

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine						
2.	Year 3						
3.	Applicable to Academic Year 2016/17						
4.	<p>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination All subjects taught in the first 2 terms of Year 3 and all Animal Husbandry and Handling taught over the first 8 terms of the BVetMed Course</p>						
5.	<p>Form of Examination</p> <p>5.1. Written Papers MCQ and EMQ</p> <p>5.2. Practical Tests Animal Handling – Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) in the following animal groups: Horse, Large artiodactyls (e.g. cattle), Small artiodactyls (e.g. sheep, pigs), Cat & Dog, Avians/exotics/small mammals.</p>						
6.	<p>Marking Criteria</p> <p>6.1. 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>6.2. DOPS Students' performance in each animal group will be graded to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Animal Welfare • Technical ability • Communication • Preparation and presentation <p>The grades are: Exceeds expectations, Meets expectations, Borderline, Below expectations.</p> <p>An overall result of "Competent" will be given for each DOPS station when a student has one Borderline mark or better, any grade of Below expectations or any 2 Borderline grades will give an overall result of "Not yet competent".</p>						
7.	<p>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements Each of the items listed in 5 above has to be passed individually.</p> <p>For the purposes of determining the classification and so honours points for the year the allocation of marks will be:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">First Sit</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Resit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Written Paper A result of "Competent" for each DOPS station</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		First Sit	Resit	Written Paper A result of "Competent" for each DOPS station	100	100
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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, a mark of 50% for the written paper (MCQ & EMQ combined)</p> <p>AND A result of “Competent” for each DOPS station from either the 1st or 2nd opportunity</p>
8.2.	<p>Resit Following scaling of the marks, a mark of 50% for the written paper (MCQ & EMQ combined)</p> <p>AND A result of “Competent” for each DOPS station from either the 1st, 2nd or 3rd opportunity</p>
9.	Consequences of Failure
9.1.	Candidates who do not pass Year 3 at the first attempt will be required to re-sit the item failed. (i.e. Written Paper, DOPS station (Candidates will only have to re-sit the specific DOPS station(s) that they failed)).
9.2.	Those students graded as “Not yet competent” in any DOPS station will be given a second opportunity to gain competence in the failed station(s) at the next available sitting. Both the 1 st and 2 nd opportunities will be classed as the first attempt.
9.3.	A candidate who fails Year 3 at the first attempt is required to take the resit or withdraw from the course.
9.4.	The overall mark obtained at the second attempt for the Written Paper will be no greater than 50%.
9.5.	A candidate who fails Year 3 at the second attempt will be required to withdraw from the course. S/he has a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.
10.	Classification
10.1.	A candidate who, at the first attempt, obtains an overall average mark of 70% or more in the Written Paper and a grade of “Competent” for each DOPS station, will be awarded a pass with Distinction.
10.2.	A candidate who, at the first attempt, obtains an average mark of 65%-69% in the Written Paper and a grade of “Competent” for each DOPS station, will be awarded a pass with Merit.
10.3.	A candidate who gains 40% or more overall in Year 3 will be eligible to transfer to the BSc Pre Clinical Veterinary Sciences. A pass in the DOPS is not required in order to transfer.
11.	Disclosure of Marks
	Results will be published by candidate number.

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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.
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 (APC) 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.