



Helpline Enquiries

Alternative routes to Veterinary Medicine

Enquiry

What are the possible entry routes to Veterinary Medicine for a student who is studying Biology, Chemistry and Latin and unlikely to get the grades required? The student is extremely hard working and determined and is doing all the necessary work experience.

Our reply

Firstly, there are three Accelerate Veterinary Medicine degrees offered in the UK to graduates with a 2:1 in a related biological sciences degree.

However, there are risks with planning on graduate entry, for which there are no guarantees. Will the student have the motivation to do well in an undergraduate degree? Have they considered the financial implications?

Specific entry requirements are listed below and for more information see university websites.

1. University of Bristol – [Veterinary Science Graduate Entry](#) (new course started 2019)

Entry requirements: At least an Upper Second Class (2:1) degree in one of the subjects listed below. A levels and other qualifications not considered.

From the University of Bristol: Applied Anatomy, Biology, Biomedical Science, Cancer Biology and Immunology, Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Chemistry, Medical Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physics, Physiology, Psychology, Veterinary Nursing and Bio veterinary Science, Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour, Virology and Immunology, Zoology.

From any UK university. Bio Veterinary Science and Marine Biology

2. RVC – [Graduate Entry Veterinary Medicine](#)

Entry requirements: Upper Second Class (2:1) degree in a biological or animal science subject. Subjects studied MUST include Biology/Zoology, Physics, Biochemistry, Organic and Inorganic Chemistry and Mathematics/Statistics at grade C or better. Genetics, Microbiology and Cellular Biology, at grade C or better, are also strongly recommended.

Note: graduates with a science degree but with not enough key core science subjects covered and achieved at a high enough standard for the 4-year Graduate Entry Programme, will be considered for the 5-year only.

3. Edinburgh BSc (Hons) degree – [Graduate Entry Programme 4-year](#)

Entry requirements: Upper Second-Class Honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate Biological or Animal Science subject. Candidates must also achieve high grades (C or better) in the following subjects:

Biology/Zoology; Physics; Biochemistry; Organic and Inorganic Chemistry; Mathematics/Statistics. Gaining high grades (C or better) in the following subjects would strengthen an application for the GEP: Genetics; Microbiology; Cell Biology.

Please also see the information below from the University of Liverpool <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/life-sciences/employability/postgraduate/veterinary/>

Study Abroad

The student could also consider studying for a [Veterinary Medicine degree abroad in English](#).

- [St George's University, Grenada](#)
- [Faculty of Medicine at Kosice, Slovak Republic](#)

Other alternatives to consider

Would they consider a career as an Animal Physiotherapist or an Animal Behaviourist? There are degrees related to these 2 areas in the UK and entry is less competitive than Veterinary Medicine. For more information go to:

- [The National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists](#)
- [The Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour](#)

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