School of Veterinary Science

INFORMATION FOR BVSc STUDENTS starting in 2020 ON CLOTHING AND OTHER PROGRAMME-RELATED EXPENSES

To help with your budgeting, this list has been drawn up to give an indication of additional costs you will need during the programme. We have divided it into items that you will need from the start of the course and indicative spending over the full 5 years of the programme. Many items of personal protective equipment (PPE) e.g. lab coats and scrub tops are provided by the Institute of Veterinary Science and are therefore not listed here.

Items you will need for the start of first year

Books and Stationery
You are strongly recommended not to purchase books until you arrive as the library is well-stocked and many texts are now available online as e-books. Your lecturers and The Liverpool University Veterinary Society (LUVS) will advise on sourcing suitable texts at a later date.

You will need a calculator (any scientific non-programmable one will do – you are not permitted a programmable calculator in examinations) and your preferred assortment of paper and writing equipment. Please note that pencils and erasers may be needed for our exams.

Our practical classes start in teaching week three. We don’t require any specific “uniform” for these practical classes but you will need the PPE equipment listed below

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| Sturdy waterproof shoes or wellingtons  
Boiler suit  
Riding hat (we supply these for equine handling classes but if you would rather bring your own that is fine but it must meet any of the following safety standards: PAS 015 2011, Snell E 2001, Snell E 2016, VG1) | Equine husbandry classes |
| Wellingtons  
Boiler-suit  
Waterproof trousers are useful but not essential | Farm animal husbandry classes |
| Sturdy waterproof shoes (these must not be made of cloth or canvas).  
A lab coat will be provided for you and you will keep this for the first three years of the course. It will be your responsibility to ensure you wash your lab coat and bring it to every practical class held in the VTS. | Dissection classes |

Most of you will already own some of this equipment so please bring it to Liverpool with you! Please note that wellingtons and boiler suits should be standard dark colours not patterned or fluorescent orange! Boiler suits can have long or short sleeves.
If you are purchasing new items then we strongly advise you purchase from the PPE list so that you can use these new items for clinical rotations.

**Indicative spending for the full 5 years of the BVSc programme**

**Printing costs**  
Printing costs depend on the document size (e.g. A4/A3), the number of pages and whether you print or photocopy in colour or black and white. Students who regularly print out their lecture notes say that they spend around £10-£15 a semester on printing costs.  
Scanning is free but you still need to be in credit. Details of charges are available on the computing services website https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/csd/.

**British Veterinary Association (BVA) Membership**  
Annual BVA Membership will be free for the first year and costs around £45 per year thereafter. This gives personal accident insurance cover during the course as well as other benefits such as the journal “In Practice”. This is not compulsory but recommended.  
How to become a member will be discussed during the BVA talk during Welcome Week.

**Clinical equipment (not compulsory for years 1 – 3)**  
Pen torch & digital thermometer (approx. £10)  
Stethoscope (approx. £75)

**PPE for clinical rotations (scrub tops are provided by IVS)**  
The items listed are available from many online suppliers and farm stores e.g. [https://www.dickiesworkwear.com/uk/](https://www.dickiesworkwear.com/uk/)

LUVS also bulks buys many of these items and runs a shop for veterinary students which you can access later during Semester 1. **Please note that LUVS cannot provide items for animal handling course starting 2nd November 2020**

- Green boiler-suit. Short-sleeved or with sleeves that can be rolled up to the elbow (approx. £25)  
- Standard Wellingtons (green, black or blue; approx. £20)  
- Veterinary Parlour top (waterproof with short sleeves; approx. £25)  
- Waterproof coat (green or blue approx. £40)  
- Blue or Green waterproof trousers (£25)

**Extra Mural Studies (EMS)**  
Students are required by the RCVS to complete 38 weeks of EMS over 5 years to be awarded the BVSc. Whilst some students are able to do this at very little cost by commuting short distances and living with parents, relatives and friends, others have indicated that they spend around £2000 to £2500 on travel and accommodation over the 5 years.  
Most EMS placements are unpaid and students also lose out on the opportunity to carry out paid work whilst undertaking EMS.