Intercalated BSc degree in Comparative Pathology programme

Information Sheet

2017-18

Duration of the Degree

The Intercalated BSc degree in Comparative Pathology takes one year. The course will begin in October of the year of entry and students will graduate in the following July. The course consists of three terms with vacation periods in winter and spring. The degree’s teaching modules will be taught at the RVC’s Hawkshead campus in Hertfordshire. The compulsory research project may be undertaken at either of the College’s campuses.

Methods of Teaching

The degree will be taught through lectures, seminars and practical sessions and a research project that will run from January to May. The amount of time to be spent in different types of learning are detailed on UNISTATS and can be accessed from the study pages of the RVC website at [http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/intercalated-bsc-comparative-pathology](http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/intercalated-bsc-comparative-pathology)

Core Modules of Study

The degree programme has two compulsory modules as well as the research project:

- Principles of Pathology
- Applications of Pathology

Teaching Staff at RVC

All teaching staff at RVC are fully qualified to teach at Higher Education level. Staff are involved in research as well as teaching and hold research qualifications. You will find biographical details on all members of staff on the RVC website. Staff will teach by means of lectures, seminars and practical sessions and also work with you in tutorial groups. The Course Director and the Course Tutor for the Intercalated degree are:
Fees and Costs

The fee for all undergraduate degrees at RVC is £9,000 per annum for UK (home) and EU students.

The fee for international students on the Intercalated BSc in Comparative Pathology is £18,030 per annum.

The fees contribute to the costs of teaching and training, maintaining the teaching and pastoral facilities within the RVC, maintaining the Information Services including IT and Library provision, contributing to the costs of facilities on campuses.

Details on the full range of fees, both UK/EU and International can be found at www.rvc.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/fees

The fees do not cover accommodation costs which for 2016-17 ranged from £159.50 to £210.39 per week over a 40, 48, 50 or 51 week contract depending on hall of residence and catering options. The majority of RVC science students paid between £159.50 and £185 per week for accommodation in this period.

Other course costs are kept to a minimum and may include items such as printing/photocopying and occasional field trips.

The RVC now has an efficient paperless curriculum which keeps paper costs to a minimum. You are provided with an annual allowance of approx. £10 for any printing or copying you decide to do. Current prices are 5p per sheet for black and white copies and 10p for colour copies.

You will also be required to purchase a laboratory coat for use during practical classes. The current price for these is £15 and they can be purchased from the Students Union. The costs incurred by a student in relation to the practical elements of the Comparative Pathology research project are met by central funds from RVC.

Students on the Intercalated Comparative Pathology degree may find it necessary to travel between campuses on a regular basis and should make an allowance of approximately £40 per week.

Explanation of Fees

The RVC adheres to the UK Government’s legislation regarding fees for UK and EU students which sets the maximum fee for these categories at £9,250 per annum. Should government
legislation result in fee levels changing, the RVC will notify all students of such a change and set out the reasons behind any increase it decides or is obliged to make.

The fees for non-EU international students are also listed at the above link. These are substantially higher than UK/EU fees as the RVC receives no government subsidy or support for such students and therefore has to charge “full cost fees”.

Potential Fee Changes

The RVC’s governing body, its Council, has decision-making powers on other costs and these may be adjusted each year. These include such costs as board and accommodation. Should it be necessary to increase these costs, you will be consulted and notice given as to when such increases may occur and by how much.

Procedures, Policies and Processes

The RVC has a range of policies and statutory requirements with which it must comply. These documents are available on the college’s website from which the full documents can be accessed. This link is at www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures. Information on Complaints Procedures is also available.

If you wish to complain about a matter relating to a course of study, you should first contact the RVC Registry who will advise you. Every effort will be made to deal with the issue promptly, fairly and transparently.

You may also take complaints and concerns to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (OIA), details of which can be found at www.oiahe.org.uk.

This document is available on the RVC website.