Programme of the 11th (practical) semester of the 2025/2026 academic year

1. The "ordinary" 11th semester

The "ordinary" 11th semester of the 2025/2026 academic year lasts from 1st of September 2025 to 16th of January 2026. There is a compulsory vacation between 22nd of December 2025 and 4th of January 2026. The 2-week practical examination period of the 11th semester is held between 19th and 30th of January 2026. This period is dedicated for the exams which must be taken after practical blocks spent abroad and/or not passed at the end of the blocks taken at Hungarian practical placements.

A 2-week *laboratory diagnostic*, a 4-week *state veterinary medicine / food hygiene* (can be split in two consecutive 2-week blocks if necessary), and three, 4-week each *clinical practical blocks* have to be fulfilled during the semester, according to the requirements listed in the Logbook in the case of the clinical practices, and prescribed by the Forensics, Food Hygiene, Animal Hygiene and Exotic Animals departments in the case of the rest of the practices (downloadable from https://univet.hu/en/education/students-secretariat/11th-practical-semester/). In the framework of the 3 clinical blocks, all students must take *at least 1 herd medicine block*, and the remaining 2 clinical blocks can be chosen as *equine*, *herd (including aquatic veterinary medicine)*, *and/or small or exotic (ZOO) animal medicine*. Accordingly, the following variations can be chosen:

- herd medicine herd medicine small animal medicine or exotic animal medicine
- herd medicine herd medicine equine
- herd medicine small animal medicine or exotic animal medicine small animal medicine or exotic animal medicine
- herd medicine equine equine
- herd medicine small animal medicine or exotic animal medicine equine

English speaking students are allowed as well as kindly encouraged to take and fulfil their practical blocks, especially non-clinical ones in their home country, in order to get acquainted with specific veterinary customs, rules and regulations they will encounter, as well as build up relationships with local veterinarians they will work with after graduation. Foreign supervisors abroad must know that approximately the 70% of the list of requirements must be fulfilled by the student during the practice. Though all blocks can be fulfilled abroad, *practical exams* must be taken at the responsible department of the University practically during the *exam period of the 11th semester* (see above). Nevertheless, exams belonging blocks that have

been fulfilled in Hungary are to be taken at the end of the given block during the 11th semester. Students can collect detailed information about the practical exams from the departments in charge.

2. The NEPTUN administration

The administration of the 11th semester is fully operated by the *NEPTUN system*, in terms of both the *registration of subject blocks and the application for exams later.* The first step of the process is the official approval of the program by the Senate of the University on 5th of March 2025. Afterwards, the class representative will be offered to discuss the collected FAQs online with the clinical Vice Rector (Professor Németh) on 3rd of April 2025 at 8 pm, before the opening date of the NEPTUN surface (expectedly on 9th April 2025). The webmaster will notify the students via NEPTUN.

The NEPTUN registration will open for all (active or inactive) students who have any chance to pass all exams required to enter the 11th semester by September 2025. A tutorial will be available for the students about how to register (https://univet.hu/en/education/students-secretariat/11th-practical-semester/). In brief: practical blocks planned to be taken in Hungary are to be picked up in the NEPTUN by choosing the subject at the offered placements in the offered period. Practical blocks planned to be taken abroad (not in Hungary) must be arranged by the student with full responsibility. These blocks also must be taken up in NEPTUN, as subjects of extramural placements, providing the basic data (the supervisor's name, the name and the address of the placement) in the proper field of the NEPTUN surface. A completed "Acceptance Letter" signed by the extramural supervisor (downloadable from https://univet.hu/en/education/students-secretariat/11th-practical-semester/) must also be uploaded to each block, because this is a technical prerequisite of the finalization of the block portfolio in the NEPTUN. In case the student cannot acquire the completed form, a blank form must be uploaded in order to technically close the application. Once the student receives the signed Acceptance Letter later on, he/she has to send it via e-mail to the affected department's administration address (Laboratory diagnostics – Ory Katalin: Ory.Kata@univet.hu; Herd Medicine - Kövesdyné Csollány Klára: csollany.klara@univet.hu; Food safety and hygiene – Szászkay Eszter: szaszkay.eszter@univet.hu; State Vet – Balogh Krisztina: igazgatastan@univet.hu; Equine Medicine - Pataki Edina: pataki.edina@univet.hu).

