

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course: Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine		
2.	Year : 4		
3.	Applicable to Academic Year: 2019/20		
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination: All subjects taught in Clinical Preparation		
5.	Form of Examination		
5.1.	Written Papers Paper 1: MCQ and EMQ Paper 2: Integrated Reasoning Case Studies		
5.2.	Practical Tests Formative Clinical OSCE		
6.	Marking Criteria		
6.1.	Essay Questions & Integrated Reasoning Questions The Common Grading Scheme (LAQ & CPRQ) will be used for marking the appropriate exam questions.		
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.		
6.3.	OSCEs 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.		
7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements		
		First Sit	Resit
	i.	Written Paper 1	50
	ii.	Written Paper 2	50
	iii.	Students are required to attend the OSCE	
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage		
8.1.	First Sit Following scaling of the marks, an overall mark of 50%, with no mark below 40% in either Written Paper 1 or Written Paper 2 AND To have attended the formative Clinical OSCE		
8.2.	Resit As First Sit		

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9.	Consequences of Failure
9.1.	Candidates who do not pass the Written Papers at the first attempt will be required to resit both papers.
9.2.	A candidate who fails at their 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%.
9.3.	A candidate who does not attend the formative Clinical OSCE will be able to progress, but will be required to attend at the next available session prior to completing rotations.
9.4.	A candidate who fails at their second attempt (either through failure of the written papers or non-attendance at the OSCE) 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 from the aggregate weighted marks of Written Papers 1 and 2 will be awarded a pass with Distinction.
10.2.	A candidate who, at the first attempt, obtains an average mark of 65% - 69% from the aggregate weighted marks of Written Papers 1 and 2 will be awarded a pass with Merit.
10.3.	A candidate who passes Year 4 but does not proceed with study will be eligible to transfer to the BSc Animal Health and Disease.
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.
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 Student Performance and Development system (formerly 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.

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14.	Requirements to Progress to the Next Stage of the Course In addition to passing overall (see section 8) a student must have completed at least 10 weeks of EMS (in accordance with the EMS guidelines applicable to their year of study) prior to the start of rotations. A student who has not completed 10 weeks will normally be required to delay their progression to the next year.
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