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# A General Undergraduate Degree Regulations

# Compliance

1. These regulations apply to all categories of undergraduate study at the University of Edinburgh, except for those qualified by a Senatus approved Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding for joint or collaborative awards. Every undergraduate student must comply with these regulations. In exceptional circumstances a concession to allow relaxation of a specific regulation may be granted by the appropriate Head of College. Where the Head of College does not have authority to award a particular concession then the Curriculum and Student Progression Committee may award the concession.

2. Where the Head of College has the authority to grant permissions and concessions, this authority may be delegated to appropriate nominees in the College or Schools. Students must consult their Personal Tutor or Student Support Team as to the appropriate point of contact, and must not approach the Head of College directly.

3. Students must comply with any requirements specific to their degree programme as set out in the Degree Programme Tables, the relevant College Regulations specified in sections B, C and D below and the University's Taught Assessment Regulations for the current academic session: <u>www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/academic-services/staff/assessment/assessment-regulations</u>

4. Where a student's degree programme is subject to Fitness to Practise requirements, the relevant College Committee must be satisfied at all times that in respect of health, conduct and any other matters which the Committee may reasonably deem relevant, whether such matters relate to the student's University programme or are unrelated to it, the student will not constitute a risk to the public, vulnerable children or adults or to patients and is a suitable person to become a registered member of the relevant professional body. Students are subject to the Fitness to Practise regulations both while actively studying and while on an interruption of study. Any student who fails to satisfy the relevant College Committee, irrespective of his/her performance in assessment, will be reported to the Head of College who has power to recommend exclusion from further studies and assessments or Professional Examinations, or to recommend the award of the degree be withheld. An appeal against this decision may be submitted to the University's Fitness to Practise Appeal Committee:

http://www.docs.sasg.ed.ac.uk/AcademicServices/Guidance/Fitness\_to\_Practise.pdf

5. Students must comply with the University's Student Disclosure Assessment process (see <u>Code of Practice for Student Criminal Convictions and Disclosure</u> <u>Assessment</u>) to ensure that students do not pose a risk to those with whom they interact during their studies, in particular, vulnerable groups.

6. The University awards the following types of undergraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates. The University's undergraduate awards and degree programmes are consistent with the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF, <u>http://www.scqf.org.uk/</u>), unless an exemption has been approved by the Curriculum and Student Progression Committee. The credit levels required for each programme are specified within the appropriate Degree Programme Table (DPT).

I	Undergraduate Certificate of Higher Education	At least 120 credits of which a minimum of 90 are at level 7 or higher.
li	Undergraduate Diploma of Higher Education	At least 240 credits of which a minimum of 90 are at level 8 or higher
A.	Single Honours (in a named subject/discipline)	At least 480 credits of which a minimum of 180 is at levels 9 and 10, including at least 90 at level 10.
B.	Single Honours (with a subsidiary subject)	At least 480 credits of which a minimum of 180 is at levels 9 and 10, including at least 90 at level 10.
C.	Combined Honours (in two disciplines)	At least 480 credits of which a minimum of 180 is at levels 9 and 10, including at least 90 at level 10.
	Group Honours (more than two disciplines)	At least 480 credits of which a minimum of 180 is at levels 9 and 10, including at least 90 at level 10.
E.	Non-Honours Degrees	At least 360 credits of which a minimum of 60 is at level 9.
F.	General and Ordinary	At least 360 credits of which a minimum of 60 is at level 9.
G.	Intercalated Honours Degrees	See appropriate Degree Programme Table
Η.	Integrated Masters with Honours (in named subject/discipline)	At least 600 credits of which a minimum of 120 is at level 11.
	Integrated Masters (with a subsidiary subject)	At least 600 credits of which a minimum of 120 is at level 11.
	Integrated Masters (with combined honours in two disciplines)	At least 600 credits of which a minimum of 120 is at level 11.
Ι.	MBChB (5 year programme)	720 credits
J.	BVM&S Graduate Entry Programme	560 credits
	BVM&S 5 Year Programme	640 credits

7. Every student must comply with the detailed requirements of the curriculum for the degree as set out in the appropriate Degree Programme Table, the programme handbook, the course handbook, the order in which courses are attended and the assessment for the programme, which are published in the University Degree Regulations and Programmes of Study.

8. When selecting courses, students must comply with the pre-requisite, corequisite and prohibited combination requirements for the degree programme, unless a concession is approved by the relevant Head of College.

