

## Part 1 Assessment Regulations for Levels 4, 5, 6, 7

1.	<p><b>Awards:</b> Modular Regulations for BSc/MSci Biosciences Suite of courses with award titles of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSc Animal Biology, Behaviour, Welfare &amp; Ethics</li> <li>• BSc/MSci Biological Sciences</li> <li>• BSc/MSci Bioveterinary Sciences</li> <li>• BSc Biological Sciences (Animal Behaviour, Welfare &amp; Ethics)</li> <li>• BSc Comparative Pathology</li> <li>• BSc Bioveterinary Sciences Intercalated</li> <li>• MSci Applied Biological / Bioveterinary Research</li> <li>• MSci Wild Animal Biology</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Applicable to Academic Year:</b> 2024/25 onwards</p>
3.	<p><b>Credit Value and Award Regulations:</b></p>
3.1	<p>The credit value of each module and the required combination of modules for each award title is shown in the Part 2 Award Pathway document.</p>
4.	<p><b>Marking Criteria:</b></p>
4.1	<p><b>Examinations, In-Course Assessment</b> The Common Grading Scheme (LAQ &amp; CPRQ) will be used as appropriate for extended pieces of writing with 0-10 marking scheme used for short answer responses of a factual nature.</p>
4.2	<p><b>Problem Solving Questions</b> The number of marks allocated to each section of the question will be clearly stated, totaling 10 marks for the whole question. The model answer will state how marks are to be allocated for specific factual answers, or the description or completion of a defined process. Where an answer must be judged more subjectively, the model answer must describe the quality of content, understanding, integration or expression required to attain the marks allocated for that answer. Fractional scores are permitted for each section.</p>
4.3	<p><b>Projects</b> The Common Grading Scheme (Projects) will be used as appropriate.</p>
4.4	<p><b>Multiple Choice Questions</b> The number of marks available for each type of question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the student will score zero.</p>
4.5	<p><b>Oral Presentations &amp; Oral Examinations</b> The RVC's marking scheme for Oral Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations and the marking scheme for Masters Research Project Reflective Oral Exams will be used for appropriate Oral Exams.</p>
4.6	<p><b>Poster Presentations</b> The marking scheme for Poster Presentations will be used as appropriate.</p>
4.7	<p><b>Research Skills Grant Proposal</b> Marking Rubric MSci4 Research Skills ICA</p>
4.8	<p><b>Research Project</b> BSc Year 2 Research Project Marking Rubric</p>
5.	<p><b>Requirements to Pass a Module</b></p>
5.1	<p><b>Level 4, 5 and 6 Modules</b> To have achieved a weighted, aggregated average of at least 40% (or gained exemptions) from all of the pieces of work combined.</p>
5.2	<p><b>Level 7 Modules</b> To have achieved a weighted, aggregated average of at least 50% (or gained exemptions) from all of the pieces of work combined.</p>

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	<p>AND Achieve a pass in each of the practical pieces of work (as appropriate)</p> <p>AND Submit all the compulsory formative assignments (as appropriate)</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Requirements for Award at any level</b>
6.1.	In order to gain any award a student will need to have gained sufficient credits at the required levels for the award, as described in the RVC's Credit Regulations
6.2	In order to progress towards or gain a given award title, a student will need to have gained credit for modules that meet the required pattern for that award, as defined in the Programme Specification.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Progression and Award from Level 4 (Stage 1)</b>
7.1	To have passed individual module(s) (including exemptions) amounting to 120 credits at level 4  OR
7.2	To have gained a weighted aggregated average of 40% from modules to the value of 120 credits at level 4, with modules amounting to a total of no more than 30 credits gaining a mark between 30 and 39%. All other modules must have a mark of 40% or more.
7.3	A student can choose either to progress to Level 5 or to claim the award of Certificate of Higher Education.
<b>8</b>	<b>Progression and Award from Level 5 (Stage 2)</b>
8.1.	To have passed individual module(s) (including exemptions) amounting to 120 credits at level 5 AND To have completed the Practical Skills Log  OR
8.2	To have gained a weighted aggregated average of 40% from modules to the value of 120 credits at level 5, with modules amounting to a total of no more than 15 credits gaining a mark between 30 and 39%. All other modules must gain a mark of 40% or more. AND
8.3	To have completed the Practical Skills Log
8.4	A student can choose either to progress to Level 6 or to claim the award of Diploma of Higher Education.
8.5	In order to progress to the Award Pathway for MSci, a student will need to have obtained an average mark of 50% or more for the level.
<b>9</b>	<b>Progression and Award from Level 6 (Stage 3)</b>
9.1	<b>BSc</b> To have passed individual module(s) (including exemptions) amounting to 60 credits at level 6  OR
9.2	To have gained a weighted aggregated average of 40% from modules to the value of 60 credits at level 6, with modules amounting to a total of no more than 15 credits gaining a mark between 30 and 39%. All other modules must gain a mark of 40% or more.
9.3	<b>BSc (Honours)</b> To have passed individual module(s) (including exemptions) amounting to 120 credits at level 6 AND

