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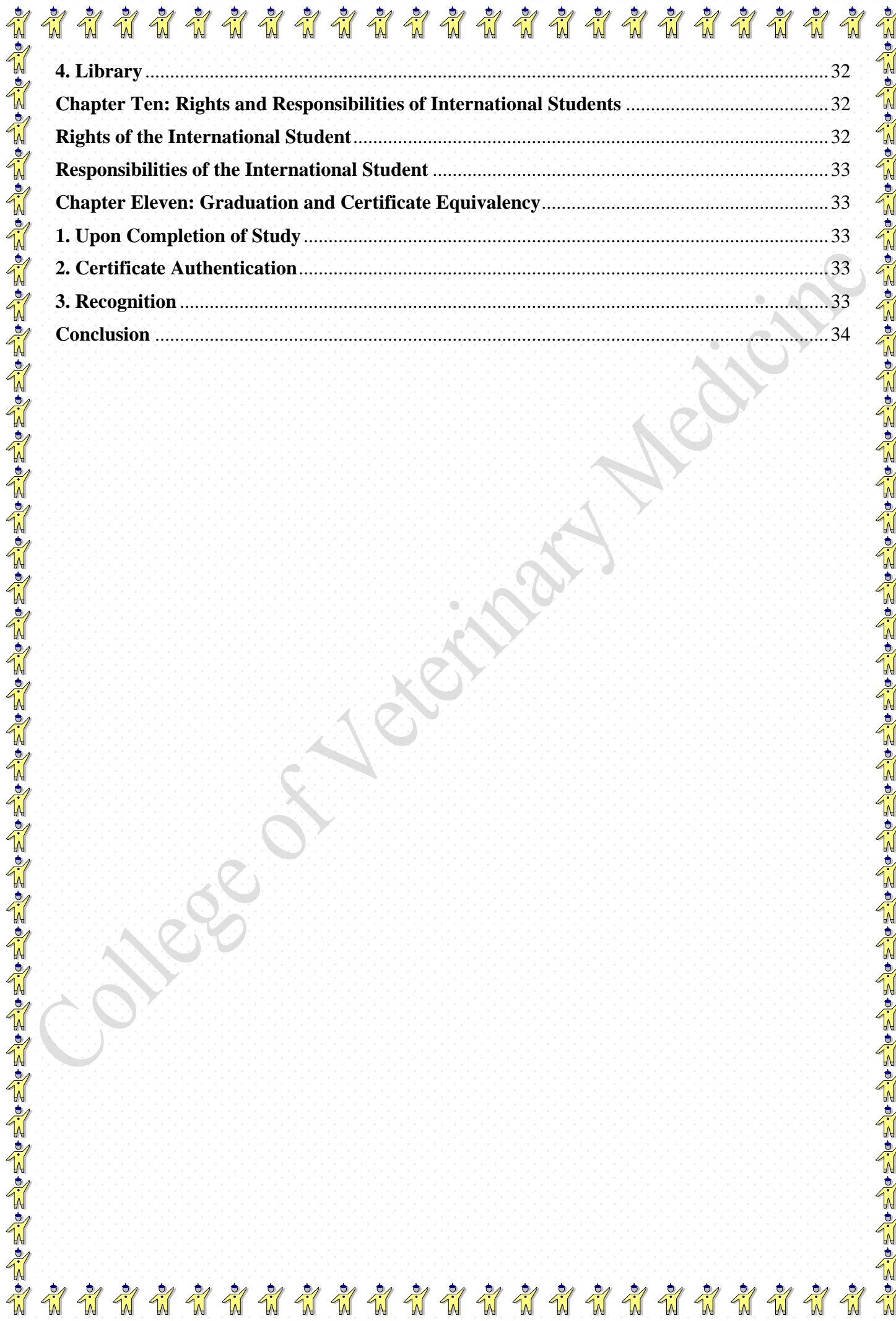
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College of Veterinary Medicine



Introduction

In line with the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research's vision to internationalize higher education and open Iraqi universities to students from all over the world, the College of Veterinary Medicine – Tikrit University presents this comprehensive guide for international students applying to study at the college.

This guide serves as an essential reference for foreign students wishing to join the College of Veterinary Medicine. It provides a clear and complete overview of the academic environment, admission requirements, application procedures, study systems, and available services inside and outside the university. It has been carefully prepared to support international students throughout all academic stages—from the moment of application from abroad, through visa and residency procedures, and up to integration into university life and academic progress until graduation.

The guide clarifies the admission mechanisms for undergraduate and postgraduate studies based on the official “Study in Iraq” platform, adapted to the specific requirements of the college. It includes visa and residency instructions, academic systems applied in Iraqi universities, student rights and responsibilities, and details of academic pathways and student services. Practical guidelines are also provided to help international students understand university regulations and administrative procedures confidently.

As part of its mission to enhance international cooperation and attract students from a wide range of countries, the College of Veterinary Medicine – Tikrit University strives to ensure a supportive educational environment that meets international standards and provides a successful academic experience, both scientifically and practically.

We hope this guide will assist international students at every stage of their academic journey—from the moment of application to the day of graduation—and wish all our students continued success.