9. No student will be admitted to a degree programme more than two weeks after the start of the academic year without the permission of the Head of College. No student will be enrolled on a course that is part of their degree programme more than two weeks after the start of semester in which the course is taught without the permission of the Head of College. A student who leaves a course after six weeks will be deemed to have withdrawn and the course enrolment remains on the student's record.

# Mode of Study

10. Programmes are offered on a full-time or part-time basis. Students' mode of study is defined when they are admitted to the degree programme.

11. Only in exceptional circumstances, and with the permission of the Head of College, is a student allowed to change mode of study. For academic reasons, the University may require a student to change their mode of study.

# **Study Period**

12. A student must complete the requirements of the degree programme within the period of study specified in the Degree Programme Table, unless given a concession with the approval of the Head of College.

13. The maximum period for completion of an Ordinary or General degree programme is 8 years. The maximum period for completion of an Honours degree programme is 10 years. This maximum period includes any concessions.

14. With the annual permission of the Head of College, a student may take longer than the study period specified in the Degree Programme Table to undertake an Ordinary, General or Honours degree programme, provided that a minimum of 40 credit points are undertaken in each year of study.

15 Where a student needs to meet specific progression requirements, the Head of College may approve a student taking fewer than 40 credit points.

16. Certain elements of a degree programme may require full-time attendance. Students given permission to undertake study over an extended period must comply with any requirements specified for a particular degree programme. 17. For the award of a University of Edinburgh degree a student must study University of Edinburgh courses for a minimum period of two years and obtain 240 credits or the pro-rata equivalent in the case of part-time study (for part-time study, the period of study will be longer but the same minimum credit levels must be achieved). This regulation does not apply to intercalating medicine and veterinary medicine students. In exceptional circumstances, the Head of College may approve a concession to allow the award of a University of Edinburgh degree to a student who has studied University of Edinburgh courses for a minimum of one year (obtaining 120 credits or the pro-rata in the case of part-time study). This may include students studying at the University of Edinburgh on 2+2 arrangements, or students entering the University directly into year 3 of study.

18. A student studying for an Honours degree is not allowed to substitute study at another institution for the final year of his/her Honours programme.

19. A student may apply for an interruption of study and it may be authorised by the Head of College if there is good reason for approving the interruption. Students must provide evidence to support their applications. Interruptions of study may not be applied retrospectively. Any one period of authorised interruption of study will not exceed one academic year, unless authorised by the Head of College. The total period of authorised interruption of study is the same for full and part-time students and will not exceed 100% of the prescribed period of full-time study.

20. Study undertaken at another institution during a period of authorised interruption of study will not be credited to a student's programme of study at the University of Edinburgh.

21. Students registered for the MBChB or BVM&S may elect to take an intercalated Honours year, or undertake a postgraduate degree programme during their period of enrolment. This is not categorised as interruption of study.

# **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**

22. RPL can only be recognised at the point of admission to the University. The Head of College has the power to recognise up to 240 credits of prior learning and on this basis to admit a student to the second or later years of a programme of study. RPL can potentially be granted for programmes taken at the University of Edinburgh, as well as those from elsewhere. Before approval is granted the College must be satisfied that the learning to be recognised provides an adequate basis for the programme or courses as set out in the appropriate Degree Programme Table. The University <u>RPL policy for admissions</u> is available at:

23. University of Edinburgh courses which have a substantial curriculum overlap with any of the courses that contributed to a student's admission on the basis of RPL will not count towards the student's degree programme.

# Attendance and Participation

24. Students must attend and participate as required in all aspects of their programme of study. This includes being available for teaching sessions, assessment, examination and meeting Personal Tutors face to face and electronically. The Degree Programme Table and programme handbook sets out programme requirements for engagement. The Procedure for Withdrawal and Exclusion from Studies is available at:

http://www.docs.sasg.ed.ac.uk/AcademicServices/Policies/Withdrawal Exclusion fro m\_Study.pdf

25. During a period of study, including authorised interruptions of study and leave of absence, it is a student's responsibility to provide a current postal contact address and to ensure that any legal requirements, including those imposed by his or her funding or grant authority, are met. All students are required to check their MyEd and University email account frequently for communications from the University and respond where appropriate. University policy on contacting students by email:

http://www.docs.sasg.ed.ac.uk/AcademicServices/Policies/Contacting\_Students\_by\_ Email.pdf

26. Students require the permission of the relevant Head of College to attend another academic institution on a recognised exchange scheme or other approved programme of study or to undertake an approved placement. This is categorised as a leave of absence.

