Welcome to the University of Edinburgh’s Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

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What I am going to talk about

• The University of Edinburgh and the R(D)SVS
• The Campus
• The People
• Our Curriculum
• Applying and what happens afterwards
University of Edinburgh

- 23rd in the World Rankings
- R(D)SVS sits within the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine
  - 1st in the UK (Guardian League Tables 2018)
  - 4th in the World (ShanghaiRankings 2017)
  - 8th in the World (QS Rankings 2017)
R(D)SVS- Accreditation

• Accredited by:

  • Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
  • American Veterinary Medical Association
  • European Association of Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE)
  • Australasian Veterinary Boards Council

• Very highly rated in teaching reviews and research assessment (highest number of research active staff amongst the UK vet schools)
The Campus
New Equine Facility

- State of the art Surgical and Diagnostic Facility
- Centre for Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation of Racehorses
The People
World leading research with impact

Blueprints for Healthy Animals
Defining how the sequence, regulation and products of genes determine the development and function of body systems throughout life.

Control of Infectious Diseases
Enhancing the supply and safety of food by providing the knowledge required to detect, treat and prevent animal and zoonotic diseases.

Improving Animal Production & Welfare
Improving the yield and quality of animals or their products while improving welfare, efficiency and sustainability.

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

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University of Edinburgh and R(D)SVS

- R(D)SVS came 1st in the UK, and retained its position as the UK’s top Vet School
- The submission was ranked the most powerful in the UK
- Three quarters of the research and related activity submitted was judged to be world leading or internationally excellent
Taught by World Experts
Published Examples of our International Contribution to Veterinary Medicine
The Curriculum
EDIVET: Do you have what it takes to be a veterinarian?

This course is for anyone interested in learning more about Veterinary Medicine, giving a “taster” of courses covered in the first year of a veterinary degree and an idea of what it is like to study Veterinary Medicine.

About the Course

This course is designed to provide a basic overview of what is involved in the first year of a Veterinary Medicine degree. It will be of interest to those considering Veterinary Medicine as a career or those about to embark on their studies, as well as those keen to learn more about this profession generally or who are involved with caring for animals.

Over the five weeks the course will provide a taster of the subjects covered during the first year of the degree. It includes information on the profession’s past, present and future, as well as an introduction to body systems, basic animal care, and veterinary professional and clinical skills.

Course Syllabus

Week 1: Basic Animal Care

This week will focus on animal care. It will consider the key concepts of what is required for the care of companion animals such as horses, cats & dogs and exotics. It will also look at the husbandry of production animals such as sheep and dairy cattle.

Week 2: An introduction to Body Systems

The learning materials during this week will focus on providing participants with an overview of anatomy and physiology using selected body systems of the dog as examples. Participants will also be introduced to basic principles of histology. The week will conclude with an overview of comparative aspects of anatomy across different species and a demonstration of pathological change relevant to the systems taught earlier in the week.
BVM&S the preclinical years

Year 1
Animal Body 1
Animal Body 2
Animal Life
Professional and clinical skills

Year 2
Animal Body 3
Animal Body 4
Animal Life
Professional and clinical skills
BVM&S the preclinical years

Year GEP

Animal Body 1
Animal Body 2
Animal Body 3
Animal Body 4
Animal Life
Professional and clinical skills
BVM&S the clinical years

Year 3
- Clinical Foundation Course
- Veterinary Pathology Course
- Integrated dog and cat course
- Professional and clinical skills

Year 4
- Integrated food animal course
- Integrated Equine Course
- Integrated exotics course
- Animal Life and Veterinary Public Health
- Professional and clinical skills

Year 5
- ROTATIONS
Extra Mural Studies - EMS

- 12 weeks Animal Husbandry
- 26 weeks Clinical EMS
Our Teaching Philosophy— a blend of traditional and modern
Study Landscape and Clinical Skills Lab
Graduate employment 6 months after graduation is approximately 95%
Student Support and Careers
Student Support

- Personal tutor
  - Pastoral and academic support and advice
  - House system – 10 Houses with students from all years
- Staff in general
- Student community e.g. VetPALs and
- University support (Advice Place, Student Disability Service, Student Counselling, Student Health Centre)
Where could the BVM&S degree take you?

