

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All applicants for the veterinary degree course at the University of Glasgow (BVMS) must apply through UCAS (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) by 6pm on 15th October 2020 for entry in September 2021. Applications can be made on-line at www.ucas.ac.uk (UCAS course code D100). The telephone number for UCAS is 0871 4680468. There is intense competition for the limited number of places available and past experience has shown that students require a high academic standard to cope with the demands of the course.

A' LEVELS: AAA including Chemistry, Biology and a third academic subject. Art, Drama, Dance, General Studies, Home Economics, Music or PE are not accepted as third subjects. English GCSE at a minimum of Grade 5 or Grade B is required.

HIGHERS: Applicants are not considered for entry to Veterinary Medicine from S5. Applicants are required to achieve AAAAB by the end of S5, including Chemistry (at Grade A) and Biology, and either Mathematics or Physics. (Applicants must have English at National 5 Grade B). Applicants who have achieved the S5 requirement will be required to achieve a minimum of two Advanced Highers (including Chemistry and Biology) in S6 at Grades BB.

International Baccalaureate candidates are required to achieve the full IB with an overall score of 38 including Chemistry and Biology at the Higher Level (Grades 6) and either Physics or Mathematics at Standard Level (Minimum Grade 6). A minimum of 6 points in English SL is also required.

All applicants should note that whilst Physics is not a requirement for entry, knowledge of this subject to GCSE, National 5 would be beneficial.

All applications received from individuals who possess the minimum academic entrance requirements for the BVMS degree course will be considered by the School Admissions Committee, which is composed of the Associate Head of School for Learning and Teaching, the Director of Admissions, academic staff and veterinary practitioners.

Evidence of self-motivation is essential and experience with animals is also an essential requirement for admission to the course. This may include knowledge and experience gained working in a veterinary, agricultural, research and/or biomedical setting; should be of appropriate breadth and depth such that it gives the applicant an understanding of the veterinary profession and an appreciation of the part played by the profession in society. An understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a practitioner is **essential** before making veterinary medicine a career choice.

Candidates being seriously considered for admission to the School of Veterinary Medicine will normally be interviewed before a final decision is reached and prior to this will be asked to provide references (open and confidential) from their work experience. Interview panels consist of the Director of Admissions and the Admissions Team, Academic members of the Admissions Committee and veterinary practitioners. The selection panel will assess the applicant's level of maturity, motivation and ability to communicate. The School is unable to consider applications for deferred entry or from candidates who have deemed it necessary to re-sit any of their examinations in order to achieve the required grades for entry.



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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be expected to have taken every opportunity to gain relevant practical experience of livestock husbandry and handling animals however we are aware that some applicants may currently be unable to complete work experience due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

We are therefore going to REDUCE our requirement for 6 weeks work experience and would like applicants to have at least ONE week with a veterinary surgeon. The COVID-19 situation is continually evolving and when the picture becomes clearer, we will publish further guidelines relating to work experience and any other changes to our admissions process for applicants in 2020 for entry in 2021. We will update our web page regularly. Applicants are also advised to conduct their own online research into areas where they have been unable to gain practical experience to boost their knowledge and understanding of the veterinary profession.

We look for knowledge of the veterinary profession with a variety of animals, e.g.

- 1. Attendance with a veterinary surgeon(s) (companion animal and farm animal).
Minimum of one week or occasional days/weekends over a substantial period.**
- 2. Experience of working on a dairy farm.**
- 3. Assisting on a sheep farm at lambing time.**
- 4. Experience working with horses, e.g. at riding stables.**
- 5. Experience of working in a boarding kennel or cattery.**
- 6. Visit to an abattoir (not essential).**
- 7. Any additional relevant experience, e.g. zoo, wildlife park or laboratory etc.**