

PG Dip Equine Science

UCAS Code: D23B1

Award on completion of programme: PG Dip Equine Science

Professional body accreditation: None

Location of study: Hartpury University.

Length of programme: One year full-time. Part-time options are 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.

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 to a minimum level of 6.5, with a minimum of 5.5 in each element, is required to meet UK visa criteria.

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. 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.

Compulsory 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. This module is encouraged for those intending to progress on to a Masters Degree.
- Rider Performance
Analysis of human anatomy and physiology in the context of the rider within a range of equestrian disciplines and levels

Optional modules:

These enable students to focus on independent study and topics have previously included breeding for performance or research processes for those who wish to continue on to a Masters Degree.

- Postgraduate Independent Study
The critical evaluation of literature to create an evidence based written debate of a topic of the individual 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.

Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written, practical and 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.

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 £4200 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. International fees for this programme are £7560. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by OFFA. 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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