# Withdrawal and Exclusion

27. Any student may withdraw permanently from his/her programme of study at any point in the year. Students may be excluded for reasons outlined within the procedure for Withdrawal and Exclusion from Studies:

http://www.docs.sasg.ed.ac.uk/AcademicServices/Policies/Withdrawal\_Exclusion\_fro m\_Study.pdf

# **Progression and Permissible Credit Loads**

28. To gain a specific degree award, students must achieve the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF, <u>http://www.scqf.org.uk/</u>) credit point and level requirements of the particular programme, as set out in the appropriate Degree Programme Table.

29. Full-time undergraduate study comprises 120 credit points in each year of study. Part-time study is defined on a pro-rata basis in the relevant Degree Programme Table.

30. Students must attain the credits and other requirements, e.g. core courses, for each stage of study, as outlined in the relevant Degree Programme Table. In

addition, students must meet any other requirements set out in their programme and/or course handbook. In order to progress, a full-time student must attain the following minimum number of credits (pro-rata for a part-time student):

- 80 credit points by the end of Year 1;
- 200 credit points by the end of Year 2;
- 360 credit points by the end of Year 3;
- 480 credit points by the end of Year 4;
- 600 credit points by the end of Year 5 for Integrated Masters.

31. Any student who has not attained the required credit points for their year of study (e.g. 120 credits for full-time students) may be required to take resit exams, supplementary or alternative assessments, or additional courses to make good the deficit where permitted.

32. Students who do not attain sufficient credits within the specified period may be excluded for unsatisfactory academic progress. The College will follow the procedure for Withdrawal and Exclusion from Studies:

http://www.docs.sasg.ed.ac.uk/AcademicServices/Policies/Withdrawal\_Exclusion\_fro m\_Study.pdf

33. In pre-Honours years, a student may be allowed to take up to 40 credits of additional Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF, <u>http://www.scqf.org.uk/</u>) level 7 and 8 courses (in addition to the normal 120 credits), subject to the approval of the student's Personal Tutor.

34. Exceptionally, students in their honours years, with College approval, may take up to 40 credits of additional Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF, <u>http://www.scqf.org.uk/</u>) level 7 or 8 credit and, more rarely, up to 10 credits at levels 9-11 in the Honours years.

35. Students may attend courses on a class-only basis (i.e. not for credit), with the agreement of the Course Organiser and the approval of the Personal Tutor. Decisions will be based on the overall load (credit and non-credit bearing) on the student, which must not exceed 160 credits.

36. A student who has previously submitted work for one course at the University must not submit the same work to attempt to achieve academic credit at the University through another course.

37. Students can only be registered for one full-time award at the University of Edinburgh.

# Transfer to Different Degree Programme

38. A student may be allowed to transfer to a different degree programme from another within the University by permission of the host of the receiving College.

39. Unless granted a concession by the Head of the receiving College, students must comply with the pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements of the new programme shown in the Degree Programme Table.

# Awards and Qualifications

40. In order to achieve the award of the Undergraduate Certificate of Higher Education must have attained a minimum of 120 credit points (of which a minimum of 90 are at level 7 or higher) gained from passes in courses of this University which count towards graduation.

41. In order to achieve the award of the Undergraduate Diploma of Higher Education must have attained a minimum of 240 credit points. At least 120 credit points must be gained from passes in courses of this University counting towards graduation and at least 90 of the 120 credit points gained from courses passed at this University must be in courses at level 8 or above.

42. The attainment requirements for students for General and Ordinary degrees are specified in the relevant College regulations below.

43. The attainment requirements for students for MBChB and BVM&S degrees are specified in the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine regulations below (Section C).

44. The award of Honours is based on the student's performance in assessment in the Honours year(s). For information on the award of Honours see the Taught Assessment Regulations for the current academic session: <u>www.ed.ac.uk/schools-</u> <u>departments/academic-services/staff/assessment/assessment-regulations</u>

45. A student who satisfies the examiners in the Final Honours assessment shall be awarded Honours in one of following classifications: First Class, Second Class Division I, Second Class Division II and Third Class.

