



Massey University

College of Sciences

**The Bachelor of Veterinary Science
Programme at Massey University**

Welcome!!

Great to have you in the pre-selection semester of the BVSc degree programme.



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Te Kūnenga
ki Purehuroa

The Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree

- The only New Zealand veterinary degree
- Five year duration (1/2 plus 4.5)
 - Final year of 40 weeks
- Graduates are automatically registerable in:
 - New Zealand
 - Australia
 - United Kingdom
 - South Africa
- Can sit registration exams in USA, Japan etc



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Number of places

- ~75 MoE subsidised places for NZ Citizens/Permanent Residents (including Australian citizens).
- Selected from candidates who have had no tertiary education before the pre-entry semester and from those who have completed or partly completed degrees
- 24 non-subsidised places for other students (i.e. international students)
- Up to 2 places for nationals of Pacific Island nations (NZAID)



Selection of students into the BVSc programme – Gov't Subsidised

Must be eligible for selection by:

- Be a NZ resident
- Passing ALL BVSc 1, semester 1 papers (or equivalents from a NZ university)
- Sitting the STAT F test (\$50 fee)
- Supplying a vet letter on letterhead confirming 10 days work experience



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Selection into the BVSc programme – Govt Subsidised

- The grade point average has an 80% weighting.
- The STAT test has 20% weighting.
- These two are added together to give a “selection score”

Selection into the BVSc programme

- The top 75 students are selected
- This results in around a quarter of Pre-Vet Semester 1 applicants being selected.
- An A- average is recommended to have a chance of gaining selection.

International (Non-Subsidised) BVSc Student Selection Criteria

Must not be New Zealand residents.

They must be eligible for selection by :

- Passing ALL BVSc 1, semester 1 papers, or be granted credit for them.
- Sitting the STAT F test (\$50 fee).
- Supplying letter from a vet confirming work experience of 10 days on practice letterhead.

International (Non-Subsidised) BVSc Student Selection Criteria

- The grade point average has an 80% weighting.
- The STAT test has a 20% weighting.
- A minimum grade of a B average applies for selection, however a B+/A- average is recommended to have a chance of gaining selection.

International (Non-Subsidised) BVSc Student Selection Criteria

- Around 30-50% of Semester 1 applicants were selected between 2002 & 2010.

BVSc Student Selection Timetable 2011

The **2nd of May** is the deadline for submitting the selection application online which includes providing scanned copies of:

STAT F test receipt (\$50 fee)

Vet work experience letter/s

(Scanner on Level 2 of the Library)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



BVSc Student Selection Timetable 2011

- 13-22 June: Pre-Vet final exams
- 23 June: STAT test 2.15 pm – (PNth WB1 & WB2)
- 8 July: Selection committee meets
- 9-12 July: Selection results notified
- 18 July Semester 2 starts
- 20-22 July: Veterinary Learning Experience
 - further VLE information will be emailed out to students after closing date of applications



Therefore....

- Start planning NOW for an alternative course of study if not selected. The time from notification of selection, to the start of Semester 2, is very short.
- A meeting will be scheduled after Mid Semester break for information on other science programmes available at Massey (email will be sent out prior to the break with details)
- Missing selection is not a failure.
 - The points from passed papers can be credited to other degrees.
 - After further study your WGPA may increase allowing selection in a subsequent year.

If you are not selected

- Take a programme –
 - that provides a rewarding alternative career
 - in which you can gain good grades
 - that interests you
- Don't try to pick easy options; there are none.
- Don't try to take papers which may cross-credit into the BVSc: Cross-credits are only considered after successful selection.

If you are not selected

- Seek academic advice about what next... whether to reapply or transfer to an alternative degree
Sue Gribbin, Room ScB2.22 or Tim Parkinson, Vet Clinic Room 1.59 give this advice
- Your grades must improve for reapplication to have any chance of success.
- There is no limit on how many times you can apply to the veterinary science programme.

If you are not selected -

- Only your last 4 semesters' grades of **full-time** (4 papers per semester) study are used for GPA calculations.
- Low BVSc 1 semester grades are not used after 2.5 years (the 2 year rule).
- Papers taken in less than full-time study are not counted in the WGPA for selection. Four papers per semester count as full-time study.
- The STAT F test can be re-sat or your score carried forward (up to 5 years). On resit, the new score (not the highest) is used.

If you are not selected

- With very low grades, it is unlikely that you will be selected for BVSc within the next 3 years.
- In this situation
 - plan on **COMPLETING ANOTHER DEGREE BEFORE REAPPLYING**
 - alternatively, take a 3 year break from study, so the three year rule will apply (i.e. grades from before the break are not counted)
 - regardless, study intensively before returning.

Rumours, rumours, rumours

- These are often/mostly spread maliciously
- Almost invariably they are untrue
- Don't believe them... or if you're really worried ask **SOMEONE WHO KNOWS** the facts (Sue Gribbin or myself)
- Don't ask another student who's heard the same rumour!!!!

COMMON Rumours, rumours, rumours

- There is an increased number of applicants this year, so selection will be a lot harder
- There's only a slight increase in number...BUT
- **The WGPA for selection in 2009-2010 was higher than in previous years at ~A- (instead of B+/A-)**

Rumours, rumours, rumours

- Selection will be harder for NZ students as full fee paying people from overseas will take places in the BVSc.
- **UNTRUE. Students are selected from a separate selection pool.**

COMMON Rumours, rumours, rumours

- Places are reserved for graduates.
- **Untrue. All Semester 1 entrants compete in the same pool.**

In Conclusion

- Best wishes in your efforts to obtain selection for the BVSc
- If you gain entry it is an opportunity to study for a fantastic profession
- BUT
- It is not a reason to feel smug or superior because there are many other great opportunities leading to worthwhile and rewarding work
- GOOD LUCK