



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BVSc (08130005)

Minimum duration of study 6 years

Total credits 877

Programme information

This programme is accredited with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC), Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC).

Each student must apply immediately after registration at UP, to the Registrar of the South African Veterinary Council for registration as a student in Veterinary Science. Registration is compulsory and must be renewed annually for the duration of the study.

After the degree has been conferred, graduates are required to register with the South African Veterinary Council as veterinarians before they may practise in South Africa in this capacity.

Also refer to:

UP General Regulations and Rules

<http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/rules/content/R02>

Examinations and related matters

<https://www1.up.ac.za/cs/groups/staff/@contrib/documents/document/mdaw/mdm5/~edisp/uppr039909.pdf>

Admission requirements

- Entry into the BVSc programme is highly competitive due to popularity of the programme and limited available spaces.
- Selection is based on academic merit. The Faculty does not determine specific selection cut-off values as these are determined by the strength of the applications in a particular year.

- **School-leavers**

A valid NSC/IEB/Cambridge qualification with admission for degree purposes.

Subject requirements and the required Admission Point Score (APS) as indicated in the table below. The APS is calculated from the achievement levels obtained in the six 20-credit subjects of the NSC.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Conditional admission is based on Grade 11 final examination results, final admission on NSC/IEB performance in Mathematics, English and Physical Science, as well as the Veterinary Value-added Form (VVAf).

Additional admission criteria may be used including an interview and additional selection tests.

School-leaving applicants who are conditionally admitted based on their Grade 11 results will forfeit their placement if their NSC APS is more than 2 points lower than the Grade 11 APS used for conditional



admission.

• **Applicants with previous higher education exposure**

There is an opportunity for students with previous higher education experience to also apply for the BVSc programme.

Placement in either the first or second year of the BVSc programme will depend on, among others, merit and subject choices.

• **International students**

A small number of international students may be admitted to the programme, including those from neighbouring Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries.

Applicants who are accepted receive a letter of confirmation from the University, which will facilitate their application for a study permit.

A valid study permit, obtained in the country of origin, is a prerequisite for registration.

The National Benchmark Test (NBT) may be required from international applicants. (www.nbt.ac.za)

International applicants must comply with all UP's and the Department of Home Affairs' regulations related to international students.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home

Language or

English First

Additional

Language

Mathematics

Physical Science

APS

NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
5	C	5	C	5	C	32

* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Additional requirements

Submission of the Veterinary Value Added Form is not a requirement, but is recommended in order to improve an applicant's chance for selection, since the score obtained contributes 20% towards the final score used for selection.

Examinations and pass requirements

These rules will only be applicable to modules that fall within the Faculty of Veterinary Science.

Also refer to UP General Regulations and Rules

- i. Attendance of all lectures, practicals and clinical duties is compulsory. Any form of absence must be justified by submission of a medical certificate or valid documentation, within three working days after returning. Failure to comply may lead to examination refusal.



- ii. No minimum semester/year mark is required for admission to the examination.
- iii. The semester/year marks and examination mark will count 50% each towards the final mark.
- iv. A student is required to obtain a subminimum of 40% in the examination as well as a final mark of at least 50% to pass a module. A subminimum of 40% in subdivisions of theoretical and/or practical examinations may be required as stipulated by the Dean in consultation with the relevant head of department, and as set out in the study guide.
- v. A student must pass all the modules of the respective previous year of study in order to be promoted to the subsequent year of study.
- vi. A student who fails a module in year 1,2 or 3, has to repeat all the failed modules for that particular year of study.

A fourth, fifth or final year student who fails a module or modules in a year of study, has to repeat, all the modules for that particular year of study, except modules which were passed with a final mark of at least 65%, for which full exemption is granted.

During the repeat year, exemption from the examination is granted for a module that was passed in the previous year with a final mark of less than 65%; if at least 80% of the practical periods were attended and a year/semester mark of at least 50% was obtained.

Examinations are compulsory in all the modules previously failed, as well as in those modules in which exemption from the examination has not been obtained. If a student fails any of these examinations (or supplementary examination), he or she will be excluded from the programme and will not be permitted to continue.

- vii. The content, format and duration of the supplementary, extra-ordinary, and/or special examination will be similar to that of the examination, except for oral examinations, where the supplementary, extra-ordinary, and/or special examination may be in a different format.
- viii. Students who have obtained a semester/year mark of 65% or more in a particular module may be promoted according to UP's general regulations. Departments will be allowed to use discretion in this regard. The rule will be stated in the study guide of the respected module.
- ix. Examinations are conducted as stipulated in the Faculty Calendar.
- x. A student will not be allowed to repeat the same year of study twice.

Exclusion

Students who have not passed the equivalent off at least 50% of semester modules enrolled for in a particular year of study, including dropped modules will be excluded and will not be allowed to re-register in the next year.