46. A student who has been assessed, classed or failed for Honours may not present him or herself for re-assessment in the same programme, or assessment in a closely related programme. The Head of College determines whether a programme is closely related.

47. During a single period of continuous registration, a student may be awarded only the University qualification with the highest status for which he or she has attained the required credits.

48. A candidate who already holds a General or Ordinary degree may be permitted by the appropriate Head of College to apply for the degree with Honours, provided that not more than five years have elapsed between his or her first graduation and acceptance as a candidate for the subsequent degree with Honours. Such a candidate will normally be required to achieve a further 240 credit points, or credit points as deemed appropriate by the Head of the receiving College, at the levels stipulated in the appropriate Degree Programme Table.

49. In exceptional circumstances, notwithstanding any existing Resolutions to the contrary, the University may confer all existing Honours degrees with unclassified Honours if insufficient information is available to the relevant Board of Examiners to classify those degrees. Where a Board of Examiners has insufficient information to enable an unclassified Honours degree to be conferred on a candidate for Honours, a General or Ordinary degree may be awarded to that candidate where he or she is qualified for such a degree under the existing Regulations. Conferment of an unclassified Honours degree or General or Ordinary degree in these cases is an interim measure: final awards will be confirmed when sufficient information is available to the relevant Board of Examiners.

50. Senatus may authorise the conferment of posthumous degrees, diplomas and certificates if proposed by the College and approved by the Curriculum and Student Progression Committee. A posthumous award is conferred where the student has significantly completed the relevant year of study at the time of death.

51. In exceptional circumstances Senatus may authorise the conferment of aegrotat degrees, which are unclassified. Each such conferment requires a proposal from the College concerned to be approved by the Curriculum and Student Progression Committee. An aegrotat degree is conferred only where the student was nearly qualified to receive the degree and was unable to complete it due to circumstances beyond his or her control. Before any proposal is referred to Senatus, the College must check that the student is willing to receive the degree aegrotat.

# B College of Humanities and Social Sciences Undergraduate Degree Regulations: Degree Specific Regulations

52. These degree programme requirements relate to undergraduate programmes in the College of Humanities and Social Science. They are additional to, and should be read in conjunction with, the General Undergraduate Degree Regulations above, which apply to all undergraduate programmes, unless otherwise stated.

53. The College Fitness to Practise policy is available at: <u>http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/humanities-soc-sci/academic-administration/student-conduct/fitness-to-practise</u>

# **General and Ordinary Degrees**

BA(Humanities and Social Science) and BA (Humanities and Social Science) in a Designated Discipline

#### 54. BA (Humanities and Social Science)

To qualify for the award of the degree of BA (Humanities and Social Science) students must have obtained 360 credit points from passes (or accreditation of prior learning) normally at the rate of 120 credit points per year.

The overall curriculum must include at least:

360 credit points, of which at least 240 credit points should be at SCQF level 8, 9 or 10, comprising:

- A minimum of 200 credit points from courses in Humanities and Social Science.
- 140 credit points in a major subject of study in Humanities and Social Science (which may be part of the 200 credit points listed in the point above) comprising related and consecutive courses in this subject over three years of which 60 credit points must be at SCQF level 9 or 10

In addition, there must be at least two other subjects of study defined as 40 credits at SCQF levels 7-10.

Students have a free choice of the remaining credits at SCQF levels 7-10.

BA (Humanities and Social Science) in a designated discipline:

To qualify for the award of the BA (Humanities and Social Science) in a designated discipline students must have obtained 360 credit points (or accreditation of prior learning) normally at the rate of 120credit points per year.

The overall curriculum must include at least:

360 credit points, of which at least 240 credit points should be at SCQF level 8, 9 or 10, comprising:

- A minimum of 200 credit points from courses in Humanities and Social Science.
- 160 credit points in a major subject of study in Humanities and Social Science (which may be part of the 200 credits listed in the point above) comprising related and consecutive courses in this subject over three years of which 80 credit points must be at SCQF level 9 or 10.

In addition there must be at least two other subjects of study defined as 40 credits at SCQF levels 7-10.

Students have a free choice of the remaining credits at SCQF levels 7-10.

# Merit and Distinction

55. General and Ordinary degrees may be awarded with Merit or Distinction.

For Merit a student must achieve grade B or above at first attempt, in courses totalling 180 credit points, of which at least 40 credits points must be at level 9 or 10, and at least 80 of the remaining credit points must be at level 8 or higher.