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<p>9.4</p> <p>9.5</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>To have gained a weighted aggregated average of 40% from modules to the value of 120 credits at level 6, with modules amounting to a total of no more than 15 credits gaining a mark between 30 and 39%. All other modules must gain a mark of 40% or more.</p> <p><b>Progression to MSci Year 4</b> In order to progress to MSci Year 4 a student will need to have obtained an average mark of 50% or more for Level 5, as required by 8.5. above. Successful completion of Level 4 as required by 7.1 above and Level 6 (stage 4), as required by 9.1 above is also required.</p>								
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p>	<p><b>Award at Level 7 (Stage 4)</b></p> <p><b>Requirements to be Awarded the MSci (Hons)</b> A student must have gained: An aggregated overall mark of at least 50% from all modules contributing to the award AND A pass (50%) in the Research Module AND A pass in individual modules which, when combined, amount to 120 credits at Level 7</p> <p><b>Requirements to be Awarded the MSci</b> A student must gain: An aggregated overall mark of at least 40% from modules contributing to the award AND A pass (at 50%) in the Research Module AND A weighted aggregated average of 50% from Masters level (Level 7) modules amounting to 120 credits</p> <p>PROVIDED THAT Masters (Level 7) Modules amounting to a total of no more than 15 credits, <b>or</b> one 15 credit module or <b>one</b> 30 credit module gain a mark between 40 and 49%. All other individual Masters (Level 7) modules must gain a mark of 50% or more.</p>								
<p><b>11.</b></p> <p>11.1</p>	<p><b>Classification Certificate and Diploma of Higher Education</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">70% or more at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules:</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Distinction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60-69% at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules:</td> <td>Merit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40-59% at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules:</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </table>	70% or more at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules:	Distinction	60-69% at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules:	Merit	40-59% at the first attempt from the aggregate of all modules:	Pass		
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<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p>	<p><b>Classification BSc (Honours)</b></p> <p>The total marks will be weighted and calculated as follows: Average of 120 credits at Level 4 0% weighting Average of 120 credits at Level 5 30% weighting Average of 120 credits at Level 6 70% weighting</p> <p>If a student has been admitted with exemption directly to Level 6 only, Level 6 modules shall be used to determine the classification. (This includes study as an intercalated degree).</p> <p>The percentages below refer to the percentages obtained from the marks weighted as in 12.1 and 12.2. The Project refers to projects of 30 or 60 credits.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">First Class</td> <td style="width: 70%;">70% or above with at least 60% in for Level 6 modules</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Class</td> <td>69% or above with at least 60% for Level 6 modules and at least 75% for the combined Project marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper Second Class</td> <td>60% to 69% with at least 50% for Level 6 modules</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper Second Class</td> <td>59% or above with at least 50% in the Third Year and at least 65% for the combined Project marks</td> </tr> </table>	First Class	70% or above with at least 60% in for Level 6 modules	First Class	69% or above with at least 60% for Level 6 modules and at least 75% for the combined Project marks	Upper Second Class	60% to 69% with at least 50% for Level 6 modules	Upper Second Class	59% or above with at least 50% in the Third Year and at least 65% for the combined Project marks
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	<p>Lower Second Class                      50% to 59% with at least 40% for Level 6 modules Lower Second Class                      49% or above with at least 40% in the Third Year and at least 55% for the combined Project marks</p> <p>Third Class                                      40% to 49% with at least 40% for Level 6 modules Third Class                                      39% or above with at least 40% for Level 6 modules and at least 45% for the combined Project marks</p>
<b>13</b>	<b>Classification MSci (Honours)</b>
13.1	<p>The degree classification will be calculated using the following year weightings:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Average of 120 credits at Level 4    0% weighting Average of 120 credits at Level 5   15% weighting Average of 120 credits at Level 6   35% weighting Average of 120 credits at Level 7   50% weighting</p>
13.2	<p>If a student has been admitted with exemption directly to Level 6 (this includes study for an intercalated degree), the marks from Levels 6 and 7 shall be weighted as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Average of 120 credits at Level 6   41% weighting Average of 120 credits at Level 7   59% weighting</p>
13.3	<p>The degree shall be classified as follows:</p> <p>First Class                                      70% or above First Class                                      69% or above with at least 75% in the Level 7 combined Project marks</p> <p>Upper Second Class                          60% to 69% Upper Second Class                          59% or above with at least 65% in the Level 7 combined Project marks</p> <p>Lower Second Class                          50% to 59% Lower Second Class                          49% or above with at least 55% in the Level 7 combined Project marks</p> <p>Third Class                                      40% to 49% with at least 50% on aggregate for Level 7</p>
<b>14</b>	<b>Consequences of Failure</b>
14.1	<b>For Level 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
14.1.1	A student who fails a module at the first attempt shall have a right to resit. They will be required to resit those pieces of work that were failed (with less than 40%) at the next available opportunity.
14.1.2	Where the student has not yet completed all of the modules in a Stage, they will be <b>given the option to resit</b> any piece of work with a mark of 30-39% in order to pass a module if it has not been passed on aggregate at the first attempt.
14.1.3	The module mark obtained at the second attempt will be no greater than 40%.
14.1.4	When a module resit involves a piece of assessed work, the amount of time the resit student is given to do that work should be the same as on the first occasion.
14.1.5	A student who is studying full time and has failed either the first or second year of their degree course at the second attempt and has not previously repeated a year of undergraduate study at the RVC (on any programme) will be entitled to repeat the year. The number of attempts at assessments will be the same as for those students not repeating the year. Students will carry forward any modules passed to the repeat year. All module marks taken under the 'repeat year' rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass and that will be the mark carried forward for degree classification.
14.1.6	A student who is studying full time and has failed the year at the second attempt and <b>has previously</b> repeated a year of undergraduate study at the RVC (on any programme) will be