Chapter One: Why Study at the College of Veterinary Medicine – Tikrit University?

1. University Location

- The university is located in the city of Tikrit, Salahuddin Province, Iraq, north of the capital Baghdad.
- The city is safe, calm, and well-suited for academic study.
- The university is large, well-organized, and includes up to 25 colleges covering various scientific and humanities specializations.

2. What Advantages Does the International Student Receive?

- Official government admission recognized in almost all countries.
- Practical training at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
- Modern, well-equipped laboratories.
- A learning environment focused on practical application rather than memorization.
- Opportunities to participate in scientific research.
- University housing located near campus.
- Affordable tuition fees compared to neighboring countries.

3. Benefits of Studying in Iraq for International Students

- Internationally recognized degree.
- Serious and continuously developing academic environment.
- Modern laboratory facilities.
- A fully functioning veterinary hospital for hands-on training.
- Field training and farm visits.
- Reasonable tuition fees.

4. What Is Daily Life Like for an International Student?

- Classes generally run from 8:00 AM until around 2:00 PM.
- Your day includes: lectures – laboratory sessions – practical training – activities.

- During holidays, you may visit Baghdad, Mosul, or Samarra.
- The university provides cafeterias, libraries, gardens, and transportation services.

5. Unique Features of Veterinary Medicine

- Highly practical and application-based study.
- Direct interaction with animals.
- Development of surgical and diagnostic skills.
- Participation in scientific research.

Chapter Two: Study Channels and Admission Requirements

Section One: Study Channels

1. Fully-Funded Scholarships

This is a full scholarship offered by the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education to outstanding international students. It includes full coverage of:

- Full tuition fees.
- University housing.
- Medical health insurance.
- Entry visa to Iraq.
- Annual study residency permit.

This scholarship completely exempts the student from any financial costs throughout the study period.

2. Half Scholarships

This scholarship covers 50% of tuition fees, where:

- The student pays only half of the tuition fees, in Iraqi dinars or US dollars.
- The Ministry covers half of the housing, health insurance, visa, and residency costs.
- The remaining amount is paid at the beginning of each academic year.

This scholarship significantly reduces the financial burden while maintaining ministerial support.

3. Self-Financed Study

This is the standard route for international students who do not receive a scholarship, and includes:

- Full annual payment of tuition fees.
- Full payment of university housing.
- Health insurance costs.
- Visa and residency expenses.

This channel is the most common among international students and is open to everyone without competitive requirements.

Section Two: Admission Requirements According to Study Channels

Free Scholarship Channel:

First: Admission to Bachelor's Degree (Undergraduate Studies)

1. Minimum Grade Requirement by Specialization

The applicant must meet the required high school average for the specialization they wish to study, as follows:

Specialization	Minimum Required Average
Dentistry – Pharmacy	90%
Veterinary Medicine – Engineering – Nursing	85%
Sciences – Humanities – Other Specializations	65%
Law – Political Science	60%

Notes:

- If you wish to study Veterinary Medicine, your high school average must be **at least 85%**.
- For medical specializations (Dentistry – Pharmacy – Veterinary Medicine – Nursing): **your age must not exceed 25 years**.
- For scientific and humanities majors: **your age must not exceed 30 years**.

Second: Admission to Postgraduate Studies (Higher Diploma – Master – PhD)

1. Grade Requirement

Your final grade in your previous degree must be:

- **At least 65%** for Higher Diploma or Master's degree.
- **At least 70%** for a PhD.

2. Age Requirement

- For Master's: age must not exceed **45 years**.
- For PhD: age must not exceed **50 years**.

Half-Funded Scholarship Channel

First: Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Studies (Bachelor / Diploma)

These requirements apply to international students who wish to join undergraduate programs.

1. Minimum Required High School Average by Specialization

Specialization	Minimum Required Average
General Medicine (Human Medicine)	80%
Dentistry – Pharmacy	75%
Engineering – Nursing	60%
Sciences – Humanities	No minimum grade required

2. Age Requirement

For the medical group (Medicine – Dentistry – Pharmacy – Nursing – and possibly Veterinary Medicine):

- The student's age must not exceed **30 years**.

For other fields (Engineering – Sciences – Humanities):

- The student's age must not exceed **35 years**.

Second: Postgraduate Admission Requirements (Higher Diploma – Master – PhD)

1. Grade Requirement

The student's previous academic average must be:

- $\geq 60\%$ for Higher Diploma or Master's
- $\geq 65\%$ for PhD

2. Age Requirement

- **No age requirement**—the applicant may join postgraduate studies regardless of age. This is an important exception that benefits many international students.

Self-Financed Study (Private Tuition)

Third: Admission Regulations for Self-Financed Study

This is the most common channel for international students because it offers greater flexibility in choosing the university and college, and has simpler requirements.

1. Admission to Undergraduate Studies (Bachelor / Diploma)

A. Grade Requirement

The student must obtain a suitable high school average depending on the specialization, which is lower than the fully-funded scholarship requirements:

Specialization	Minimum Required Average
General Medicine	75%
Dentistry – Pharmacy	70%
Engineering – Nursing – Scientific Specializations	No minimum required
Humanities	No minimum required

This means an international student can join Engineering, Scientific, or Humanities majors **without any specific grade requirement**.

