

Undergraduate Admissions Statement

This statement should be read in conjunction with the University's Admissions Principles and Procedures:

bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/policies/2018/



Note that these policies are correct for the current intake cycle and may be subject to change.

Year of Admissions cycle:

2019

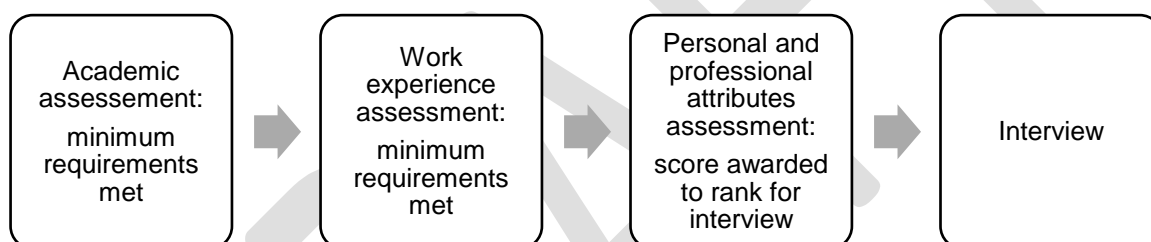
Courses covered:

BVSc Veterinary Science: Accelerated Graduate Entry (D102)

1. Course specific:

1.1 Admissions process

Applications are assessed based on their academic record, according to their achieved or predicted results, and supplementary work experience form, then scored on additional criteria as follows:



Occupational health clearance

All offers are made subject to satisfactory occupational health clearance. A form is issued in May with a specific deadline in early June. If this is not returned by the deadline, an applicant's place may be at risk.

1.2 Academic criteria

All applications with a suitable degree subject as defined in the list below, at Upper Second Class (2:1) or higher, will be progressed to the next stage of assessment. Applications are also required to meet the [standard literacy and numeracy profiles](#). There are no additional entry requirements, and other qualifications (eg A-levels) will not be considered for our assessment. However, applicants are advised to list all their qualifications taken since aged 16 onwards, so that we have a full academic history should we wish to consider an application for D100 BVSc Veterinary Science or an alternative course.

The following degrees from the University of Bristol can be accepted for entry: Applied Anatomy, Biology, Biomedical Science, Cancer Biology and Immunology, Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Chemistry, Medical Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physics, Physiology, Psychology, Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science, Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour, Virology and Immunology, Zoology. We will also consider applications with these degree titles from any UK university.

Bioveterinary Science and Marine Biology from any UK university are also accepted for entry.

We will accept Mathematics degrees from the University of Bristol. Mathematics degrees from other universities, or other science-related degree courses, including those achieved overseas, may also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

At the point of application, applicants must either be in the final year of their degree or have been awarded their degree. If the degree is not yet complete, we will require a prediction of the overall award from an academic referee, noted in the UCAS application form.

We may consider graduates who have achieved a 2:2 Class degree but have undertaken a further Masters or PhD qualification, depending on achievement and subject area.

If the degree has been awarded, this must be within the last 18 months. For 2019/2010 entry we would consider awarded degrees obtained in 2017 and 2018 with no further requirement for recent study.

If your degree was obtained in 2016 or earlier, you must have evidence of recent study within the 18 months prior to the application cycle opening. This can be evidenced by further degree study, additional study (eg MOOC) or for example by work in an academic setting.

Credit may be awarded to First class degrees over 2:1 degrees where required to differentiate between otherwise equal candidates.

1.3 Additional criteria

Work experience

Applicants will be asked to complete a supplementary work experience form. Those who meet the minimum work experience requirement and academic entry requirements will be progressed to the next stage of assessment.

Upon receipt of an application, we will send a questionnaire via email that will enable applicants to declare their work experience and give them the opportunity to evidence their credentials. The questionnaire will be sent out by the University and is not available prior to application. This questionnaire must be returned by the specified deadline; late responses may result in the application being made unsuccessful.

Applicants must have at least one week's (40 hours) work experience in veterinary practice and one week's (40 hours) work experience in animal related settings for their application to be considered. This work experience must be undertaken in the 18 months prior to the application cycle opening (ie for 2019 entry, work experience must be completed between February 2017 and August 2018, ahead of the UCAS cycle opening to applications from September 2018).

Personal and professional attributes

We will assess every application that has passed the academic and work experience stages of assessment to score their reflection on personal and professional attributes. This may be

via the personal statement or within the additional questionnaire. Further information will be available in summer 2019 ahead of the application cycle opening.

1.4 Interviews

All applicants who are selected for interview must attend in order to be considered. No offers for this course will be made without the applicant first attending an interview within the current cycle. This does not mean that we interview all applicants. We do not consider previous interview performance for those applicants who were interviewed in previous cycles.

The purpose of the interview is to provide the applicant with an opportunity to demonstrate evidence of skills and attributes that are appropriate to a career in veterinary science and to display insight into a range of topics related to a career in veterinary science.

Interviews will occur at the Veterinary School in Langford. International students will also be given the option to attend an interview in South East Asia or the USA, subject to dates available at the time of invitation. Information about the interview format will be provided once an applicant has been invited to interview.

1.5 Aspirational offers

Due to the competitive nature of these courses, we can only consider applicants that are predicted to achieve (or have already achieved) our entry requirements in full.

1.6 Alternative offers

If applicants are not qualified or have an unsuitable academic background for the course to which they originally applied, we may offer the opportunity to be considered for an alternative course in a related subject area. In such cases applicants will receive an email notification providing a list of the alternative options.

