

FACULTY  
OF VETERINARY  
SCIENCE



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**

# BACHELOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE (BVSc)

The Bachelor of Veterinary Science is an exciting, innovative five year course providing the knowledge, practical and generic skills to pursue many career options as veterinary scientists participating in the care and welfare of animals.



## COURSE OVERVIEW

In first and second year of the BVSc you will gain a sound grounding in the basic biomedical sciences relevant to veterinary science. Examples of clinical cases and actual problems in veterinary practice will be used to promote integrated learning in many subject areas. In the third, fourth and fifth years, the emphasis shifts and you will be able to apply this knowledge in clinical settings. The final year of the course is lecture free and you will be required to participate in practice-based activities and the management and care of patients. This facilitates the transition into veterinary practice and provides you with the confidence and professional competence needed in the workplace.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

The Faculty of Veterinary Science maintains teaching hospitals at Sydney and Camden, where you will work together with our veterinarians in a clinical teaching and learning environment. Referral and primary accession cases are seen at both sites, and the University Teaching Hospital at Camden also provides veterinary services to farms in the region. A wide range of companion animals, farm animals, racing animals, exotic and native species are seen. Your knowledge of medicine, surgery, anaesthesia, radiology, clinical pathology and production animal issues will be developed while you participate in small group teaching.

## ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PLACEMENTS

You will complete placements at farms and other sites to gain experience in the major animal industries and to master animal handling and manipulative techniques with livestock.

## EDUCATION SUPPORT PRACTICE PROGRAM

Education partnerships with local veterinarians ensure that you are involved with veterinary clinical practice from first year. These practices ensure that you gain an appreciation of the context and relevance of your veterinary studies.

## YEAR FIVE PARTNERS IN VETERINARY EDUCATION

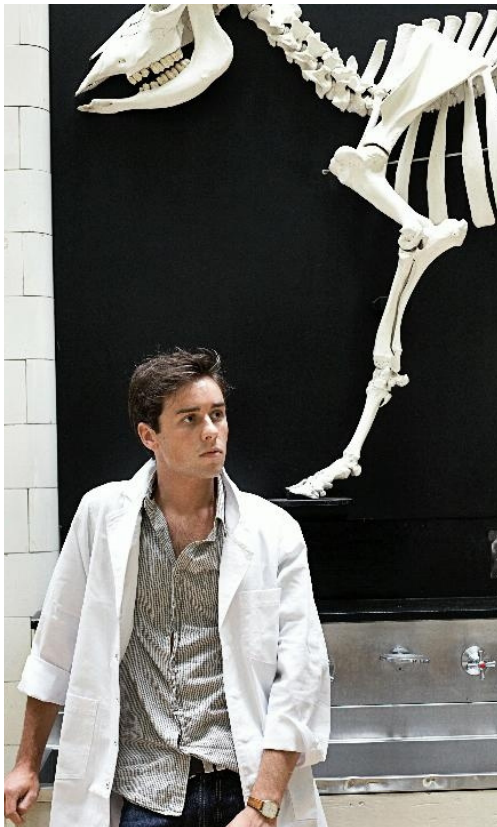
During your lecture free final year program you will undertake ten, one month clinical rotations through a variety of career option placements. As a student intern you will complete rotations at our University Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and with our Partners in Veterinary Education. Core placements are within the areas of small animal practice, rural mixed practice and government agencies. Elective rotations may be in a wide variety of areas and enable you to focus on particular career interests such as government, industry, research specialist practice, equine and wildlife.

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

As a BVSc graduate you will be immediately eligible for registration with the Veterinary Surgeons' Board in each state and territory in Australia. The course is also recognised internationally by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK) and is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

## ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

It is assumed that applicants will have an adequate level of knowledge in Chemistry and Mathematics. Physics and Biology would be a distinct advantage.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS

All domestic applicants (year 12 and non-recent school leavers) must lodge an application for admission via the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) in addition to the entry criteria outlined below.

### Year 12 applicants

As a year 12 applicant for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science you will be assessed on the following criteria:

ATAR or equivalent

**Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT):** The Multiple Choice version of the STAT which is administered by the Universities Admissions Centre. All details regarding the STAT are available from the UAC website.

**“Commitment to Veterinary Science”:** Commitment to veterinary science is to be detailed on the prescribed Faculty form which can be downloaded from the Faculty website [sydney.edu.au/vetscience](http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience)

### Non-Recent School Leaver

If you have previously completed a minimum of one-year full-time or equivalent study of an approved university degree at bachelor level you will be considered for selection on the basis of the following criteria:

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** The GPA achieved thus far in previous degree level university study.

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## RURAL ENTRY SCHEME

If you have completed an Australian Year 12 examination in the last two years, have no tertiary record, and have completed at least the last four years of secondary education at a rural school, you may be eligible for admission under the Faculty of Veterinary Science Rural Students Entry Scheme. Under this scheme, a limited number of places will be available to applicants whose ATAR is not more than five points below the main round ATAR cut-off.

For more information please visit [sydney.edu.au/vetscience](http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience)

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students should contact the Koori Centre at the University of Sydney for information on special admissions under the Cadigal Program and for general advice on courses and enrolment.

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## UAC APPLICATIONS

For further information regarding application procedures and application cut-off dates for domestic recent and non-recent school-leavers, please refer to the UAC website: [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

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