B. Age Requirement

The student may apply through the self-financed channel **regardless of age**, unlike scholarships that impose age limits.

C. Freedom to Choose University and College

The student may choose:

- The university they prefer
- The college they prefer

Without restrictions, depending on available seats.

2. Admission to Postgraduate Studies (Higher Diploma – Master – PhD)

A. No Grade Requirement

- No minimum grade is required for admission through the self-financed channel.

B. No Age Requirement

- Students may apply to any stage of postgraduate studies **without any age limit**.

Section Three: Admission Principles and Procedures

First: General Principles of Admission

1. The Student Must Be Fully Non-Iraqi

This means:

- You and both parents are non-Iraqi,
or
- At least one parent is non-Iraqi.

This ensures the applicant is genuinely considered an international student.

2. Must Not Hold Iraqi Nationality

If you hold Iraqi citizenship—even if you live abroad—you are not considered an “international student.”

3. Students Cannot Apply for Iraqi Citizenship During Study

International students are not allowed to initiate or request Iraqi citizenship procedures while enrolled in the program.

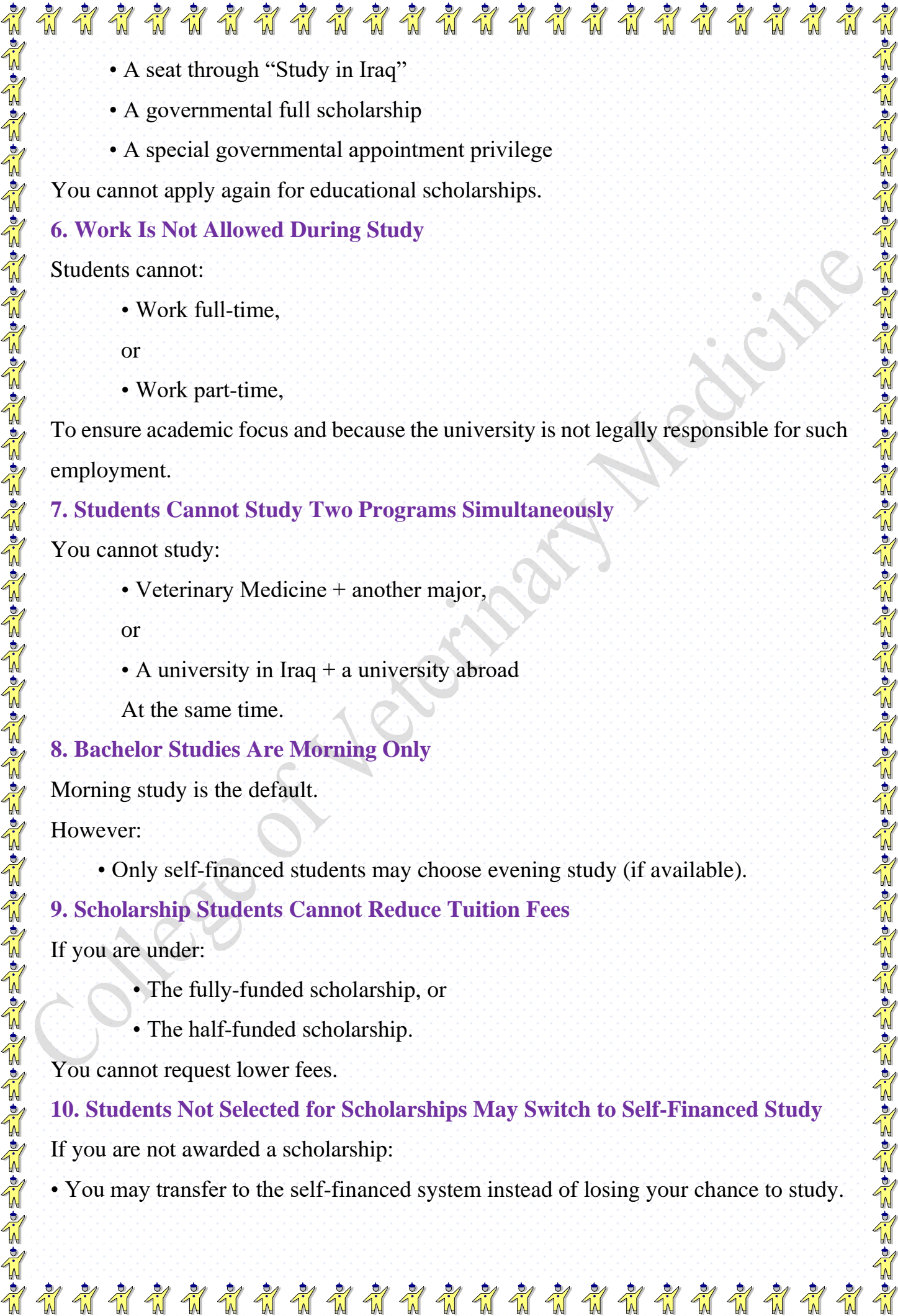
4. High School Certificate Must Be Issued Outside Iraq

The certificate must be from your home country.

