

## Town and Country Planning and Landscape

	Teaching quality %	Student experience %	Research quality %	Entry standards (UCAS points)	Graduate prospects %	Overall score
1 Loughborough	90.1	74.1	72	145	92	100
2 Edinburgh	80.1	76.9	59	184	—	99.1
3 Sheffield	87	84.1	71.8	152	87.3	98.7
4 University College London	79.4	79.9	61	164	88.9	97.4
5 Heriot-Watt	74.7	66.6	59	168	88.2	95.3
6 Manchester	75.6	77.5	59.2	153	—	94.9
7 Liverpool	88.4	83	45.2	123	89.7	94.7
8 Birmingham	83.1	82.7	49.2	132	—	93.7
9 Cardiff	79.6	80.5	38.2	133	89.4	92.7
10 Ulster	83.2	80.1	54.2	132	83.3*	92.6
11 Newcastle	76.3	73	56	127	87.8	92.5
12 Queen's, Belfast	93.8	91	36.5	133	80.6*	92.2
13 Leeds Beckett	92.9	85.4	24.5	114	86.7	91.4
14 Oxford Brookes	84.2	72.3	33.2	122	87.2	90.6
15 Westminster	90.6	77.1	38.2	100	—	90
16 Gloucestershire	78.1	78.4	24	—	87.5*	89.1
17 West of England	83.6	80.8	40.8	127	77.8*	88.4
18 London South Bank	77.1	59.5	35	112	—	85.7

Employed in high-skilled job	66%	Employed in lower-skilled job	12%
Employed in high-skilled job and studying	4%	Employed in lower-skilled job and studying	1%
Studying	6%	Unemployed	4%
High-skilled work (median) salary	£27,000	Low-/medium-skilled salary	£21,500

## Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary medicine student numbers are centrally controlled, and the subject is offered by very few universities; none of them in Northern Ireland and only one in Wales, at Aberystwyth – which is too new to have sufficient data for our table yet. The same goes for the joint vet school at Keele and Harper Adams and at Central Lancashire, which accepted its first intake of students in 2023. The norm for veterinary medicine degrees is five years, but the Cambridge course takes six and Bristol, Nottingham and the Royal Veterinary College offer a gateway year. Edinburgh, Bristol and the Royal Veterinary College also run four-year accelerated courses for graduates.

Liverpool secures the No 1 spot this year, ousting Glasgow after two years at the top. Liverpool's rank has been boosted by improved rates of student satisfaction which now rank it second for teaching quality and for the wider experience in our new National Student Survey (NSS) analysis. Liverpool was already the top-rated university for research in the subject, based on results of the Research Excellence Framework 2021.

"A degree in veterinary medicine leads to a broad spectrum of career opportunities, from work as a clinical veterinarian taking care of food and companion animals, to specialisation in a highly technical discipline like orthopaedic surgery or advanced imaging, to studying emerging and transboundary diseases in far flung corners of the earth – not to mention the sea," notes Professor Paul Lunn, dean of the School of Veterinary Science, University of Liverpool.

Entrants to Glasgow's veterinary medicine degree average 217 points in the UCAS tariff – the top entry standards in a high-tariff table – and the university is second for research. Sixth-place Nottingham has the most accessible entry standards, with its trainee vets entering an average of 157 points in the UCAS tariff. The university is hitting all the right notes with its students too, achieving unsurpassed scores for teaching quality and the broader student experience in these NSS-derived measures. Nottingham also has the edge for graduate prospects, with 97.9% of graduates employed in high-skilled jobs and/or postgraduate study 15 months after their degrees. But employment scores are so tightly bunched, going no lower than 93.1% achieving the same outcomes at Edinburgh, that they do not form part of the calculations that determine universities' positions. Veterinary medicine tops our 70-subject employment table this year, up from fourth last year. For graduate salaries, it ties with pharmacy and pharmacology.

Applicants are advised to focus on achieving top class performances in biology and chemistry. A third science may be required by some universities, others may allow another third subject. Applicants to institutions including Cambridge and the Royal Veterinary College may also be required to take an admissions test, while Surrey uses an online questionnaire. All vet schools require candidates to have proven their commitment to the course by completing some form of relevant work experience before applying. Ever a competitive subject, in the 2023 admissions cycle there were 11,935 applications for 1,720 places. The deadline for applications is October 15th, earlier than for most other subjects to allow extra time to process the high demand for courses.

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1 Liverpool	93.9	84.2	68.2	176	96.9	100
2 Glasgow	77.6	67	64.8	217	97.3	97.5
3 Edinburgh	88.5	77	50.2	215	93.1	95.2
4 Cambridge	83.1	64.2	60.2	200	96.1	95
5 Surrey	87.3	77.3	58	168	96.4	92.8
6 Nottingham	95.3	87.3	52	157	97.9	92
7 Bristol	81.2	67.9	60.2	173	96.1	91.9
8 Royal Veterinary College	79.6	61.4	55	178	97.4	89.4

Employed in high-skilled job	92%	Employed in lower-skilled job	1%
Employed in high-skilled job and studying	2%	Employed in lower-skilled job and studying	0%
Studying	1%	Unemployed	2%
High-skilled work (median) salary	£33,000	Low-/medium-skilled salary	N/A