due to failure to achieve the required thresholds in both Part 1 and Part 2 will be required to retake both Parts as listed in 7.1 above.
9.4.	A candidate who fails at the 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%.
9.5.	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.
9.6.	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, at the first attempt, obtains an overall mark of 70% or more, with a mark of at least 65% gained in each of the two elements (1. Essential Knowledge AND 2. Problem Solving and Interpretation), will be awarded a pass with distinction.
10.2.	A candidate who, at the first attempt, obtains an average mark of 65% or more but who does not meet the criteria for the award of a pass with distinction, will be awarded a pass with merit, provided each of the two elements (1. Essential Knowledge AND 2. Problem Solving and Interpretation) is passed.
10.3.	A candidate who passes Year 2 but does not proceed with study will be eligible for the award of Diploma of Higher Education.
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 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. Within this course/year the major pieces of work are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Project 1 (40% minimum mark)
14.	Requirements to Progress to the Next Stage of the Course In addition to passing overall (see 8. above) a student must have completed at least 12 weeks of AHEMS prior to the start of BVetMed year 3. A student who has not completed 12 weeks will normally be required to delay their progression to the next year.