(Only postgraduate applicants are exempt from this requirement.)

5. Students Cannot Have Previously Studied Under an Iraqi Government Scholarship

If you previously received:

- 
- A seat through “Study in Iraq”
 - A governmental full scholarship
 - A special governmental appointment privilege

You cannot apply again for educational scholarships.

6. Work Is Not Allowed During Study

Students cannot:

- Work full-time,
- or
- Work part-time,

To ensure academic focus and because the university is not legally responsible for such employment.

7. Students Cannot Study Two Programs Simultaneously

You cannot study:

- Veterinary Medicine + another major,
 - or
 - A university in Iraq + a university abroad
- At the same time.

8. Bachelor Studies Are Morning Only

Morning study is the default.

However:

- Only self-financed students may choose evening study (if available).

9. Scholarship Students Cannot Reduce Tuition Fees

If you are under:

- The fully-funded scholarship, or
- The half-funded scholarship.

You cannot request lower fees.

10. Students Not Selected for Scholarships May Switch to Self-Financed Study

If you are not awarded a scholarship:

- You may transfer to the self-financed system instead of losing your chance to study.

11. Scholarships Cannot Be Extended for Higher Degrees

For example:

- If you receive a free scholarship for a Bachelor's degree, you cannot continue Master's or PhD under the same scholarship.

Exception:

You may pursue postgraduate studies if:

- You obtain a **Very Good** average in Master's courses
- You obtain **Excellent** in the final thesis defense

In this case, limited acceptance may be granted outside the main admission plan.

Second: Application Steps

Step 1: Create an Account on the “Study in Iraq” Platform

This is the only official application path.

Platform link:

<https://studyniraq.scrd-gate.gov.iq/>

You will:

1. Open the link
2. Select “Create New Account”
3. Enter your basic information (name – email – phone number – country)
4. Receive a verification code via email
5. Log in and complete the application form

Step 2: Choose the College of Veterinary Medicine – Tikrit University

Within the application form:

- Select “**Tikrit University**”
- Select “**College of Veterinary Medicine**”
- Choose the study channel:
 - Self-financed
 - Fully-funded scholarship (if available)
 - Half-funded scholarship

Step 3: Upload Required Documents

Documents must be uploaded clearly in **PDF format**.

Required Documents:

1. High School Certificate (or Bachelor/Master Degree for postgraduate applicants)

- Must be original and include all transcripts (grades).
- Must be color scanned.
- Must be translated into Arabic or English.
- Must be authenticated by:
 - Ministry of Education (your country)
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (your country)
 - Iraqi Embassy/Consulate

2. Passport

- Valid for at least **6 months** at the time of application.

3. Personal Photo

- White background
- Size: 50×50 mm

4. Birth Certificate or Family Card (if available)

5. Medical Examination

- Must confirm that you are free from communicable diseases.
- Can be done in your country or upon arrival in Iraq.

6. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- Very simple
- Include: Name, education, skills

7. Written Declaration

The applicant confirms:

- They have not applied to any other admission channel in Iraq simultaneously
- All submitted information is correct and not falsified
- They do not hold Iraqi nationality
- They will not initiate citizenship application procedures during their studies.

8. Registration Procedures After Arrival

The student must bring all uploaded documents, including:

- Certificates + transcripts
- Passport
- Official authentications
- Translations
- Any additional required documents

Step 4: Obtaining the Preliminary Acceptance Letter

After submitting your application:

- Tikrit University reviews your file.
- If your documents are valid, a preliminary acceptance letter is issued.
- You will use this letter to obtain the study visa.

Chapter Three: Arrival in Iraq – Study Visa and Residency

First: Obtaining the Study Visa

After receiving your preliminary acceptance letter from Tikrit University via the Study in Iraq platform, visa procedures begin.

1. Where to Apply for the Visa?

You may choose one of the following:

A) Through the Iraqi Embassy in Your Country

- Visit the Iraqi Embassy/Consulate
- Submit the acceptance letter + passport + photos
- You will receive a **Study Visa**, valid for **3 months**

B) Upon Arrival in Iraq (Baghdad International Airport or Border Entry Points)

At the airport, you present:

1. Passport
2. Acceptance letter
3. Two personal photos

You will be granted a temporary entry visa, which will later be replaced with a **study residency permit**.

Second: Steps to Obtain the Study Residency in Iraq

After entering Iraq and arriving in Tikrit:

Step 1: Visit the Registration Unit at the College of Veterinary Medicine

- Submit your passport and entry visa.
- Your data will be verified and you will be officially registered.
- The college issues an official letter to the Residency Directorate in Salahuddin Province

Step 2: College Issues Official Verification Letter

- The college prepares a letter confirming you are an international student under the Study in Iraq program.
- A staff member from the Registration or Relations Unit usually accompanies you to help with the procedures

Step 3: Visit the Residency Directorate in Salahuddin Province

- Submit the college letter + passport + photos.
- You will be granted a **one-year study residency permit**.
- It is renewable annually throughout your study period.

