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How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.
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.

Purpose and goals
The BVMS programme is based on integration of clinical and science subject areas and is delivered using a range of teaching methods including centred active learning approaches. The spiral core course structure means that you will revisit key pre-requisites throughout 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. Through individual, team-working and student-centred active learning approaches you will develop the skills required for lifelong independent learning.

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 your professional competence is based. During this initial phase, you will relate the anatomy and physiology of the body systems to health and disease, 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 affect 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, building a solid foundation in the art of history taking, clinical examination and clinical reasoning. 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. You will be developing independent learning strategies 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. The University and take a greater responsibility for your learning.

At the end of the clinical phase, you will have developed independent learning strategies and the necessary skills to become an active participant of the professional phase clinical team.

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 areas of opportunities in the veterinary profession by choosing a “selective” experience. Selectives may be used to gain experience in niche veterinary activities (such as wildlife, zoo and exotics) 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 extra-mural studies (EMS) during your vacation time (total duration determined by the RCVS). This encompasses time wherein you gain experience of the management and handling of domestic animals. Upon completion of this preclinical EMS you have to undertake clinical EMS, during which you gain experience working in professional environments. Satisfactory completion of the EMS requirements set by the RCVS 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 Sc (Hons) – and Masters levels – MSc, MRcVS or MPhV), after which you then re-enter the BVMS programme.

Our international links
Study abroad opportunities are available in all years related to core subjects. There are also opportunities to study abroad as an integral part of the BVMS programme and study for an additional degree programme (both at Bachelors – BSc, BSc Vet Sc (Hons) – and Masters levels – MSc, MRcVS or MPhV), after which you then re-enter the BVMS programme.

Careers
As a graduate of Veterinary Medicine at Glasgow, you can register as a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). 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, animal welfare, or veterinary surgeon and have hands on experience with farm animals.

The School of Veterinary Medicine runs a requisite widening participation programme for the recruitment and support of under-represented groups of students; see ug/veterinarymedicine.

Further information on state requirements for licensure, see www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Foreigniges/ECFVG-state-boards.aspx.

Summary of entry requirements for Veterinary Medicine & Surgery

SQA Higher Entry Requirements (by end of S6)

SQA Higher Adjusted Entry Requirements* (by end of S6)

A-level Standard Entry Requirements

IB Standard Entry Requirements 3B (6,6,6 HL) Additional requirements: HL subjects Chemistry and Biology, SL English and Physics or Mathematics at 6. Practical experience. Interview.

For detailed entry requirements see glasgow.ac.uk/ ug/veterinarymedicine.

Accommodation
The University’s accreditation 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?
Choosing a veterinary university is an important decision, and you will want to know about the high quality of teaching, research, and learning environment. Glasgow offers a unique combination of these factors.

The University of Glasgow is one of the university in the United Kingdom that is ranked 1st in the UK (Complete University Guide 2021) and 2nd in the UK (The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020).

Applying
All applications must be received by UCAS by 15 October. If applying to the BVMS programme you must limit your choices 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/uk/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 subject to an interview process.

Garscube campus
Our Veterinary Medicine students are based at our Garscube campus.

Practical experience requirements
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Academic requirements
For entry into the BVMS programme you must have the following qualifications:

GCSE English at Grade B or 5. Practical experience.
AAA or AAB at A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or Mathematics. Advanced Higher English at B or 6.

Interview. Successful completion of Reach. * See glasgow.ac.uk/assessglasgow for eligibility.

Applications from qualified graduates who have already completed a degree in a relevant subject are also considered.

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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
• glasgow.ac.uk/myglasgow/registry/withdrawal
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• glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/policies/refund