- Private practice
  - Small animal
  - Equine
  - Farm animal
  - Exotics

- Government
- Industry
- University
- Research Institute
- Food companies
- Developing countries
- Charities
Applying
Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS)

Your journey begins here, with your VMCAS application. It's our goal to ensure that you are given all the tools you need to prepare you for your veterinary medical education career! It takes a lot of preparation and research to decide where you are going to apply, and your VMCAS staff is here to help you all the way through your application process.

Make sure to bookmark this page because it will be your hub of information throughout the VMCAS Application Cycle! Return often for updates!

VMCAS Application

Before Applying
- Prerequisite Chart
- Accreditation & Licensure
- Sample Evaluation
- Transcript Verification
- Tuition Map
- Webinar Schedule
- Dual Degree Resources

Application Resources
- Application Fees
- Evaluations
- FAQ
- Helpful Hints
- Requirements
- Test Deadlines
- VMCAS 2017 Instructions

School Information
- College Descriptor Pages
- Supplemental Application Chart
- General Info Chart
- VMSAR
- Scholarship Information

Applicant checklist
- Applicants must read all instructions for each section.
- Record your username and password in a secure and easy-to-remember location.
- Review your application carefully to make sure that the data is accurate.
- Print your completed application for your records BEFORE delivering it to VMCAS. Do not send printed applications to VMCAS.
- You must deliver your VMCAS application and other application materials (3 eLors, Transcripts) to VMCAS no later than September 15th, 2016. No late documents are accepted.
Deadlines for application

- VMCAS- September 15th
Admissions/Selection: Stage 1

- **Academic performance**: Correct subjects/Prerequisites
- **Personal Essay**: Balanced
- **Animal and Vet experience**: Breadth, Depth
Academic performance

- **BSc** - GPA 3.4 or 2.1 minimum and correct subjects

- Prerequisites
  - Biology/Zoology
  - Physics
  - Biochemistry
  - Organic and Inorganic chemistry
  - Mathematics/Statistics
  - Genetics
  - Microbiology
  - Cell Biology
• Get an idea of what the job of a vet entails
• Get practical experiences of handling/working with different types of animals if possible
What counts as experience

- Small and Large Animal Veterinary Practice
- Dairy and Beef Farming
- Sheep Farming including Lambing
- Horse work
- Pig Farming
- Kennel/Cattery

- Poultry Farming
- Zoo and Exotic work
- Fish Farming
- Laboratory Work
- Research Project
- (Slaughter house – ½ to 1 day)
Multiple Mini interview

- Work experience
- Career exploration
- Data interpretation
- Numeracy
- Moral/ethical dilemma
- Animal welfare
- Practical task
Art of a Vet Student Winner

Emma Driver
Home Page

Jimmy Speed, Professor of Anatomy at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh, donated his group of Exmoor ponies to the vet students of the University. Since then the ponies have been used for trekking over the Lothian Hills during the winter and over the Ochill Hills during the summer. Weekend day treks are available in the Pentlands from September to June. In the summer at Glendevon, treks are run everyday (except Friday). We are TRSS approved.

Our herd is currently fourteen ponies, all Exmoors ranging from 4yrs to 20yrs. Anyone can come trekking* and we cater for all levels of riding ability. However due to the size of the ponies (approx 11hh to 13hh) we cannot allow anybody over 12 and a half stone (79kg) (subject to change in winter) to ride and we also insist that any children 8 to 12yrs old are accompanied by an adult. There are plenty of things to do in both the Pentland and Ochill Hills, including mountain biking, walking or just enjoying the beautiful scenery. For a taste of what it is all about have a look at the pictures!

*please read Terms & Conditions

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