Third: Renewing the Study Residency

- Residency must be renewed **30 days before expiration**.
- Late renewal results in fines from the Ministry of Interior.
- The college assists with all renewal procedures.

Fourth: Important Notes and Facilities for International Students

1. Contacting the University Before Travel

Students should:

- Inform the university of their arrival date.
- Request a support letter if needed.
- Contact the Iraqi Embassy (if available).

This prevents delays at border checkpoints.

2. Some Students Receive the Visa in Advance

Certain students may receive their entry visa electronically before travel to facilitate their journey.

3. Family Accompaniment

International students may bring first-degree family members (spouse/children) if:

- They applied through the scholarship program,
- or
- They received final admission.

Even if not mentioned previously in the application.

4. Role of the University

Often:

- A university staff member accompanies the student to the Residency Directorate.
- The university helps with translation, form completion, and appointments.
- Full administrative support is provided to the international student.

Chapter Four: Cancellation of Admission, Deferral, Failure, Transfer, and Financial Regulations for Each Study Channel

Section One

1. Cancellation of Admission

1. A student's admission may be cancelled by public universities or private universities and colleges if the student submits documents or information that are incorrect in issuance or content.
2. Admission may be cancelled if the student or their guardians fail to complete registration or join the university within the specified period, without a valid reason preventing enrollment.
3. Admission may be cancelled at any time if the student no longer meets any of the specific rules or conditions required for admission to the program.
4. Admission may be cancelled if the student chooses to withdraw from nomination and cancel their admission due to personal circumstances.

2. Deferral of Study

1. A student is permitted to defer the start of study if they are unable to join at the specified time for reasons beyond their control, provided that they submit reasons acceptable to the university.
2. The deferral is granted for a limited period, renewable, until the student can resume study, according to conditions and regulations determined by the University Council or the relevant council.
3. A student may defer the start of study (undergraduate or postgraduate) for **one academic year only**. If the conditions are not met, the admission may be cancelled.

3. Failure

1. For undergraduate studies, a student may not fail more than **two academic years** during the prescribed duration of the program.
2. For postgraduate studies, the student's relationship with the university is terminated if they fail in **more than half of the courses**, or if their cumulative average falls below **65% for Master's** and **70% for PhD**, after failing.

4. Transfer

- A student is not allowed to transfer from one university to another after nomination and issuance of the admission order, except in cases where a genuine, documented reason exists that prevents the student from continuing their studies at the original university. In such cases, the following procedures are followed:
 - The student submits a written request explaining the reasons, accompanied by all supporting documents.
 - An interview may be conducted with the student—if they have already started studying—to verify the reason for the transfer.
 - The university then coordinates with the General Directorate of Scholarships and Cultural Relations to obtain approval from the relevant authorities in the student's home country and the institution to which they intend to transfer, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

- University and college councils are granted the authority to approve the transfer of international students between academic departments **within the same college** in which the student is admitted.

Section Two: Financial Regulations for Each Study Channel

First: Fully-Funded Scholarships

- Completely free of charge (no tuition or academic fees are paid by the student).

Second: Half-Funded Scholarships

These require paying **half of the tuition fees** that are normally specified under the self-financed (private tuition) system, for all study levels, and according to the degrees required for study in public and private universities and colleges. Fees are paid annually in Iraqi dinars or the equivalent in US dollars, as shown in the table below:

A. Undergraduate Studies (Public Universities, Private Colleges, and Universities)

Specialization	Annual Fee (IQD)
General Medicine	2,750,000
Dentistry	2,250,000
Pharmacy	1,750,000
Engineering Group & Nursing	1,250,000
Other Scientific and Humanities Specializations	750,000

B. Postgraduate Studies (Public Universities Only)

Degree	Annual Tuition (IQD) – Scientific Specializations
Higher Diploma	1,250,000
Master's	1,500,000
PhD	2,000,000

Third: Self-Financed (Private Tuition)

In this channel, the full tuition fees specified under the self-financed system are paid at all study levels, according to the degrees required for study in public universities, private colleges, and universities. Fees are paid annually in Iraqi dinars, or the equivalent in US dollars, as shown below:

A. Undergraduate Studies (Public Universities, Private Colleges, and Universities)

Specialization	Annual Fee (IQD)
General Medicine	5,500,000
Dentistry	4,500,000
Pharmacy	3,500,000
Engineering Group & Nursing	2,500,000
Other Scientific and Humanities Specializations	1,500,000

B. Postgraduate Studies (Public Universities Only)

Degree	Annual Tuition (IQD) – Scientific Specializations
Higher Diploma	2,500,000
Master's	3,000,000
PhD	4,000,000

Very Important Notes

- Tuition fees are paid either once per year or in two instalments, depending on each university's regulations.
- Fee regulations are subject to change annually according to decisions issued by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- Fees may differ slightly between public and private universities, depending on the nature of the specialization and the cost of study.

