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Important document – please read
This document contains important information that governs your registration, assessment and programme of study

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

These Programme Regulations are designed and developed by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) which is responsible for the academic direction of the programme. The regulations take account of any associated arrangements at the RVC. Programme Regulations, together with the Programme Handbook, will provide the detailed rules and guidance for your programme of study.

In addition to Programme Regulations you will have to abide by the General Regulations. These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the University of London and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary. Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

The relevant General Regulations and the Programme Regulations relating to your registration with us are for the current year and not the year in which you initially registered.

On all matters where the regulations are to be interpreted, or are silent, our decision will be final.

Further information about your programme of study is outlined in the Programme Specification which is available on the relevant Courses page of the website. The Programme Specification gives a broad overview of the structure and content of the programme as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress.

Terminology

The following language is specific to the Livestock Health and Production and the Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health programmes:

Module: Individual units of a programme are called modules. Each module is a self-contained, formally structured learning experience with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria

TMA: A Tutor Marked Assignment. These are a component of each module other than the Research project. They take the form of a written assignment or short answer paper, as specified by each module, and carry a weighting of 20% of the overall pass mark for the module.

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mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided please contact us. You should use the ask a question button in the Student portal

Alternative Assessments during the Coronavirus (COVID -19) Outbreak

In line with our current General Regulations, the University may offer you alternative assessments where necessary. This includes holding online timed assessments in place of written examinations, which are usually held at examination centres. Please note that this statement replaces any published information relating to assessments or written examinations in any of our materials including the website. Previously published materials relating to examinations should therefore be read in conjunction with this statement.

1 Structure of the programmes

See Appendix A for the structure of the MSc degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates and the full list of Individual modules that may be taken on a stand

- three compulsory core modules;
- four further optional modules from a selection.

1.6

The minimum and maximum periods of registration, counted from your effective date of registration, are:

Livestock Health and Production, and Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health	Minimum	Maximum
MSc degrees	2 years	5 years
Postgraduate Diploma	2 years	5 years
Postgraduate Certificate	1 year	5 years
240-hour Individual modules	1 year	2 years
50-hour Individual modules	None	1 year
35-hour Individual modules	None	1 year

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We will only grant an extension to the maximum period of registration in exceptional circumstances. If we allow an extension to your period of registration we will review the currency of the modules that you have completed and decide whether you may transfer the modules. Any extension to the ma [L P X P S H U L R G R I U H J L V W U D W L R Q Z L O O E H D W W K H 3 U R J U D P P H

Period of registration when progressing from a 240 -hour Individual module

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If you successfully pass a 240-hour Individual module and we allow you to progress and transfer your registration to a Postgraduate Certificate, a Postgraduate Diploma or an MSc degree, we will give you a new effective date of registration and a new maximum period of registration of five years.

Period of registration when progressing from a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma

2.7

You must complete your studies within the maximum period of five years, which includes any progression between levels of award (i.e. transfer to the PGDip or MSc). If you transfer to the next level of award, your initial registration date will remain unchanged (i.e. the date when you first registered for your original programme).

Regist ering after accept ing an award

5.7

You must submit TMAs according to the dates and guidelines provided in the Programme handbook, with at least one TMA being submitted by the Compulsory deadline, in order to be eligible for examination entry. However, the TMA and written examination do not have to be attempted in the same year, as students can apply to defer the examination.

5.8

If you fail to complete the annual continuing registration process by the deadline given, you will not be permitted access to RVC Learn.

See the Section 1 of the General Regulations for more information on continuing your studies.

5.9

All TMAs should be new pieces of work; you may not revise and answer the same TMA question twice for assessment. However, should you choose to re-use previously submitted work in a subsequent TMA you must reference the original use of that work, and comply with the regulations governing plagiarism.

