

Veterinary Science BVSc

COURSE DETAILS

- A level requirements: [AAA](#)
- UCAS code: D100
- Study mode: Full-time
- Length: 5 years

KEY DATES

- Apply by: [15 October 2024](#)
- Starts: 22 September 2025

Course overview

Our course is designed to create practical, compassionate and resilient veterinary surgeons and to equip our graduates with the skills and qualities required to practice in the 21st century.

INTRODUCTION

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The Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) programme offers world-leading scientific and clinical training in veterinary medicine. The BVSc is internationally accredited and on graduation, you will be qualified to practise as a veterinary surgeon in the UK (RCVS), Ireland and Europe (EAEVE), Australia and New Zealand (AVBC), South Africa (SAVC), North America (AVMA) and many other countries around the world.

Our students get to enjoy a vibrant university experience for the first three years of the course, based at the central Liverpool campus. Years 4 and 5 are based at our Leahurst site, on the stunning Wirral, with North Wales on your doorstep.

Liverpool vet school offers in-depth clinical and research-based training and a hugely motivated, dedicated teaching staff. The university provides all of its own teaching across all five years of the course, using our two farms (covering beef and dairy cattle, pigs and sheep), our own teaching horses and our own teaching clinics. Across these sites our students have access to over 10,000 small animal cases a year, and over 5,000 equine and large animal cases.

Programme in detail

Our integrated spiral curriculum offers an innovative approach to teaching and learning, where subjects are revisited year on year with an increasing focus on clinical application as

the course progresses.

Your study will commence with animal handling, the science of normal structure and function, the welfare and husbandry of animals and the incidence and distribution of disease.

You will continue to build on this knowledge in second year, adding pathology and parasitology, further practical techniques and learning about veterinary research in our research skills course. In third year, you will study pathology and parasitology in more detail start the clinical science course and complete a research project, allowing you to study an area of interest in much more detail.

You will begin learning and using clinical skills from day one, taking advantage of our dedicated facilities to practise the essential techniques required in every field of veterinary practice such as bandaging, injection technique, lab analysis, suturing and knot tying.

Our professional skills thread also starts in year one. You will learn how to communicate effectively with others, in both written and spoken form, and you will get to put this into practice with professional actors who act as your clients in simulated veterinary consultations. You will also learn about the importance of practice finance and how veterinary businesses operate.

In fourth year, you will move to Leahurst. You will complete a lecture based clinical theory course by the February of fourth year and then complete 36 weeks of clinical rotations spread equally between production animal, equine and small animals with a dedicated rotation in exotics medicine. Over 90% of rotations take place at the Leahurst Campus, with students additionally gaining front line experience in commercial practices during their 26 weeks of extra-mural studies (EMS).

During clinical rotations, you will have the opportunity to join a 3-month exchange programme with one of our seven partner vet schools in Europe and the USA

Following your clinical rotations, you will have the chance to choose an elective subject to study in greater depth.

You also have the opportunity to take a year out from the veterinary science programme to study in China or for an additional, intercalated degree. A wide variety of subjects are available, both at Liverpool and other universities in the UK and abroad, and examples range from basic sciences to our world-renowned BSc in [Veterinary Conservation Medicine](#).

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- A core foundation in basic and clinical science which will support development of clinical reasoning and practical skills
- Animal handling and essential techniques required in every field of veterinary practice such as physical examination, injection technique and lab analysis.
- An understanding of the role of animals in human health
- The role of vets in the treatment and prevention of disease in individual animals and populations
- Development of professional skills to enable engagement with all aspects of veterinary science and clinical practice.
- The knowledge, expertise and attitudes required for a 21st century career in clinical or academic veterinary practice, business or scientific research.
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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

YEAR ONE

- Animal husbandry and welfare
- Infectious diseases
- Normal structure and function
- Professional, clinical and study skills
- Public health and epidemiology

Any optional modules listed above are illustrative only and may vary from year to year. Modules may be subject to minimum student numbers being achieved and staff availability. This means that the availability of specific optional modules cannot be guaranteed.

YEAR TWO

- Animal husbandry
- Infectious diseases
- Normal structure and function
- Professional, clinical and research skills
- Public health and epidemiology

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YEAR THREE

- Management of disease, pathology and parasitology, Professional (including business), clinical and research skills, public health and epidemiology.