Chapter Five: Language of Instruction and Academic Systems in Iraqi Universities

Section One: Language of Instruction

First: Language of Instruction in Iraqi Universities

- Most specializations use **Arabic** as the primary language of instruction.
- Medical specializations—including **Veterinary Medicine, Human Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Nursing**—are taught primarily in **English**.
- Some universities may use a **bilingual system (Arabic + English)** depending on the course.

Section Two: Academic Systems Used in Iraqi Universities for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies, and the Academic Calendar

Iraqi universities use several different study systems, which may vary from one university to another or from one college to another. These systems help define the teaching method, exam style, and number of teaching weeks.

First: Study Systems for Undergraduate Programs

1. Annual System

- The academic year is divided into **two terms** (first and second).
- The duration of each academic year ranges between **120–160 days**.
- Examinations are held at the end of each term, with a **second-chance (reset) exam** for failed subjects.

Advantages:

- Provides a long time for studying.
- Suitable for students who prefer a steady pace over the whole year.

Disadvantages:

- Requires continuous follow-up and commitment.
- Final exams are comprehensive and cover large portions of the curriculum.

2. Semester System

- The academic year is divided into **two semesters**, each lasting about **15 weeks**.
- Exams are held at the end of each semester.
- If a student fails a subject, they can retake it in the **following semester**.

Advantages:

- Allows students to re-sit failed modules quickly.
- No need to wait a full academic year to repeat a course.

Disadvantages:

- Requires intense effort within a relatively short period.
- Lecture load can be high.

3. Course-Based System (Credit Hour / Modular System)

- Similar to systems used in many international universities.
- Students choose the courses they wish to study according to their interests and academic plan.
- Students graduate after completing a specified number of **credit hours or units**.

Advantages:

- High flexibility in course selection.
- Helps students specialize in areas that match their interests.

Disadvantages:

- Requires continuous academic advising to ensure the student is on the right track.

4. Integrated System

- Courses are integrated into **interrelated units** (for example: Anatomy + Physiology + Histology).
- Emphasis is placed on **understanding** rather than memorization.

Advantages:

- Develops critical thinking.
- Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of topics.

Disadvantages:

- Requires strong ability to link topics together.
- May be challenging for some students at the beginning.

5. Bologna System

- Applied in some Iraqi universities to align with **European higher education standards**.
- The academic year consists of **two semesters**, each lasting **15 weeks**.
- Students register for **modules** and may retake failed modules within the same academic year.

Advantages:

- Flexible and may shorten the total duration of study for successful students.
- Encourages practical and applied activities.

Disadvantages:

- Requires significant effort to complete all requirements within the specified time.

Second: Postgraduate Study System (Higher Diploma – Master – PhD)

General Principle:

Postgraduate study is based on:

- **Coursework (taught subjects)**

followed by

- A **Thesis** (for Master's)

or

- A **Dissertation** (for PhD)

Duration of Study:

- Higher Diploma: **1–2 years**.
- Master's: **2 years** (1 year of coursework + 1 year for the thesis); it may be completed in the **minimum allowed period**.
- PhD: **3 years** (1 year of coursework + comprehensive exam and research project + scientific research), also with a minimum duration option if requirements are met.

Note for International Students:

In Iraq, there is **no**:

- Distance learning
- Online-only study
- Research-only PhD without coursework.

All study is **in-person** within the university campus.

Third: The Academic Calendar

Each academic year typically includes:

1. First Semester

- Usually begins in **October**.
- Duration: **15–16 weeks**.

2. Examinations

- Held at the end of the semester.
- Often scheduled in **January**.

3. Spring Break

- Lasts from **one to two weeks**.

4. Second Semester

- Usually starts in **February**.
- Duration: **15–16 weeks**.

5. Summer Training

(For specific colleges such as the College of Veterinary Medicine)

- Usually starts in **June or July**.
- Duration: up to **two months**, depending on college regulations.

Chapter Six: Certificate Requirements for Admission to Study in Iraq

Section One: Certificate Requirements for Undergraduate Studies (Bachelor's)

Iraqi universities (public and private) base admission on:

1. Type of high school (secondary) certificate
2. Student's final average
3. Regulations and instructions issued by the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education

The table below shows the general eligibility of high school branches for admission to Iraqi colleges:

No.	College / Group	Accepted High School Branches (or Equivalent)
1	General Medicine	Biology + Scientific
2	Dentistry	Biology + Scientific
3	Pharmacy	Biology + Scientific
4	Nursing	Biology + Scientific + Nursing High School
5	Veterinary Medicine	Biology + Scientific

6	Agriculture	Biology + Scientific + Applied + Agricultural High School
7	Medical and Health Technologies	Biology + Scientific + Nursing High School

Section Two: Certificate Requirements for Postgraduate Studies (Higher Diploma – Master – PhD)

General Postgraduate Admission Conditions:

1. Grade and Degree Requirements

- The applicant's Bachelor's or Master's average must meet the minimum requirement set by the academic department.
- Each university determines the minimum acceptable average annually.

2. Age Requirement

- In most disciplines, the applicant's age for postgraduate studies must not exceed **40 years**.
- Some applied specializations may allow applications up to **45 years**.
- Exceptions may be granted according to Ministry decisions.