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	<p>required to withdraw from the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in RVC's Regulations</p> <p>14.1.7 A full-time student who has not passed at the end of a repeated year is required to appeal irrespective of any deferrals.</p> <p>14.1.8 Any student who has failed after having taken all resit and repeat opportunities will be required to withdraw from the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in RVC's Regulations.</p> <p><b>For Level 7</b></p> <p>14.2 A student who fails a Masters (Level 7) module at the first attempt shall have a right to resit. Any module taken for a second time will gain a mark no greater than 50%.</p> <p>14.2.1</p> <p>14.2.2 When a module resit involves a piece of assessed work, the amount of time the resit student is given to do that work should be the same as on the first occasion.</p> <p>14.2.3 A student who has met the requirements for a BSc or BSc (Hons), or an MSci degree may opt to receive the degree after the first sitting. A student who takes this option shall relinquish their right to re-sit for the MSci (Hons) degree.</p> <p>14.2.4 A student who fails at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course. They will have a right of appeal as described in RVC's Regulations.</p> <p>14.2.5 A student who has passed the required Level 6 modules shall remain eligible for the award of BSc or BSc (Hons).</p>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Absence from summative assessments and in-course assessment</b>
15.1	An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness. Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by the Student Progress and Development System and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.
15.2	A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.
15.3	Where a student has an allowable absence the assessment will be considered to be deferred until the next sitting or submission date, except where a student has an allowable absence for work amounting to no more than 12 credits of assessment, when their overall mark for the level will be calculated pro rata.
<b>16.</b>	<b>Late submission of work</b>
	Reports, Projects and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the Late Submission Policy set out in the RVC's General Assessment Regulations. Major pieces of work are specified in the Part 3 Assessment Weighting document and will be reduced to a maximum of a bare pass (40% for Level 4, 5 & 6 and 50% for Level 7) within the late submission window.
<b>17.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Marks</b>
	Results will be published by candidate number.