Assessment methods for the Research project

You are strongly advised to study Research design and methods [LVM014] prior to undertaking

- By 7 January ±you must submit your research proposal for review by the Programme Director and an appropriate subject expert.
- By 31 January ±once the proposal has been approved, an RVC supervisor will be selected. Between February and August ±you will be expected to conduct your research.
- During May ±the supervisor will conduct a mid-term assessment of your progress. You will be expected to write up your research in the form of a literature review and a scientific report for publication.
- By 31 October ±the completed research paper must be submitted electronically to the Distance Learning Office at the Royal Veterinary College. A paper sent after the deadline will not normally be considered. An extension to the Research project will be at the discretion of the Programme Director.

Deadline s and late submission of a TMA or Research project

The deadlines for the TMAs and Research project are in the Programme handbook, available on the VLE.

If you think that you might miss the deadline for submitting a TMA or a Research project, follow the advice in the Programme handbook.

5.13

If you submit a TMA or a Research project after the deadline, penalties for late submission will be applied as described in the Programme handbook.

5.14

If we receive a TMA after the Optional TMA deadline given in the Programme handbook, the mark and feedback for the TMA may not be available before you have taken the related written examination.

5.15

In order to take an examination, you must submit at least one TMA before the Compulsory TMA deadline for that year. Failure to do so will result in your examination entry for that year being withdrawn. However, if you submitted a TMA in a previous year and then deferred your entry to the written examination, you do not have to submit a further TMA in order to take the examination.

See Section 5: Assessment for the programme for information on alternative assessments where necessary.

5.16

Written examinations take place in October each year.

Passing Assessments

5.17

To pass a module, including the Research project, you must attempt all elements of assessment. You will pass the module if the combined weighted mark for all elements is at least 50%.

Assessment methods for the

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If you pass the Postgraduate Certificate or the Postgraduate Diploma, and are invited to transfer your registration to the Postgraduate Diploma or MSc degree, but do not notify us of your decision within your period of registration, you may be granted the award that you passed with effect from the year that you passed it.

Progression from 240 -hour Individual m odules

7.12

Progression may be permitted from a 240-hour Individual module(s) to one of the following related awards:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health
- Postgraduate Diploma in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health
- MSc Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health.

7.13

If we allow you to progress from a 240-hour Individual module(s) to one of the related awards, and you would like the completed Individual module(s) to contribute to the new award, you must apply within three years of completing the Individual module(s). If permitted, the mark achieved for the Individual module(s) may contribute to the related award.

7.14

If we allow you to progress from an Individual module(s) to one of the related awards, we may allow you to transfer a maximum of two 240-hour Individual modules if registering for the Postgraduate Diploma or MSc degree, or one 240-hour Individual module if registering for the Postgraduate Certificate. A condition of the transfer is that the Individual module(s) you have successfully passed forms part of the structure of the degree, diploma or certificate to which you wish to transfer.

7.15

If we allow you to transfer and give you credit on the basis of modules previously passed, we will not allow you to re-enter the examination for those modules. The marks obtained for the assessments will contribute towards your final qualification as appropriate.

Progression from 35 - and 50 -hour Individual m odules

7.16

There is no progression from the 35-hour Individual modules to the 50-hour or 240-hour Individual modules or the related qualifications, and there is no progression from the 50-hour Individual modules to the 240-hour Individual modules or related qualifications. Students of the 35- and 50-hour Individual modules who wish to register for the Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc should make an application in the normal way.

8 Schemes of award

The date of award will be 31 December in the year of the last assessment that contributes to the award.

MSc degree, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate

See the assessment criteria in Appendix C and Appendix D for information on how to achieve a particular mark. See Section 6 for capping of marks if you retake an assessment.

8.1

The Board of Examiners normally awards the MSc degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate in accordance with the marks and ranges described in the Scheme of Award. However, the Board of Examiners may also decide to consider a V W X G H Q W ¶ V R Y H U D O O S H U I R U P D

8.2

The overall mark for each module, except for the Research project [LVM200], is calculated using a ratio of the marks achieved for the unseen written examination (80%) and the TMA (20%). The highest mark of the submitted TMAs counts towards the overall mark.

8.3

The overall mark for the Research project [LVM200] is calculated using a ratio of the marks achieved for the research paper (80%) and the oral examination (20%).