3. Required Years and Type of Study

• For Master's applicants:

Must hold a Bachelor's degree in a suitable specialization with at least the required minimum average.

• For PhD applicants:

Must hold a Master's degree in the **same or a very closely related** specialization.

4. Maximum Allowed Deficiency in Academic Background

- The number of non-matching subjects in the applicant's academic background must **not exceed 40%** of the "preparatory year" subjects required in the target specialization.

Example:

If the preparatory year includes **10 subjects**, the allowable deficiency is up to **4 subjects** only.

5. Handling Deficiency When Applying for a PhD

If a PhD applicant has a scientific deficiency that exceeds the permitted percentage:

- They are not eligible to apply directly for the PhD program.
- They must first complete equivalent academic requirements at the Master's or Bachelor's level (as appropriate).
- Only after completing these and meeting all requirements may they apply for the PhD.

6. What Subjects Are Used to Assess Deficiency?

- Assessment is based on the **core preparatory-year subjects** for the specialization.
- The university name is not considered.
- The country or year of graduation does not affect equivalency.
- Only **subject-matter matching** is considered.

7. Additional Requirements for Students with Academic Deficiency

If a student has an academic deficit, they will be required to:

- Complete the remedial (bridging) courses before or during their postgraduate studies.
- Pass these courses with at least the minimum required grade.
- These courses count as **admission requirements**, but:
 - Do **not** count toward the final postgraduate GPA.
 - Do **not** count as part of the required credit units.

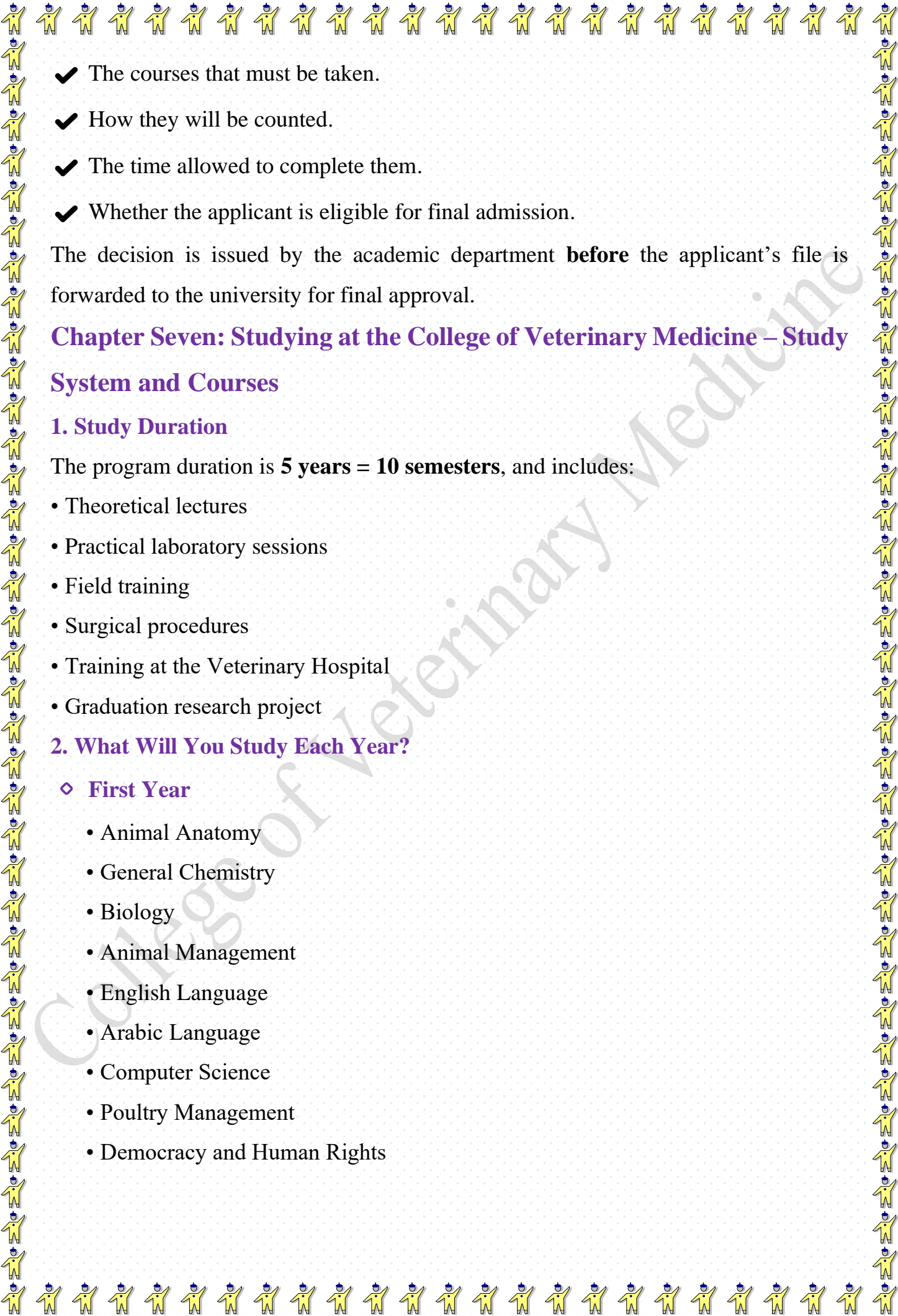
8. Re-Examination

- The student is allowed to retake the remedial courses' exams **once only** (first and second attempt).
- Failure in these courses means the student is considered **not meeting the admission requirements**.