Re-admission

A student who has to discontinue his or her studies or has been excluded may apply in writing to the Faculty Admissions Committee for re-admission.

Practical/clinical/internship information

Compulsory Community Service

After completing the degree a Compulsory Community Service (CCS) year is required by the state. Graduates will be employed for one year of Compulsory Community Service by the national Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. More information can be obtained from DAFF.

Clinical experience (including practical work)

Proof of satisfactory completion of prescribed clinical and practical components of the programme as prescribed below must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration of the Faculty, prior to the commencement of the



final examinations. Failure to do so may lead to examination refusal.

- In state control of stock diseases and administration: experience at an approved institution as approved by the Dean.
- Practical and clinical experience at the Faculty and at approved private practices as well as other institutions as approved by the Dean.

Pass with distinction

The BVSc degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained a cumulative weighted average of at least 75% over the last three years of study.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 122

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Fundamental modules

Academic information management 102 (AIM 102) - Credits: 6.00

Language and study skills 110 (LST 110) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 108 (UPO 108) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Biometry 120 (BME 120) - Credits: 16.00

Chemistry 151 (CMY 151) - Credits: 16.00

Introductory genetics 161 (GTS 161) - Credits: 8.00

Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111) - Credits: 16.00

Medical terminology 180 (MTL 180) - Credits: 12.00

Physics for biology students 131 (PHY 131) - Credits: 16.00

Veterinary professional life 100 (VPL 100) - Credits: 2.00

Mathematics 165 (WTW 165) - Credits: 16.00

Animal diversity 161 (ZEN 161) - Credits: 8.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 144

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Core modules

Veterinary comparative anatomy 200 (VCA 200) - Credits: 38.00

Veterinary microbiology 210 (VEM 210) - Credits: 6.00

Veterinary ethology 202 (VET 202) - Credits: 18.00

Animal production systems 213 (VET 213) - Credits: 8.00

Veterinary immunology 220 (VIM 220) - Credits: 6.00

Animal science, breeding and nutrition 223 (VKU 223) - Credits: 14.00

Veterinary physiology and histology 200 (VPH 200) - Credits: 33.00

Veterinary professional life 121 (VPL 121) - Credits: 2.00

Veterinary professional life 200 (VPL 200) - Credits: 7.00

Pasture science 213 (WDE 213) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 135

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Core modules

General surgery 320 (GNS 320) - Credits: 7.00

General and organ pathology 300 (GOP 300) - Credits: 30.00

Introductory veterinary diagnostics 300 (IVD 300) - Credits: 24.00

Veterinary toxicology 300 (TOX 300) - Credits: 14.00

Veterinary infectious diseases 300 (VIP 300) - Credits: 14.00

Ethnoveterinary medicine 310 (VME 310) - Credits: 3.00

General veterinary pharmacology 300 (VPH 300) - Credits: 14.00

Veterinary professional life 300 (VPL 300) - Credits: 10.00

Veterinary parasitology 300 (VTP 300) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Year 4

Minimum credits: 142

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Core modules

Anaesthesiology 420 (ANV 420) - Credits: 8.00

Clinical pathology 410 (CLP 410) - Credits: 7.00

Diagnostic imaging 400 (DIM 400) - Credits: 16.00

Diagnostic pathology 401 (DPT 401) - Credits: 12.00

Veterinary epidemiology 420 (EPL 420) - Credits: 10.00

Equine medicine and surgery 410 (EQM 410) - Credits: 14.00

Small animal medicine and surgery 410 (SAS 410) - Credits: 21.00

Small animal medicine and surgery 420 (SAS 420) - Credits: 21.00

Veterinary professional life 400 (VPL 400) - Credits: 11.00

Veterinary reproduction 400 (VRP 400) - Credits: 16.00



Curriculum: Year 5

Minimum credits: 181

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Core modules

Bovine health and production 510 (BHP 510) - Credits: 25.00

Diagnostic pathology 510 (DPT 510) - Credits: 9.00

Veterinary epidemiology 510 (EPL 510) - Credits: 10.00

Small stock health and production 510 (SSH 510) - Credits: 25.00

Veterinary core practice 520 (VCP 520) - Credits: 52.00

Veterinary elective practice 520 (VEP 520) - Credits: 16.00

One health 510 (VOH 510) - Credits: 4.00

Veterinary public health 510 (VPH 510) - Credits: 14.00

Veterinary business management 510 (VPL 510) - Credits: 10.00

African wildlife management and conservation 510 (WMC 510) - Credits: 5.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 159

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Core modules

[Veterinary core practice 602 \(VCP 602\)](#) - Credits: 53.00

[Veterinary core practice 603 \(VCP 603\)](#) - Credits: 54.00

[Veterinary elective practice 602 \(VEP 602\)](#) - Credits: 28.00

[Veterinary elective practice 603 \(VEP 603\)](#) - Credits: 24.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of each student to familiarise himself or herself well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.