For Distinction, a student must achieve grade A at first attempt, in courses totalling at least 160 credit points, of which at least 40 credit points must be at level 9 or 10, and at least 80 of the remaining credit points must be at level 8 or higher.

56. The LLB Ordinary, Graduate Entry degree may be awarded with Merit or Distinction.

For Merit a student must achieve grade B or above at first attempt, in courses totalling 120 credit points.

For Distinction, a student must achieve grade A at first attempt, in courses totalling at least 100 credit points.

57. Students of the MA Fine Art with Honours degree will be awarded a Distinction in either Art or History of Art if their performance in the subject is of first class standard but their overall degree result is lower than first class. Students are eligible for distinction in History of Art or Art Practice.

# **Distinction in Oral Language**

58. Students of the MA with Honours which includes an Honours oral examination in any one of the following languages will be awarded a Distinction in Oral Language if their performance at the oral examination is of first-class standard: Arabic, Chinese, Danish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

# Degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science with Honours

59. The degree programme requirements of the Bachelor of Medical Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science are in the College Undergraduate Degree Regulations of the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine (Section C).

# C College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Undergraduate Degree Regulations: Degree Specific Regulations

60. These degree programme requirements relate to undergraduate programmes in the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. They are additional to, and should be read in conjunction with, the General Undergraduate Degree Regulations above, which apply to all undergraduate programmes, unless otherwise stated.

61. The College Fitness to Practise policy is available at <a href="http://docstore.mvm.ed.ac.uk/Committees/Fitness-to-Practise.pdf">http://docstore.mvm.ed.ac.uk/Committees/Fitness-to-Practise.pdf</a>

# MBChB

# Compliance

62. Students should refer to the appropriate Year Study Guides on the Edinburgh Electronic Medical Curriculum (EEMeC) on <u>https://www.eemec.med.ed.ac.uk</u>for detailed curriculum and assessment information.

63. Students entering the first year MBChB programme are subject to a check, carried out by Disclosure Scotland, under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups legislation. Admission to the medical profession is excepted from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendments) Order 1986. Students on the MBChB programme are therefore not entitled to withhold information about any conviction on the grounds that it is, for other purposes, spent under the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, failure to disclose a relevant conviction may result in the withdrawal of an offer of admission or exclusion from a programme of studies.

64. Students are subject to blood borne virus checks as they are admitted to the MBChB programme. Students declining testing or found to be infected by a blood borne virus will be allowed to continue on their degree programme leading to full Medical Registration, provided that they formally accept the requirement they will not be allowed to perform Exposure Prone Procedures (EPPs), and recognise that careers in some specialties may not be open to them if their infection persists.

# Attendance and Participation

65. Students in Years 3, 4 & 5 are required to undertake placements in hospitals outside Edinburgh.

66. Students enrolled for Years 3, 4 and 5 of the degrees of MBChB during the Academic Year 2013-2014 are required to attend for compulsory periods throughout the year. Students should consult the Edinburgh Electronic Medical Curriculum (EEMeC) on <u>http://www.eemec.med.ed.ac.uk</u> and relevant year study guides for detailed attendance dates and timetable information.

67. In special circumstances students may be permitted to interrupt studies or repeat a year of study because of ill-health, service or sporting commitments, or an episode of academic failure. Only in highly exceptional circumstances will students be permitted more than two such years of interrupted progress, whether taken consecutively or at intervals throughout the programme. Exceptions are very unlikely to be considered in the case of prolonged or repeated academic failure. Approved study for an intercalated degree does not constitute interrupted progress.

# Progression

68. MBChB students are only entitled to two assessment attempts for courses which are part of the MBChB programme. This regulation supersedes the resit assessment regulation within the Taught Assessment Regulations

69. A student who fails the Professional Examination in Year 4 may be required by the Boards of Examiners to use part or all of the free elective period to undertake one or more guided electives before being permitted to re-sit.

70. A student whose progress in Year 5 is unsatisfactory will be required to undertake a period of remedial study before being permitted to re-sit.

71. No student may proceed to the next year of study for the MBChB programme until he/she has passed all components of the previous year of the programme

#### Awards

Passes with Distinction

72. Students who have attained a sufficiently high standard in any of the Professional Examinations will be recorded as having passed that examination 'with distinction'.

Honours at Graduation

73. Students who have displayed special merit in the Professional Examinations over the whole degree programme will be awarded MBChB with Honours at the time of graduation.