9. Informing the Applicant of the Decision

After the relevant committee reviews the student's file:

- The applicant is officially informed of the decision.
- The decision specifies:

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- ✓ The courses that must be taken.
 - ✓ How they will be counted.
 - ✓ The time allowed to complete them.
 - ✓ Whether the applicant is eligible for final admission.

The decision is issued by the academic department **before** the applicant's file is forwarded to the university for final approval.

Chapter Seven: Studying at the College of Veterinary Medicine – Study System and Courses

1. Study Duration

The program duration is **5 years = 10 semesters**, and includes:

- Theoretical lectures
- Practical laboratory sessions
- Field training
- Surgical procedures
- Training at the Veterinary Hospital
- Graduation research project

2. What Will You Study Each Year?

◇ First Year

- Animal Anatomy
- General Chemistry
- Biology
- Animal Management
- English Language
- Arabic Language
- Computer Science
- Poultry Management
- Democracy and Human Rights



◇ Second Year

- Animal Physiology
- Histology
- Statistics
- Animal Nutrition
- Anatomy
- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Embryology

◇ Third Year

- General and Special Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Parasitology
- Microbiology
- Immunology
- Veterinary Practice
- Toxicology
- Virology

◇ Fourth Year

- Veterinary Surgery
- Female Fertility (Theriogenology)
- Poultry Diseases
- Epidemiology
- Internal Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Diagnostic Pathology
- Pathological Anatomy (Pathology)
- Zoonotic Diseases

◇ Fifth Year

- Reproductive Technologies
- Surgery
- Meat Hygiene
- Milk Hygiene
- Internal Medicine
- Graduation Project
- Professional Ethics and Behavior
- Forensic Veterinary Medicine
- Fish Diseases
- Summer Training

Chapter Eight: Biosafety — For International Students

Veterinary study is both practical and health-related, so there are important safety rules:

1. What Should You Have?

- Lab coat
- Gloves
- Protective goggles
- Laboratory shoes
- Face mask when handling animals

2. What Is Prohibited?

- Entering the laboratory without academic supervision
- Eating or drinking inside the lab
- Handling animals without proper tools
- Disposing of instruments in non-designated waste bins

3. Required Vaccinations

- Rabies vaccine
- Tetanus vaccine
- Vaccines related to animal handling (where recommended).

Chapter Nine: Services Provided to International Students

1. Housing

- Furnished rooms
- Internet
- Electricity and water
- Cleaning service
- Security monitoring
- Located near the university

2. Health Services

- University health center
- Follow-up of emergency cases
- Periodic medical check-ups for veterinary students

3. Activities

- Scientific trips
- Farm visits
- Cultural activities
- Sports events

4. Library

- Arabic and English books
- Photocopying and printing services
- Reading and study halls

Chapter Ten: Rights and Responsibilities of International Students

Rights of the International Student

- Fair treatment
- Legal protection
- Issuance of a university ID card
- Use of all university facilities
- Participation in all activities.



Responsibilities of the International Student

- Respecting university regulations
- Commitment to laboratory dress code
- Regular attendance
- Preserving college property

Chapter Eleven: Graduation and Certificate Equivalency

1. Upon Completion of Study

You will obtain a **Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery** from Tikrit University.

2. Certificate Authentication

In the following order:

1. The University
2. Ministry of Higher Education
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Embassy of your home country

3. Recognition

Most countries recognize Iraqi certificates, particularly in the field of Veterinary Medicine.



Conclusion

This guide has been designed as a comprehensive reference for international students wishing to study at the College of Veterinary Medicine – Tikrit University. It brings together the most important systems, regulations, and procedures adopted in Iraqi universities—from application and admission steps, through visa and residency procedures, to study systems, examinations, registration requirements, rights and responsibilities, and academic pathways for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

The college has taken care to present this guide in a clear and simplified form, taking into account the specific needs of international students whose educational and cultural background may differ from the Iraqi system. Thus, this guide serves as a practical tool that helps students understand the university environment, integrate academically, and make use of the services available to them from admission until graduation.

Believing that the international student is a partner in the academic process and an important source of scientific and cultural diversity within the university, the College of Veterinary Medicine – Tikrit University reaffirms its commitment to providing a safe, supportive environment that meets international academic standards, and to offering all forms of administrative, academic, health, and housing support to ensure a successful study experience.

In conclusion, we hope that this guide will be a clear and helpful resource for every international student who aspires to join the College of Veterinary Medicine, and that it will contribute to facilitating their academic journey in Iraq.

For more information or inquiries, students may contact the Registration Unit or the International Students Office at the college.

With our best wishes for success to all students.

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