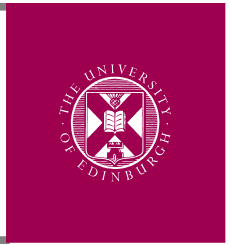


# THE ROYAL (DICK) SCHOOL OF VETERINARY STUDIES



The Graduate Entry Programme (GEP) at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is a four-year programme which allows graduates with a relevant first degree to attain a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) degree and register as a veterinary surgeon. Following successful completion of a one-year programme, which has been specifically designed around the needs of graduate entrants, GEP students then join the third year of the BVM&S course.

The GEP year is tailored to cover key areas of integrated anatomy, physiology and introductory pathology in a case based format with additional courses on animal health, welfare and food safety and professional and clinical skills.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

The first year of the GEP begins in August and is five weeks longer than the traditional academic year to allow all key areas to be covered.

### YEAR ONE

In Year One, the major course is the Animal Body which integrates anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and introductory pathology. You will also take courses in animal health welfare and food safety and begin courses in professional and clinical skills.



### YEAR TWO

In your second year you will study the clinical foundation course (surgery, diagnostic imaging and pharmacology), veterinary pathology and the dog and cat integrated clinical course.

Animal health welfare and food safety and professional and clinical skills courses continue.

### YEAR THREE

In Year Three, species based clinical studies continue with the farm animal, equine and exotics integrated clinical courses. Animal health welfare and food safety and professional and clinical skills courses also continue.

The clinical induction and integration course completes the third year as preparation for the final clinical year.

### YEAR FOUR

In your final year the emphasis is on practical experience and you will undertake clinical rotations in our hospitals and support services giving you practical experience in a wide range of disciplines. The final year is longer than the previous years and incorporates externship and elective periods to allow focus on areas of individual interest.



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## YEAR BY YEAR

Students keep a personal and professional development portfolio throughout the BVM&S programme to record elements of study on the professional and clinical skills course. Several courses run across one or more years of the curriculum.

## ELECTIVES

The degree programme includes a range of elective and externship options. You will have the opportunity to work with international experts and gain experience in your chosen area of interest. You will also be able to undertake a clinical and laboratory-based research elective in your summer vacation.

## INTERCALATED DEGREES

If you have special interest in animal disease you can choose to change to a BSc (Hons) Veterinary Science after your second year. You will take one year of advanced study in one of the following: biochemistry, neuroscience, veterinary biomedical sciences or microbiology and infection. With permission, you may attend intercalated degree courses at other UK universities or veterinary colleges, or in other parts of the University of Edinburgh. For exceptional candidates, there are also opportunities to study a one year research MSc, or an intercalated three-year PhD. You can also enroll in the prestigious taught MSc in Animal Welfare and Behaviour or the MSc in Equine Science.

## BVM&S VETERINARY MEDICINE WITH INTEGRATED PhD (7-YEAR COURSE)

In addition to the intercalated degrees offered, this new programme is designed for students with a first degree in a biological science. Students follow the first two years of the Graduate Entry Programme then spend four years combining their veterinary courses with PhD studies. The final year is devoted to full-time research to complete the PhD. This programme allows students to maintain contact with the veterinary programme as they pursue their research project.

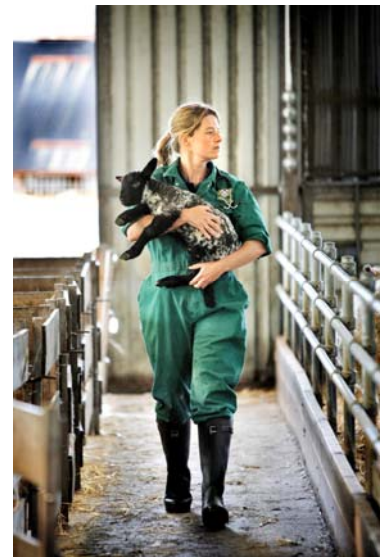
## EXTRAMURAL STUDIES

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) requires that all students complete twelve weeks of mainly agricultural extramural studies (EMS). Graduate Entry students can complete up to six weeks pre-entry EMS which may include up to four weeks exemption depending on prior experience.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

After accepting a formal offer to enter the GEP, students will receive access to the School's virtual learning environment. This is named EEVeC ('Edinburgh Electronic Veterinary Curriculum'), and will allow you to contact current GEP students and key staff, in addition to providing access to relevant course materials in advance of the start of the course.

On joining the course, each student will also be assigned a Director of Studies to provide pastoral and academic support throughout your time on the BVM&S programme.



If you have any questions on the GEP, please email: [vetug@ed.ac.uk](mailto:vetug@ed.ac.uk)

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