



HARTPURY
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Programme Information Sheet for 2019 entry

FdSc Equine Science and Management

UCAS Code: D42F

Award on completion of programme: FdSc Equine Science and Management

Professional body accreditation: None

Location of study: Hartpury University. Work placements can be undertaken on or off campus.

Length of programme: Two years full-time. Part-time options are available.

Language of the programme: This programme is taught in English.

Entry Requirements:

General: A minimum of 5 GCSE A* to C, (or 9 to 4 where numeric grades are being awarded), including English Language, Mathematics and a Biological Science

A-levels: Typical offer is CC or equivalent. This must include a minimum of one A Level preferably in a Biological Science and excludes General Studies.

Vocational Award: Typical offer is a MPP in an Extended Diploma or equivalent in a relevant subject

International Baccalaureate: We welcome students with the International Baccalaureate Diploma qualification. Offers will be based upon the constituent components to include a grade 3 at higher level biological science. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

Access: We welcome students with Access qualifications. Certain programmes require a pass at level 3 in specific units. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

Mature and international applicants: Mature and international applicants are welcomed. Mature applicants that are not applying for a programme straight from formal education will be expected to demonstrate suitability for the course.

In the case of international applications, we will attempt to establish the equivalency of qualifications and the same criteria and assessment is used as for home students. An IELTS English qualification is expected for international applicants without a GCSE Grade C or above (or 9 to 4 where numeric grades are being awarded) in English Language.

If you have completed learning towards a university level qualification, perhaps at another institution or with a professional body or have relevant work experience then you may be able to gain credit for this and/or enter the course at a later point than standard year one entry. For further information please contact our Admissions team, who will be pleased to help you.

Personalised offers will be made to each applicant based on their own merits. Non-academic and academic achievement will be considered.

Timetables: Both full-time and part-time students on the programme will start in September 2019. This programme is taught over two semesters, normally consisting of 12 weeks of scheduled teaching and then assessment weeks. The academic calendar can be found at: <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/uni-termdates/>.

During scheduled teaching you will have a day without timetabled sessions to support you in managing your workload, gaining valuable volunteering and work experience and completing part-time work. For the 2018/19 academic year that day is a Monday. Timetables are normally available during registration. Please note that while we make every effort to ensure that timetables are as student-friendly as possible, scheduled teaching can take place at any time between 8:30 to 20:30 Monday to Friday, although Wednesday afternoons are normally reserved for sports and cultural activities. Work placements may entail working on different days and different hours, depending on the opportunity you identify. Part-time students should be advised that as their route is dependent on the full-time course's timetable there is the possibility depending on the modules chosen that the student could be required to attend five days a week.

Programme Composition: This programme comprises of different modules, which focus on specific subjects. The modular structure of the programme gives you flexibility and choice and you can attend introductory sessions for optional modules before having to finally decide which ones you wish to study. We usually offer all optional modules available to students however if we believe that we are unable to offer a high quality student experience (which can be particularly affected by low student demand) then we may make the decision not to offer it. If an optional module will not be run, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module. Our teaching is informed by research, and modules change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline. These changes are informed by both industry and student consultation.

On completion and passing of these modules you gain academic credit that accumulates towards your award. The marks you gain for these modules in your second year may contribute towards your overall award mark and outcome. The modules contain mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement.

	Scheduled Contact Learning (%)	Placement Learning (%)	Independent Learning (%)
Year 1	24	7	69
Year 2	21	12	67

Students will receive a minimum of 15 hours scheduled contact per week in lectures, seminars and practicals in their first year. In subsequent years scheduled contact will vary depending on the modules you select but is typically around 12 hours per week. Students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. Students will complete work on Hartpury's equine yard and must show competencies through BHS stage 3 by the end of the degree. All students on this programme will complete a minimum of 220 hours of work placement. Students are required to complete a period of work placement as part of their degree. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Compulsory Modules

Year 1:

- Equestrian Practice
Discuss the acceptable industry standards of practice and the scientific principles behind current industry practices
- Equine Structure and Function
Students will learn about the biological systems of the horse, how they interact, and how they can be managed
- Management of Equestrian Facilities
Students will learn about the management and construction of equine facilities and the legislation that governs them
- Equine Industry
Discussion of the scope and management of the equine industry in the UK and Europe
- Animal Nutrition
Study of nutritional principles and their relation to health and disease in animals

Optional modules may include:

- Introduction to Equitation
Study of basic riding theories and the regulations governing equine activities
- Principles of Animal Biology
Understanding the basic principles of animal's biological functions and anatomy
- Equitation
Students will learn to apply equitation theory to the training and improvement of horse and rider performance on the flat and over fences

Year 2:

- Equestrian Industry Reflection
Discussion of the current ethics and legislation within the equine industry
- Equine Performance
Understand how to performance horses are prepared through exercise and training while assessing the risks involved

Optional modules: These generally cover a range of equine science topics and have previously included training and management in the equine industry. Some optional and cores modules can contribute to the student's preparedness for BHS stages one to three.

Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and coursework. Many of the modules will be marked based on a mixture of assessment types, whilst others will be based solely on one type of assessment.

	Written Examination (%)	Coursework (%)	Practical Examination (%)
Year 1	51	49	0
Year 2	30	38	32

Discounts and special support associated with enrolling on the programme: Hartpury also subsidises optional short courses for a reduced cost that give students the opportunity to gain relevant experience and qualifications prior to graduation. These are in addition to the discounts Hartpury usually offers to its students, such as free Wi-Fi on site and Microsoft Office packages etc. There is lots of support available to you whilst you study including allocation of a personal academic tutor that you will meet for 1:1 sessions and other services detailed at <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/university-centre/facilities/life-at-hartpury/student-support/>.

Costs associated with the programme: The cost of the programme will be £9250 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by OFFA. Students are required to purchase their own laboratory coat which costs approximately £18. Additionally students will be required to attend practical sessions on the yard, and will be required to wear dark clothing, waterproof outerwear and appropriate footwear. A Hartpury equine clothing pack is available from Hartpury's online shop at <http://estore.hartpury.ac.uk/> for a cost of approximately £75 but is not a compulsory purchase. Programme or module specific trips may incur costs however these will be dependent on trip location and will be advertised at the start of the module.

For Part Time costs please refer to the Hartpury Fee policy at: <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

For more information on the admissions policy, please visit: <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

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