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VETERINARY MEDICINE

2019

WORLD CHANGERS WELCOME

THE SUNDAY TIMES
GOOD
UNIVERSITY
GUIDE
2018
SCOTTISH
UNIVERSITY
OF THE YEAR

One of the
Top 100
universities
in the world

UNESCO
City of Music

200
clubs and
societies

One of only
2 universities
with a highly
rated all-round
extracurricular
experience

(Which? University Student Survey 2017)

Established in
1451

Joint 1st
in the Russell
Group for student
satisfaction

(NSS 2017)

95.9%
of students
in employment
or further study
6 months after graduation

(DLHE 2015/16)

Glasgow
is the world's
friendliest city

(Rough Guides)

Fourth oldest
English-speaking
university in the world

26,500
students from over
140 countries

Visit us

Our open days give you the chance to chat to our friendly staff and students, attend subject-specific presentations, visit our student residences and explore our beautiful campuses.

Open days

If you're interested in visiting the University before you apply for a specific programme, we'd be happy to welcome you to one of our Open Days held in June, August and October.

Offer Holders' Day

Once you have applied to and received an offer from the University, you will get another chance to visit us on our Offer Holders' Day in the spring of 2019.

Campus Tours

You are welcome to join one of our campus tours at any time during the year.

Plan your own visit

You are welcome to visit the University at a time that suits you, to gather information and see the sights of our beautiful campus in your own time.

How to apply

If you're seeking full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com or call on **0371 468 0468** or **+44 330 3330 230** if you live outside of the UK.

Ask a student

Chat to one of our current students about what life is like at Glasgow glasgow.ac.uk/askastudent

VETERINARY MEDICINE & SURGERY

As a vet you will be responsible for the prevention of disease and for the medical and surgical treatment of animals, including household pets, zoo animals, farm animals and horses.

What you will need

Degree and UCAS code
BVMS (D100): Five years

Entry requirements at a glance

A-levels:

Standard entry A*AA.

Highers:

Standard entry AAAAB (including Chemistry and Biology) by the end of S5 AND Advanced Highers in Chemistry and Biology from S6 (both at Grade B minimum).

Adjusted Higher requirements:

AAAB by end of S5 (including Chemistry and Biology). Some concessions may be made to the S6 Grades required for applicants who are successful at interview.

International Baccalaureate:

Standard entry 38 points.

Entry requirements in full

Visit glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/entryrequirements for more information and subject-specific requirements.

Applying

All applications must be received by UCAS by 15 October. If applying to the BVMS programme you must limit your choice to four veterinary schools only. If you apply to more than four veterinary schools, your application will not be forwarded to institutions by UCAS. The University is unable to offer applicants deferred entry. For further information on the admissions process see glasgow.ac.uk/vet/whystudyatglasgow

Applicants from North America

Applications for admission should be made through the Veterinary Medical Colleges Admissions System (VMCAS) by 15 September in the year before you want to enter the programme. We require at least one academic reference and one animal-related experience from all applicants. Please refer to Information for overseas students on the programme webpage.

Interviews

Candidates seriously considered for admission to the BVMS programme will normally be interviewed before a final decision is reached. Members of the Admissions Committee conduct these interviews between December and February each year.

Garscube campus

Our Veterinary Medicine students are based at our Garscube campus.

Practical experience requirements

In addition to the academic standard detailed, evidence of motivation is required. It is essential that applicants to the Veterinary Programme have a minimum of six weeks work experience including at least two weeks with a veterinary surgeon and have had hands on experience with farm animals.

Links to other useful information

- glasgow.ac.uk/schools/vet
- glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees
- glasgow.ac.uk/myglasgow/accommodation
- glasgow.ac.uk/myglasgow/disability
- glasgow.ac.uk/myglasgow/senateoffice/policies/calendar
- glasgow.ac.uk/myglasgow/registry

What to expect

Purpose and goals

The BVMS programme is based on integration of clinical and science subject areas and has a spiral course structure, meaning that you will revisit topics as you progress through the programme, each time with increasing clinical focus. In conjunction, there is a vertical theme of professional and clinical skills development to help you acquire the personal qualities and skills you will need in professional environments.