The NEPTUN system will stay open to allow students to set up and freely modify their individual portfolio until 30th of June 2025. It is essential to know that the individual portfolio must be completed and finalized by the student by this date the latest, because after closing the blocks students cannot modify the applications in the system anymore. It is also very important to be aware that registered blocks (subjects) planned to be spent *in*

Hungary cannot be changed or modified after the deadline, because the organization process (undersigning contracts with and informing Hungarian placements about the number of students) of these blocks starts right after the closing date. The tuition fee is not to be refunded in case of cancellation of a Hungarian block or blocks by the student after the closing date of the 11th practical semester! The type(s), time period(s) and order of foreign (abroad) blocks finalized and verified by the closing date of the registration are not allowed to be modified later either! Nevertheless, in case one decides to organize a foreign block instead of the formerly registered Hungarian one, or wants to change the placement of the given block (without modifying the type and the time window of the block), he/she can modify the application by sending the new Acceptance Letter via e-mail to the secretary of the department in charge of the subject by the start of the 11th semester (see above!). In this case the Acceptance Letter and the date of the new placement will be registered at the department.

The individual portfolios will be *officially approved* after the list of students successfully having passed all the 10th semester exams and allowed to enter the 11th semester is verified by the Education Office.

3. The "delayed" 11th semester

As every year so far, there will be a possibility of taking a "delayed" 11th semester between 5th of January 2025 and 8th of May 2026 for those English-speaking students, who cannot pass all exams until the end of the official examination period of the 10th semester, or do not want to enter the "ordinary" 11th semester due to personal reason. This latter decision that the student does not want to apply for the "ordinary" 11th semester should be reported to student@univet.hu, informing the Students' Secretariat by the end of the exam period of the 10th semester. The 2 prerequisites of entering the "delayed" 11th semester are (1) to pass all missing exams latest until 2nd of January 2026 and, (2) to understand that all "delayed" practical blocks must be spent abroad (not in Hungary) because there are - by law - no Hungarian placements available for the "delayed" 11th semester are to be taken in Hungary during the exam period of the "delayed" 11th semester between the 11th and 15th of May 2026.

Once the last remaining exam is passed and/or the decision has been made to choose "delayed" 11th semester, students can start fulfilling foreign blocks right away. However, initiating the "delayed" 11th semester earlier than the official starting date (5th of January 2026) does not alter or change the official timing of the semester, concerning the exam period and the state final exam. The registration process of the "delayed" 11th semester within the NEPTUN system is exactly the same as that of the "ordinary" 11th semester (see above).

4. <u>Liability Insurance</u>

After verifying the final list of students having gained full approval to enter the 11th semester as well as inactive students having a chance to gain the approval later during the semester, an *official liability insurance policy* will be arranged at University's expense being *valid from the start of the "ordinary"11th semester* (1st of September 2025) to the end of the "delayed" semester (8th of May 2026). The policy covers students' practical activity in Europe. Overseas practices will not be insured, being the subject of the student's own responsibility and expense. In case a European placement needs a copy of the policy, it can be asked from student@univet.hu.

5. Tuition fee of the 11th semester including final state exam

Although the official tuition fee of the entire 11^{th} semester and the state exam period remains $\in 5,490$, this must be paid only if the student takes all practical blocks in Hungary. If one fulfils all the blocks abroad, the basic tuition fee is $\in 2,490$, which covers the administration of the semester, exams, organisation of the state exam and issuing of the diploma. In case one wants to take one or some blocks in Hungary, "block fee(s)" is/are added to the basic tuition fee according to the following order:

- Diagnostic block (2 weeks): € 500
- Clinical block (4 weeks of herd, equine, small animal, or exotic pets): € 500 per block
- Clinical block (8 weeks of herd, equine, small animal, or exotic pets): € 1,000 per block
- State veterinary medicine / Food hygiene (2+2=4 weeks): € 1,000.

For those, who started in or after September 2019 with paying the higher tuition fee, i.e. 12480,- EUR / year, the tuition fee for the 11th semester will be 6240,- EUR. If one fulfils all the blocks abroad, the basic tuition fee is 3240,- EUR only.

Again, please keep in mind that the tuition fee is not refundable in case of cancellation of a Hungarian block or blocks by the student after the closing date of the 11th practical semester even though the student will not take part in the block in Hungary.

In case the practical block cannot be fulfilled due to objective and inevitable reason, student should ask for a distant online course by directly contacting the department in charge of the subject. In this case the block is automatically regarded as if it was spent in Hungary, therefore the student should pay the tuition fee of the block.

6. The timetable-options of the "ordinary" 11th semester of 2025/2026

