

MSc Equine Science

UCAS Code: D23412

Award on completion of programme: MSc Equine Science

Professional body accreditation: None

Location of study: Hartpury University.

Length of programme: One year accelerated full-time. Two years full-time (based on 90 credits per academic year). Part-time options over three or more years are also available.

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

Entry Requirements:

General: At least a lower second class (2:2) Honours Degree in a relevant or related subject. Applicants that are not applying for a programme straight from formal education, or with a non-relevant qualification, will be expected to demonstrate suitability for the course through two or more years of relevant work or professional experience.

International applicants: International applicants are welcomed. We will attempt to establish the equivalency of entry qualifications and the same criteria and assessment is used as for home students. An IELTS English qualification to a minimum level of 6.5, with a minimum of 5.5 in each element, is required to meet UK visa criteria.

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: This programme has been specially designed to fit around those working or volunteering within the sector. As such timetables have been carefully designed and include a lot of flexibility. Timetables are normally available during registration. It is recommended that you discuss potential timetables and how this may fit alongside working or volunteering with a member of Hartpury staff in person.

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 overall award and outcome. The modules contain mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement. This programme offers students a mixture of classroom learning and independent research. Modules will be generally taught in two or three-day blocks over long weekends, allowing students to work around their other commitments. In addition to lectures, students will also take part in individual and group presentations, group discussions and analyses of case studies. Students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Core Modules

- Applied Equine Exercise Physiology
 - Analysis of the physical demands and exercise testing for various equestrian disciplines
- Therapy & Rehabilitation of the Equine Athlete
 - Evaluation of the practical techniques used within therapeutic care of the sports horse
- Equine Behaviour and Welfare
 - Critical evaluation of the role of horses in modern society and the ethical considerations of their use and management
- The Research Process
 - Discussion of research methodologies and applications, as well as strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of different methods.
- Postgraduate Dissertation
- Development and implementation of a research project of the students choosing
- Investigating Equestrian Research
 - Exposure to, and analysis of, research across a wide range of topics within the field of equine science including seminar and conference attendance.

Optional modules may include:

- Postgraduate Independent Study
 - The critical evaluation of literature to create an evidence based written debate of a topic of the individual students choosing.
- Rider Performance
 - analysis of human anatomy and physiology in the context of the rider within a range of equestrian disciplines and levels

Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams oral exams as well as oral and poster presentations and written assignments. 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. The dissertation requires the student to undertake a research project from conception through to write-up in an area of their interest.

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 £6300 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. International fees for this programme are £11,340. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by OFFA. Further costs may be associated with the extended dissertation module depending on the project chosen however there are internal funding opportunities that the student may apply for. Hartpury alumni are eligible for a 20% discount on full-time postgraduate study fees.

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/>

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