# BVM&S

# Compliance

74. Students should refer to the appropriate Course Books for detailed curriculum and assessment information.

75. Students are subject to health clearance as they are admitted to the BVM&S programmes. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in exclusion from a programme of studies.

# Attendance and Participation

76. In special circumstances students may be permitted to interrupt studies or repeat a year of study because of ill-health, service or sporting commitments, or an episode of academic failure. Only in highly exceptional circumstances will students be permitted more than two such years of interrupted progress, whether taken consecutively or at intervals throughout the programme. Exceptions are very unlikely

to be considered in the case of prolonged or repeated academic failure. Approved study for an intercalated degree does not constitute interrupted progress.

# Progression

77. Students for the Final Professional Examination must produce satisfactory evidence that they have, subsequent to commencing studies in the Third Year of the degree curriculum, received extra-mural clinical instruction for a total period of not less than 26 weeks, in accordance with arrangements approved by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine. Students shall be required to produce records of extra-mural clinical teaching received, which have been attested by the extra mural teacher or teachers concerned.

78. Before proceeding to the Third Year of the curriculum for the degree a student must normally present satisfactory evidence of having had at least 12 weeks extramural experience of livestock husbandry, in accordance with arrangements approved by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine. This should normally be obtained during vacations subsequent to the commencement of the First Year of study, and be completed prior to sitting the Second Professional Examination.

79. Where a student fails to meet this requirement by the end of the session in which they pass the Second Professional Examination, the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine will normally recommend to Senatus that they be excluded from further attendance at courses of instruction and examinations in the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

80. No student may proceed to the next year of study for the BVM&S programme until he/she has passed all components of the previous year of the programme, unless a concession is awarded by the Head of College.

# Awards

Passes with Distinction

81. Students who have attained a sufficiently high standard in any of the Professional Examinations will be recorded as having passed that examination 'with distinction'.

Distinction at Graduation

82. Students who have displayed special merit in the Professional Examinations over the whole degree programme will be awarded BVM&S with Distinction at the time of graduation. Awards are made based on calculations equally across all years and are weighted by course credit value.

# **Bachelor of Medical Sciences**

Honours Degree

83. Every student admitted for the degree must also be a student for the degree of MBChB. A student in another University studying for a recognised primary medical undergraduate qualification may be admitted as a student for the degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences with Honours, subject to the approval of the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

84. In addition, every student must pursue studies for at least one academic year in the University of Edinburgh in one of the Honours Degree Programmes available at <a href="http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/mbchb/intercalated-honours">http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/mbchb/intercalated-honours</a>

85. The Bachelor of Medical Sciences degrees are intercalated after Year 2 of the MBChB programme.

86. Limitation on Courses Taken in Honours Years: Students in all Honours years may take Honours curriculum courses to a maximum value of 120 credit points, all of which count in the final Honours award and classification.

# Ordinary Degree

87. No student shall be admitted to the degree, except on transfer from candidature for the degrees of MBChB. Students are eligible to be considered for a BMedSci (Ordinary) degree if they have successfully achieved 240 credits from the First and Second Professional Examinations and , have attained at least 80 of the available 120 credits in theThird Year MBChB assessments. The Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences may not be conferred on any student who already holds or is eligible to receive the Degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences with Honours.

88. The compliance, attendance and participation, and progression requirements for the degrees of MBChB apply.

# **BSc in Veterinary Science**

# Honours Degree

89. Every student admitted for the degree must also be a student for the degree of BVM&S, or have obtained the BVM&S degree not more than five years before the date of admission as a student for the Honours Degree. A student in another University studying for a recognised primary veterinary undergraduate qualification may be admitted as a student for the degree of BSc in Veterinary Science, subject to the approval of the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

90. Every student for the degree must normally attend in the University of Edinburgh during not less than two academic years the courses of instruction in the classes of the first two years of the curriculum for the BVM&S degree and pass the assessments prescribed for these courses.

91. In addition every student must pursue studies for at least one year in the University of Edinburgh in one of Honours Degree Programmes available at: <u>https://www.eevec.vet.ed.ac.uk/secure/page.asp?ID=in0000id</u>

92. The year of study in the Honours Degree Programme may be intercalated not earlier than the end of the second year of study, provided that a student has successfully completed the appropriate assessments and satisfied such conditions as the Head of the School concerned may require, subject to the approval of the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

93. Students in all Honours years may take Honours curriculum courses to a maximum value of 120 credit points, all of which count in the final Honours award and classification.