Programme structure

The programme is delivered over five years and is divided into three phases.

Foundation phase (years 1 and 2)

In the first two years of the programme you will acquire fundamental knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes on which the following years of your training are based. During this initial phase, you will relate the anatomy and physiology of the body systems to health and disease in domestic animals, as well as looking at the underlying cellular process involved. You will gain an insight into common husbandry practice and animal breeding and how these impact on the animals we care for. Your professional training starts at the beginning of year 1 as you begin classes in fundamental animal-handling techniques, learn skills such as suturing, and develop your communication skills, culminating in the art of history taking and clinical examination.

At the end of the foundation phase you will have a sound working knowledge of healthy domestic animals, with an introduction to the mechanisms of disease, and you will have developed the fundamental personal skills you will require as you move towards learning based more in professional environments.

Clinical phase (years 3 and 4)

The aim of the clinical phase is to build on the foundation phase to provide a broad training in key areas of veterinary professional practice, with a focus on common and important problems and presentations encountered in veterinary work. Realistic scenarios and cases form the basis for integrating clinical aspects of veterinary practice with disease investigation and control measures. The approach emphasises the role of clinical reasoning and planning and you will continue to develop the practical skills and attitudes required to work in the clinical environment and take a greater responsibility for your learning.

At the end of the clinical phase you will be prepared for entering the professional phase where you will be completely supported in professional and clinical environments to prepare you for being a knowledgeable and skilled veterinary professional.

Professional phase (year 5)

In your final year there are no lectures and the primary emphasis is on small-group involvement in clinical activity, covering the common species of domestic animals. During this time you will be involved in all aspects of work in our busy hospitals and you will also gain first-hand experience in practices linked to the veterinary school. Though this year of the programme is structured so that you will receive clinical experience in core clinical areas, there is also the opportunity to focus on personal interests or explore the breadth of opportunities in the veterinary profession by choosing two 'selective' experiences. Selectives may be used to gain experience in niche veterinary activities (such as aquaculture) or to gain in-depth clinical experience related to core subjects.

Special features

In common with all veterinary students in the UK you will be required to undertake an additional 38 weeks of extra-mural studies (EMS) during your vacation time. The first period of 12 weeks is dedicated to gaining further experience of the management and handling of domestic animals. After this initial period is completed you start the clinical period of 26 weeks, which can be used to gain experience in veterinary professional environments. Satisfactory completion of EMS is a requirement for graduation.

The intercalated degree programme represents an opportunity for BVMS students following their second or third year to take either one or two years out of the BVMS programme and study for an additional degree programme (both at Bachelors – BSc, BSc Vet Sci (Hons) – and Masters levels – MSc, MRes or MVPH), after which you then re-enter the BVMS programme.

Our international links

Study abroad opportunities are available in all years through participation in compulsory extra-mural studies (see special features). There are also opportunities to study abroad as an integral part of the BVMS programme in year 5.

We have approved status from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), which enables you to have the option of practising in the USA or Canada following graduation, without the need for sitting lengthy and costly clinical proficiency examinations.

Support for NAVLE

The National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has established a single common examination for veterinary medical licensure in the United States known as the North American Veterinary Medical Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

The NAVLE is offered twice a year - in November/December and in April. All final year students are given support with preparing for the NAVLE examination. For further information on state requirements for licensure please visit: www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Foreign/Pages/ECFVG-state-boards.aspx.

Career prospects

As a graduate of Veterinary Medicine at Glasgow, you can register as a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS). Along with the University's accreditation by the AVMA, this means that our graduates can choose to work anywhere in the world, and the global opportunities are endless. The majority of registered veterinary surgeons in the United Kingdom are in general practice, which may be small animal, farm animal, equine or mixed. Our graduates are also employed in government service, dealing with investigation, control and eradication of important diseases. Others are actively engaged in food hygiene or in university teaching and research.

Accreditation

We are accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education, the Australian Veterinary Boards Council and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Why choose Glasgow?

The University is one of six Vet Schools in Europe to have achieved accredited status for its undergraduate programmes from the American Veterinary Medical Association.

94%

Veterinary Medicine
& Surgery students were
satisfied overall†

† Data published by Unistats (unistats.ac.uk), March 2018