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YEAR FOUR

- Clinical rotations
- Management of disease

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YEAR FIVE

- Clinical rotation
- Electives

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HOW YOU'LL LEARN

There is a combination of problem-based learning, didactic teaching and small-group practical classes allowing students to develop lifelong learning techniques.

LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

Careers and employability

Studying this degree will prepare you for a wide range of careers in animal sciences and the vast majority of veterinary students find employment within six months of graduation.

Most newly qualified vets choose to work in private veterinary practices but many graduates find work in:

- Laboratories
- Animal charities
- The public health sector
- Research
- Higher degrees like PhDs, or further studies in particular veterinary specialities.

You can explore the following postgraduate opportunities here at Liverpool:

- Veterinary Science MSc
- Veterinary Science PhD/MPhil/DVSc
- Bovine Reproduction DBR
- RCVS/Certificate in Advance Veterinary Practice.

100% OF VETERINARY SCIENCE STUDENTS FIND THEIR MAIN ACTIVITY AFTER GRADUATION MEANINGFUL.

Graduate Outcomes, 2018-19.

Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

TUITION FEES

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)	
Full-time place, per year	£9,535

International fees	
Full-time place, per year	£44,850

The UK full-time tuition fee and international course fee shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about fees and funding.](#)

ADDITIONAL COSTS

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries that could help pay your tuition and living expenses.

We've set the country or region your qualifications are from as United Kingdom. [Change it here](#)

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[**UNDERGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**](#)

- [International students](#)

[If you're a high-achieving international student starting an undergraduate degree with us from September 2024, you could be eligible to receive a fee discount of up to £5,000. You'll need to achieve grades equivalent to AAA in A levels. Most of our undergraduate degrees are eligible, with the exception of clinical programmes in Medicine and Dental Surgery.](#)

THE LIVERPOOL BURSARY

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student joining an undergraduate degree and have a household income below £35,000, you could be eligible for a Liverpool Bursary worth up to £2,000 for each year of undergraduate study.](#)

CARE LEAVERS' OPPORTUNITY BURSARY

- [Home students](#)

[If you've spent 13 or more weeks in Local Authority care since age 14, you could be eligible for a bursary of £3,000 per year of study. You'll need to be a UK student joining an eligible undergraduate degree and be aged 28 or above on 1 September in the year you start.](#)

COWRIE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- [Home students](#)

[Are you a UK student with a Black African or Caribbean heritage and a household income of £25,000 or less? You could be eligible to apply for a Cowrie Foundation Scholarship worth up to £8,000 for each year of undergraduate study.](#)

ESTRANGED STUDENTS BURSARY

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student identified as estranged by Student Finance England \(or the equivalent UK funding body\), you could be eligible for a bursary of £1,000 for each year of undergraduate study.](#)

GENESYS LIFE SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

- [Home students](#)

[Joining a School of Biosciences degree and have a household income of less than £25,000? If you're a UK student, you could apply to receive £4,500 per year for three years of your undergraduate course.](#)

GRADUATE ASSOCIATION HONG KONG & TUNG UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- [International students](#)

- [Hong Kong](#)

[If you're an undergraduate student from Hong Kong who can demonstrate academic excellence, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship worth £10,000 in partnership with](#)

[the Tung Foundation.](#)

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KAPLAN DIGITAL PATHWAYS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

◦ [International students](#)

[Completed a Kaplan Digital Pathways Foundation Certificate? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of undergraduate study for a maximum of two high achieving students joining one of our non-clinical degrees from an online Kaplan Foundation Certificate.](#)

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NOLAN SCHOLARSHIPS

◦ [Home students](#)

[Do you live in the Liverpool City Region with a household income of £25,000 or less? Did neither of your parents attend University? You could be eligible to apply for a Nolan Scholarship worth £5,000 per year for three years of undergraduate study.](#)

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RIGBY ENTERPRISE AWARD

◦ [Home students](#)

[Are you a UK student with a household income of £25,000 or less? If you've participated in an eligible outreach programme, you could be eligible to apply for a Rigby Enterprise Award worth £5,000 per year for three years of your undergraduate degree.](#)

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ROLABOTIC SCHOLARSHIP

◦ [Home students](#)