# Ordinary Degree

94. No student shall be admitted as a student for the degree, except on transfer from candidature for the degrees of BVM&S 5 year programme or BVM&S 4 year Graduate Entry Programme. Students on the 5 year programme are eligible to be considered for the ordinary degree if they have successfully completed 240 credits from the First and Second Professional Examinations and, have shown sufficient attainment in the Third Year BVM&S assessments. Students on the graduate entry programme are awarded 120 credits of recognised prior learning. The Ordinary Degree of BSc (Veterinary Science) may not be conferred on any student who already holds, or is eligible to receive, the Degree of BSc in Veterinary Science with Honours.

# **BSc in Oral Health Sciences**

# Compliance

95. Students should refer to the appropriate Year Study Guide for detailed curriculum and assessment information.

96. Admission to the profession is excepted from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendments) Order 1986. Students on the BSc in Oral Health Sciences programme are therefore not entitled to withhold information about a previous conviction on the grounds that it is, for other purposes, spent under the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, failure to disclose a relevant conviction may result in the withdrawal of an offer of admission or exclusion from a programme of studies.

97. Students are subject to a Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV status check prior to entering the BSc in Oral Health Sciences. Failure to comply with this regulation or a positive result will lead to admission being refused or to exclusion from studies.

#### Attendance and Participation

98. Except in exceptional circumstances, the maximum period of enrolment on the BSc in Oral Health Sciences may not exceed five years, including any period of leave of absence.

#### Progression

99. BSc in Oral Health Sciences students are only entitled to two assessment attempts for courses which are part of the Oral Health Sciences programme. This regulation supersedes the resit assessment regulation within the Taught Assessment Regulations.

100. A student whose progress in any year is unsatisfactory may be required to undertake a period of remedial study before being permitted to resit.

101. No student may proceed to the next year of study for the BSc programme in Oral Health Sciences until he/she has passed all components of the previous year of the programme.

#### **Bachelor of Science**

#### Honours Degree

102. Limitation on Courses Taken in Honours Years: Students in all Honours years may take Honours curriculum courses to a maximum value of 120 credit points, all of which count in the final Honours assessment. Students may attend additional Honours courses on a class-only basis (i.e. not for credit), with the agreement of the Programme Organiser and the approval of the Personal Tutor.

Where a student takes level 9 courses in year 2, such courses should be regarded as part of the non-Honours curriculum and, if failed, may be repeated as a resit in Junior Honours. These courses will not be included in the degree classification.

Students intending to graduate with an Ordinary degree may resit a failed level 9 course for the purposes of gaining the required number of credits, as specified in the Undergraduate Assessment Regulations.

Students in Junior Honours are permitted also to take up to 40 credit points of level 7/8 courses, which do not count towards the Honours assessment, as specified in the Undergraduate Assessment Regulations.

Students in Junior Honours must take 60 credit points of level 9/10 courses in semester 1 and 60 credit points of level 9/10 courses in semester 2.

Bachelor of Science General Degree

103. To qualify for the award of the degree of BSc (General) students must have obtained 360 credit points from passes (or recognition of prior learning), normally at

the rate of 120 credit points per year: 240 credit points in courses listed in Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Schedule T, Science and Engineering Schedules K-Q and from subject areas Language Sciences and Psychology in Schedule I; 200 credit points at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF, <u>http://www.scqf.org.uk/</u>) level 8, 9 or 10; 80 credit points at SCQF level 8, 9, 10 in courses listed in Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Schedule T, Science and Engineering Schedules K-Q and from subject areas Language Sciences and Psychology in Schedule I; 60 credit points at SCQF level 9 or 10.

Bachelor of Science Ordinary Degree

104. To qualify for the award of the degree of BSc Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline students must have obtained 360 credit points from passes (or recognition of prior learning, acceptable under General Undergraduate Regulations). The overall curriculum (including any concessions) must have met the requirement for entry to Senior Honours in that Discipline as indicated in years 3 and 4 of the Honours Degree Programme Table, subject to further restrictions and recommendations that may appear in the appropriate School Programme Guide (excluding the requirement for the Honours courses to have been passed at the first sitting, and excluding any elevated hurdles or prerequisites for Honours).

