

BVetMed (Intercalated) degree programme

Information Sheet

2024-25

Duration of the Degree & Location of Teaching Activity

The Degree of BVetMed (Intercalated) is six years in duration. Students study for the five-year BVetMed degree *and* an extra year of study, usually between BVetMed Years 2 and 3, taking the final year of a BSc degree. Students taking this degree must still follow the standard BVetMed degree structure outside their intercalation year. The standard structure is described below.

The BVetMed Structure

Years 1-2

Teaching activities are primarily at the Camden Campus during the first two years of study. In years 1 to 2, the teaching, revision and assessment period is spread over 40-42 weeks and typically includes three weeks around Christmas and two weeks around Easter, when no teaching is scheduled. At the end of years 1 and 2, there is a summer break before teaching activities commence in September, which is the start of the new academic year.

During the first two years of the degree, students will be required to undertake 12 weeks of Animal Husbandry Extra-Mural Study (AHEMS), which will involve farm and other animal work. These placements are compulsory and, in years 1 and 2, need to be undertaken, in part, during the Easter and summer breaks. The requirements for the number of weeks of AHEMS is currently under review and is subject to change in the future.

Teaching through these first two years may involve students attending the Hawkshead Campus or the RVC Farm. Transport will be provided free of charge between the campuses for this teaching, but students who wish to visit these locations outside these timetabled teaching sessions must make their own travel arrangements which will incur additional costs.

In addition to the allocated teaching weeks, over the three clinical years, students will be expected to undertake of 26 weeks of Clinical Extra-Mural Study (EMS) involving veterinary clinical work, which will likely, in part, occur during the holiday periods. The number of weeks required is determined by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and is currently set

Course Content

The detailed content of the BVetMed Intercalated degree can be accessed at <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/bachelor-of-veterinary-medicine-intercalated>.

This page provides a detailed outline of the whole course and advice on work placements. The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) defines the competences that need to be achieved by the new veterinary graduate and specifies the requirements for veterinary degree courses to be approved for registration purposes. The RVC abides by these requirements as the basis for the content of the degree.

The structure of the intercalated year depends on the chosen option. The RVC offers two intercalated degrees and information on their structure, as a guidance, can be found on our website: <http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate>.

Teaching Staff at RVC

All teaching staff at RVC are fully qualified to teach at higher education level. You will find biographical details on all members of staff on the RVC website. Each year has a Year Leader who has overall responsibility for the teaching of that year. The current names of the Course Director and Year Leaders are listed below.

Course Director

John Fishwick

Year One Leader

Dr Raymond Macharia

Year Two Leader

Dr Helen Stolp and Stephen Frean

Year Three Leader

Dr Mike Hewetson

Year Four Leader

Prof Dan Chan

Tuition fees in future

Placements

Extra-mural study placements form an essential element of the BVetMed degree programme, and you may incur additional costs to complete them. While some farms provide board, accommodation, and meals, you will likely be required to arrange and pay for your board and lodging as well as travel costs to the off-site location.

Some veterinary practices or other organisations may be able to offer accommodation during your EMS with them, but most do not; thus, you will generally have to expect to make your own arrangements for accommodation, board and travel. Students are responsible for organising their placements, so these costs should be considered.

Some rotations take place off-site and therefore involve travel between the campus and rotation location, or between rotation locations. Accommodation is provided for some off-site rotations but not all. You will be allocated a financial contribution towards rotation expenses such as travel and accommodation, which will be paid in instalments, although it will not likely cover all travel costs. The amount of support provided will depend on the number of offsite rotations you initially select. Therefore, you should budget accordingly to cover such AHEMS, EMS and rotation related costs at the relevant stages of the course.

Please note that from the beginning of year 3, there will be very little opportunity for full-time work to raise funds over the holiday periods. Due to the demands of the course, particularly during the final **2** years, many students find that sustaining part-time work in parallel with the course is very difficult.

Procedures, Policies and Processes

The RVC has a range of policies and statutory requirements with which it must comply. The documents detailing these procedures in full are available on the College's website, here:

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures>.

The full information on Complaints, Appeals and Conduct is also available on our website here:

[https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures - panel-student-appeals-complaints-and-conduct](https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures-panel-student-appeals-complaints-and-conduct).

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.