8.4

The overall pass mark for each module is 50% or above.

8.5

To be considered for the award of the MSc degree, you must attempt and pass seven modules.

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To be considered for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma, you must attempt and pass four modules.

8.7

To be considered for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate, you must attempt and pass two modules.

Distinction and Merit

8.8

The MSc degree, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded with Distinction if you receive an overall combined average mark of 70% or above, with no module having received a mark of less than 60%, at the first attempt.

8.9

The MSc degree, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded with Merit if you receive an overall combined average mark in the range of 65 ±69%, with no module having received a mark of less than 50%, at the first attempt.

Exit awards

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- Research design and methods [LVM014] z
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

z This module was known as Research design, management and grant application writingMSc Livestock Health and Production

Three compulsory core modules:

- Animal disease (current concepts) [LHM001]
- Developing and monitoring of livestock production systems [VPM018]
- Principles of livestock production [LHM002]

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Four optional modules chosen from:

- Animal welfare [LHM016]
- Economics for livestock development and policy [LVM019]
- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Management of infectious disease outbreaks in animal populations [LVM017]
- Research design and methods [LVM014] z
- Research project in livestock health and production [LVM200]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

z This module was known as Research design, management and grant application writing

Postgraduate Cer tificate in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

Two compulsory core modules:

- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

Postgraduate Diploma in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

Two compulsory core modules:

- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

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Two optional modules chosen from:

- Advanced statistical methods in veterinary epidemiology [VPM013]
- Developing and monitoring of livestock production systems [VPM018]

- Animal health analysis and database management on farms (formerly known as Database management at farms). [LVM333]
- Animal disease modelling [LVM334]

50-hour Individual modules

- Advanced risk analysis using @RISK software [LVM501]
- Herd health management [LVM502]
- Animal disease surveillance [LVM503]
- Introduction to veterinary public health, risk analysis and risk assessment [LVM506]
- Zoonoses of parasitic, bacterial and viral origin [LVM507]
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- Control of food safety: red meat, poultry, eggs, milk and milk products [LVM509]
- Development of a disease control programme: salmonella in pigs and bovine TB [LVM510]
- Introduction to statistics, hypothesis testing, study design and analysis of data [LVM511]
- Principles, methodology and sampling in epidemiological investigations [LVM512]
- Design and analysis of epidemiological investigations ±observational and intervention studies [LVM513]
- Tools for economic analysis in epidemiology [LVM515]

240-hour Individual modules

- Animal welfare [LHM016]
- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]
- Management of infectious disease outbreaks in animal populations [LVM017]
- Developing and monitoring of livestock production systems [VPM018]
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Appendix B ±Module descriptions

Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, MSc degree and 240-hour Individual modules

Animal disease (current concepts) [LHM001]

Animal disease (current concepts) [LHM001] is not offered as a 240-hour Individual module.

This course will enable the student to appreciate the external and internal components of health-agents of disease and how animals respond to them, at an individual and population level.

Subject areas:

- x Immunology
- x Parasitology
- x Microbiology
- x Introduction to ven /F2.75d1a rc <</M5.32-4(ernal)6( )-4(a)13(nd)3( )-4(i)5(nte)1logy

- Research design and methods [LVM014] z
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

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- Animal disease (current concepts) [LHM001]
- Developing and monitoring of livestock production systems [VPM018]
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Four optional modules chosen from:

- Animal welfare [LHM016]
- Economics for livestock development and policy [LVM019]
- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Management of infectious disease outbreaks in animal populations [LVM017]
- Research design and methods [LVM014] z
- Research project in livestock health and production [LVM200]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

z This module was known as Research design, management and grant application writing

Postgraduate Cer tificate in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

Two compulsory core modules:

- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

Postgraduate Diploma in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

Two compulsory core modules:

- Epidemiology and animal health economics [LVM004]
- Veterinary public health [LVM006]

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Two optional modules chosen from:

- Advanced statistical methods in veterinary epidemiology [VPM013]
- Developing and monitoring of livestock production systems [VPM018]