105. The BSc Ordinary Degree is awarded in designated disciplines corresponding to every BSc Honours degree and with the same titles, with the exception that the titles of the following Ordinary degrees in the designated disciplines are changed as indicated:

a. subject specialisations for the BSc Biomedical Sciences, where the Designated Discipline will be Biomedical Sciences, i.e. without the subject specialisation

# D College of Science and Engineering Undergraduate Degree Regulations: Degree Specific Regulations

106. These degree programme requirements relate to undergraduate programmes in the College of Science and Engineering. They are additional to, and should be read in conjunction with, the General Undergraduate Degree Regulations above, which apply to all undergraduate programmes, unless otherwise stated.

Qualifications

# Bachelor of Science General Degree \*

107. For the award of the degree of BSc (General) students must have obtained 360 credit points including at least:

BSc (General)	A total of 360 credit points including at least:
Courses listed in the School collections of Schools in the College of Science and Engineering	180 credits
SCQF <u>http://www.scqf.org.uk/</u>	200 credits at SCQF levels 8,9 or 10 60 credits at SCQF level 9 or 10 30 credits at SCQF level 9 or 10 in courses listed in the School collection of Schools in the College of Science and Engineering

\* The Bachelor of Science: General Degree will not be available to students entering the University from 2012/13 onwards

# Bachelor of Science Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline or Combined Disciplines

108. To qualify for the award of the BSc Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline or Combined Disciplines students must have obtained 360 credit points (or recognition of prior learning, acceptable under General Undergraduate Regulations). The overall curriculum (including any concessions) must have met the requirement for entry to Senior Honours in that Discipline or Combined Disciplines as indicated in years 3 and 4 of the Honours Degree Programme Table, subject to further restrictions and recommendations that may appear in the appropriate School Programme Guide (excluding the requirement for the Honours courses to have been passed at the first sitting, and excluding any elevated hurdles or prerequisites for Honours.)

For those programmes where there is a Schedule of level 9 courses specifically for Ordinary Degrees then the level 9 course may be substituted for the related level 10 course in the DPT for the purpose of eligibility for the Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline.

109. The BSc Ordinary Degree is awarded in designated disciplines corresponding to every BSc, BEng, MA, or Integrated Masters (e.g. MPhys, MInf) Honours degree and with the same titles, with the exception that the titles of the following Ordinary degrees in the designated disciplines are changed as indicated:

a. subject specialisations for the BSc Biological Sciences, where the Designated Discipline will be Biological Sciences, i.e. without the subject specialisation;

b. subject specialisations within the School of Chemistry, where the Designated Discipline will be either Chemical Sciences or Chemical Sciences with Industrial Experience. The latter may be awarded to students who successfully complete the industrial experience component of the corresponding MChem programme; c. subject specialisations within the discipline of Ecological Science, where the Designated Discipline will be Ecological Science, i.e. without the subject specialisation.

110. In the case of Combined Degree programmes, the Examiners will recommend the award of the BSc Ordinary Degree in single (see requirement 4 above) or combined disciplines in order to best reflect the achievements of the individual student.

# **Degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences**

111. The Degree Programme Requirements of the Bachelor of Medical Sciences and Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Sciences) are in the College Undergraduate Regulations of the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

# Professional requirements: School of Engineering

112. An Honours student who is eligible for progression or for the award of an Honours degree by the University regulations but who fails an Honours course, for which a pass is required for reasons associated with breadth of professional knowledge and/or the stipulation(s) of one or more of the Professional Accreditation bodies, will be required to "resit for professional purposes" the examination and/or resubmit the course work at the next available opportunity. However, the first (fail) mark will be recorded for the Honours degree classification.

113. Should the resit or resubmission still fail to achieve a pass, the student will not be eligible to progress or graduate with Honours. In such cases, the student will be required to interrupt for a year and take a further "resit for professional purposes". A final year student requiring "resit(s) for professional purposes" will be ineligible for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering with Honours / Master of Engineering with Honours until such time as the necessary passes at "resit for professional purposes" are achieved, but may be eligible for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Science (Ordinary) in a Designated Discipline. The maximum number of attempts will be the same as the number normally allowed by undergraduate assessment regulations.

114. It will be for each Discipline within the School of Engineering to identify "courses for which a pass is required...". This may be done on the basis of individual courses, and/or on the basis of an aggregate. The requirements for each Discipline will be stated in the Degree Programme Handbook.