[Are you a UK student with a household income of £25,000 or less? Did neither of your parents attend University? You could be eligible to apply for a ROLABOTIC Scholarship worth £4,500 for each year of your undergraduate degree.](#)

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SPORT LIVERPOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

◦ [Home and international students](#)

[Apply to receive tailored training support to enhance your sporting performance. Our athlete support package includes a range of benefits, from bespoke strength and conditioning training to physiotherapy sessions and one-to-one nutritional advice.](#)

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TECHNETIX BROADHURST ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

◦ [Home students](#)

[Joining a degree in the School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Science? If you're a UK student with household income below £25,000, you could be eligible to apply for £5,000 a year for three years of study. Two awards will be available per academic year.](#)

- **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- International students

Completed a Foundation Certificate at University of Liverpool International College (UoLIC)? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of undergraduate study to some of the highest achieving students joining one of our non-clinical degrees from UoLIC.

- **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE FIRST CLASS SCHOLARSHIP**

- International students

We're offering a £1,000 fee discount for years 2 and 3 of undergraduate study to eligible students progressing from University of Liverpool International College. You'll need to be studying a non-clinical subject and get an average of 70% or above in year 1 of your degree.

- **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IMPACT PROGRESSION SCHOLARSHIPS**

- International students

If you're a University of Liverpool International College student awarded a Kaplan Impact Scholarship, we'll also consider you for an Impact Progression Scholarship. If selected, you'll receive a £3,000 fee discount off the first year of your undergraduate degree.

- **YOUNG ADULT CARER'S (YAC) BURSARY**

- Home students

If you're a young adult and a registered carer in the UK, you might be eligible for a £1,000 bursary for each year of study. You'll need to be aged 18-25 on 1 September in the year you start your undergraduate degree.

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Information for prospective applicants

Please refer to the [Veterinary Science Prospective Applicants page](#) for important guidance notes and detailed information for BVSc (D100) applicants.

Applicants to Veterinary Science should be aware that students will be required as part of the registration process at the start of their studies to undergo an occupational health assessment.

Please note that admission to our [foundation year](#) is limited to mature students who have typically been out of formal education for some time, or who have taken non-traditional qualifications.

Your qualification	Requirements About our typical entry requirements
A levels	AAA including Biology (or Human Biology) and Chemistry. If Chemistry is not taken at A level, it must be taken at AS level (at grade B or above) and the second A level must be another academic science-related subject (from any of the following: Physics, Mathematics, Geography, Geology, Psychology). You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme . If you don't meet the entry requirements, you may be able to complete a foundation year which would allow you to progress to this course. Available foundation years: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation to Human and Animal Health Professions (Veterinary Science) (Year 0) BVSc
GCSE	At least five GCSEs at grade 7 (A) including two science GCSEs (either as separate subjects or e.g. dual award science). With at least a grade 6 (B) in English (literature or language) and Mathematics.
Subject requirements	For applicants from England: Where a science has been taken at A level (Chemistry, Biology or Physics), a pass in the

Your qualification	Requirements About our typical entry requirements
	Science practical of each subject will be required.
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	We no longer accept BTEC qualifications.
International Baccalaureate	36 points overall to include, Grade 6 at Higher Level Biology, Grade 6 at Higher Level Chemistry, Grade 6 at Higher Level in any other subject.
Irish Leaving Certificate	The recognised A level equivalent qualification is the Irish Higher Leaving Certificate. H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H2 (new grading system) OR A1, A1, A1, A1 (old grading system). Biology: (H1); Chemistry: (H1); English: (O3 at Ordinary Level or H6 at Higher Level); Maths: (O3 at Ordinary Level/Standard Level or H6 at Higher Level).
Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher	Not accepted without Advanced Highers. Grade B in Biology at Advanced Higher, Grade B in Chemistry at Advance Higher, Grade AA in Biology and Chemistry and Grades AAB in 3 other subjects at Higher Level.
Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced	Accepted in place of a third A level
Access	Kitemarked level 3 Access to Medicine at pre-approved colleges is required with a minimum of 15 credits in Biology and a minimum of 15 credits in Chemistry. Approval MUST be obtained prior to application. Please contact the Admissions Office for further information.
Work Experience Requirements	Candidates should have work experience in both animal husbandry and clinical (veterinary practice) setting. For more information, please see the Veterinary Science Prospective Applicants page .

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International qualifications	Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