We will consider applicants who are not suitably qualified for the four-year D102 BVSc Veterinary Science: Accelerated Graduate Entry course for the five-year D100 BVSc Veterinary Science automatically instead, where applicants meet the entry requirements for D100. This may require applicants to complete an alternative work experience form at this stage.

For information about how we assess applications for D100 BVSc Veterinary Science, please refer to the current [admissions statement](#).

1.7 Deferred applications

Deferred applications (ie applying in 2018/19 for 2020 entry) are accepted. Applicants should indicate their intended year of entry in their UCAS application form.

We may consider deferral requests made after application, but we reserve the right to decline deferral requests (for example if we have an exceptionally high number of deferred offer holders).

1.8 Transfers

It is not possible to transfer from another course into the D102 BVSc Veterinary Science: Accelerated Graduate Entry course at Bristol. Applicants currently studying on another degree course would be expected to have completed, or be in the final year of, their current degree when they apply.

Transfers into the second or successive years of the course are not permitted.

2. General

2.1 Admissions team

Applications are assessed by a centralised team in close co-operation with the Faculty Recruitment and Admissions Officer(s).

2.2 Admissions process

When assessing an application, the admissions team will consider whether the applicant's academic potential is such that it is likely they would be successful on the degree. The admissions team takes into account a wide variety of factors which include, but are not limited to, actual academic performance to date and predicted results for qualifications currently being studied.

Because of the very high number of applications we receive, and to ensure that all those applying on time are treated fairly, some applications may be held until May before a decision is made.

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of information within their application only; we will not take into account any additional information received from an applicant or institution, unless we have requested it.

All applications received are considered on an equal basis. Applications that are received before the October deadline set by UCAS are guaranteed equal consideration.

Applicants are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion, disability, or age.

2.3 Visit day

All candidates who receive an offer are invited to attend one of our visit days. Applicants are given an opportunity learn more about the degree, and to view the faculty, the wider University and the city of Bristol. Applicants are normally given a choice of dates to attend a visit day.

Information about the visit days can be found on our web page:

bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/visits/

2.4 Correspondence with applicants

All correspondence relating to an applicant's status will be sent by email.

All applications are acknowledged by email on receipt to establish contact and inform the applicant of the process to be followed.

Applicants will then be notified if further information is required for our assessment, been successful or unsuccessful, if we would like to interview an applicant, or to inform them that their application has been assessed and put on 'Hold' pending a decision later in the cycle.

For applications that are submitted by 15 October, applicants will receive a final decision in the first week of May. Most decisions are made well before this date. We monitor the number of offers we make carefully and may hold some applications until later in the cycle.

2.5 Academic entry requirements

Academic entry requirements for standard qualifications (A-level, SQA, IB, Access, BTEC, Welsh Bac, GCSEs) can be found in the undergraduate course finder:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/search/>

Other qualifications, including international qualifications, will be considered on an individual basis.

All applications must be submitted through UCAS; we cannot consider any direct applications.

2.6 Reference criteria

References will be assessed for information on the applicant's motivation, ability to work independently, powers of analysis and expression. If the referee believes the applicant's performance does not reflect their ability, due to educational context and/or special circumstances, they should advise the applicant to complete an extenuating circumstances form (see 2.11 Extenuating Circumstances)

References should ideally be from a university or college, from a personal tutor confirming the academic potential of the applicant to study at degree level. Where this is not possible, a non-academic reference should confirm the relevant experience of the applicant as well as mathematical and problem-solving capabilities. It should indicate the potential of the applicant for study at degree level.

2.7 International applicants

International applicants will be subject to the criteria as detailed on our International web page: bristol.ac.uk/international/countries/

2.8 English language requirements

All applicants are required to demonstrate that they have sufficient ability to understand and express themselves in both spoken and written English in order to benefit fully from their degree course.

English Language requirements for each course can be found in the undergraduate course finder and are explained on our English Language web page: bristol.ac.uk/study/language-requirements/

2.9 Contextual information

We take a holistic approach to assessing all applications, ensuring that an applicant's educational and social contexts are taken into consideration, where supported by clear evidence that this may have adversely affected academic performance.

Further information about contextual offers can be found in the University's Admissions Principles and Procedures for Undergraduate Courses.

2.10 Typical offers

Typical offers for UK qualifications can be found in the entry data in the undergraduate course finder: bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/search/

Offers to applicants with non-standard qualifications will be made equivalent to the published degree offer.

2.11 Extenuating circumstances

If an applicant's education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties with schooling they will need to submit an extenuating circumstances form to Undergraduate Admissions:

bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/your-application/extenuating-circumstances/

The information provided on the form will be treated confidentially, and will help us to assess fairly academic performance in light of the situation.

2.12 Policies

All applications are considered in line with our Admissions policies and procedures:

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We are committed to the implementation of high quality, fair and transparent admissions procedures for all our applicants. We recognise, however, that there may be occasions when applicants believe that they have cause for complaint. At this point applicants should follow our Applicant feedback and complaints procedures.

Should an applicant believe that University admissions principles and procedures have been inconsistently or incorrectly applied, these complaints procedures provide a mechanism for objective review.

2.13 Additional information

The University can only guarantee places if the exact terms of the offer are met; however, offer holders will not automatically be unsuccessful if the terms of the offer are narrowly missed.

If offer holders do not meet the terms of their offers when exam results are released they may be considered as 'near miss candidates'.

2.14 Contacts for enquiries

Any enquiries should be addressed to our Enquiries team: choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk or +44 (0)117 394 1649.