

## Programme Specification

Part 1: Basic Data			
Awarding Institution	Hartpury University		
Teaching Institution	Hartpury		
Delivery Location	Hartpury		
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	None		
Department responsible for programme	Equine		
Programme Title	FdSc Equine Performance		
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	None		
Highest Award Title	FdSc Equine Performance with Integrated Placement Year FdSc Equine Performance		
Default Award Title	None		
Award Titles	Cert HE Equine Performance Cert Equine Studies		
Mode(s) of Study	Full Time / Part Time		
Codes	UCAS: D427		UNIT- e: FDSEEPXX
Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements	Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Sciences		
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## **Part 2: Educational Aims of the Programme**

The programme is designed to develop the learner's interest and knowledge in Equine Performance, including specific subject areas integrating management of the performance horse in relation to the modern equine industry. The programme design utilises a number of applied science modules and a series of professional practice modules, ensuring students develop a strong theoretical knowledge in combination with practical application. Graduates may continue in academic study and or enter employment. The programme will prepare the learner with a foundation for lifelong learning and enable them to:

1. Access a distinctive approach to teaching, learning and assessment through the utilisation of work related and work based learning throughout the programme.
2. Enter a clear structure for training and progression within the equine industry, which specifically involved with the performance horse, encouraging staff retention within the industry.
3. Raise standards and skills levels within the equine industry, improving the industry's image and economic performance.
4. Develop technical knowledge in combination with underpinning scientific principles, equine husbandry, industry specific legislation and industry awareness and practice.
5. Appreciate health and safety legislation influencing work within the equine industry.
6. Develop a wide range of equine based physical and intellectual skills, engaging interest and improving attainment of some people who may not otherwise have access or motivation to enter higher education.
7. Effectively communicate information, arguments, and analysis, in a variety of forms, to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques effectively in the Equine industry and specifically in the management of the performance horse.
8. Undertake further training, develop existing skills, and acquire new competences that will enable learners to assume responsibility within the equine industry.
9. Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis in their field of study and in a work context; and.
10. Effectively develop and utilise employability skills including communication, information technology, numeracy, problem solving, team work, personal attributes and leadership, supervisory skills and people management, to function effectively as members of a flexible, adaptable and competitive workforce.

### **Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)**

To successfully pass this programme the student must develop fundamental practical horse management skills, while developing a critical awareness behind management decisions. Work experience forms an important part of this course including the opportunity to spend 12 months gaining specialist experience in an area of performance horse management.

The programme has access to some excellent opportunities and experiences to advance knowledge of performance horses, including the Olympic equestrian disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing, as well as the Paralympic discipline of Para-Dressage. Seminars and speakers from a wide range of equestrian sport related areas are used to enhance the learning experience.

### Part 3: Programme Structure for : FdSc Equine Performance

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time student**, including:

- 1 level and credit requirements
- 2 award requirements that are in addition to those described in the Hartpury Academic Regulations
- 3 module diet, including compulsory and optional modules

		Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
	Foundation Year	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	<u>Certificate in Equine Studies</u>  <u>Certificate of Higher Education in Equine Performance</u>  <u>FdSc Equine Performance</u> This must include all compulsory modules.
	Year 1	Equestrian Practice (HEQVL3-30-4) Equine Veterinary Science (HEQXN5-15-4) Equitation (HEQXN6-15-4) Management of Equestrian Facilities (HEQXN9-15-4) Equine Structure and Function (HEQXN4-30-4) Equine Industry (HEQXNK-15-4) Introduction to Equitation (HEQXQX-15-4) Principles of Animal Biology (HANXK8-15-3)	Not applicable.	<u>FdSc Equine Performance (IP)</u> This must include all compulsory modules and the Year Work Placement module.
	Optional Year	Year Work Placement (HANVK6-15-5)		
	Year 2	Management of the Performance Horse (HEQVBK-30-5) Equine Performance (HEQXRD-15-5)	Students are normally required to select 75 credits from the optional modules listed below:  Applied Equine Nutrition (HEQXR7-15-5) Applied Equine Diagnostics and Therapy (HEQXR6-15-5) Equine Event Organisation (HEQXRB-15-5) Advanced Equitation (HEQXR5-15-5) Equine Biomechanics (HEQXR8-15-5) Ground Schooling and Rehabilitation (HEQXRE-15-5) New Venture Creation (HSPXTX-15-5) Undergraduate Research Process (HANXU5-15-5)	
	Year 3	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	

#### Part time:

The part time student journey from Entry through to Graduation is individually negotiated with the student.

## Part 4: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

The award route provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas:

Learning Outcomes:	Equine Veterinary Science	Equitation	Management of Equestrian Facilities	Equine Structure & Function	Equine Industry	Equestrian Practice	Introduction to Equitation	Principles of Animal Biology	Year Work Placement	Management of the Performance Horse	Ground Schooling and Rehabilitation	Equine Performance	Advanced Equitation	Applied Equine Nutrition	Equine Event Organisation	Applied Equine Diagnostics and Therapy	Undergraduate Research Process	Equine Biomechanics	New Venture Creation
A) Knowledge and understanding of:																			
1. The theoretical basis of equine performance principles comprising of anatomy and physiology, veterinary science, equitation, equestrian practice, exercise physiology, nutrition and management practices to facilitate the intellectual context of a foundation degree.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
2. The principles which relate theory to practice in equine performance and related wider subject disciplines which inform the equine industry including equestrian facilities management, equine event organisation, equitation and equine therapy.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
3. Knowledge and understanding of current developments in equine performance and related disciplines which would combine to support continuing best practice.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
4. An understanding of a range of techniques in equine performance to allow successful management of the performance horse.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
5. The combination of academic and applied knowledge to develop competency in the subject specific/professional/practical skills	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Part 4: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

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	2. Manage time, prioritise workloads, recognise and manage personal emotions and stress.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3. Develop a reflective philosophy when analysing personal effectiveness and be responsible for personal management of learning.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4. Recognise the needs, priorities and goals of learning and practice.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	5. Use information management skills effectively, for example; information technology, library resources, to enable published work to be both accessed, used and presented efficiently.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	6. Understand career opportunities within the area of equine performance, including academic progression and industry employment and begin to develop a career path.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	7. Communicate effectively and appropriately through verbal (spoken) and non-verbal (written and presentation) means with a range of personnel; including clients, peers, colleagues and managers within the equine industry.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	8. Transfer skills and knowledge across a range of settings.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Part 5: Student Learning and Student Support

### Teaching and learning strategies to enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated

There is a policy for a minimum average requirement of 15 hours in year one and 12 hours/week contact time over the course of the full undergraduate programme. This contact time encompasses a range of face: face activities as described below. In addition a range of other learning activities will be embedded within the programme which, together with the contact time, will enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated.

On the FdSc Equine Performance programme teaching is a mixture of lectures, seminar sessions, practical sessions both in the laboratory and on the yard combined with scheduled and independent learning.

#### ***Scheduled learning***

May include lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; and external visits. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

#### ***Independent learning***

May include hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

#### ***Placement learning***

All students are expected to complete a period of work placement as part of level 2, which forms the basis for their reflection on employment that is a key feature of all foundation degrees. Many students find this experience invaluable when applying for jobs and making career decisions later on in the programme.

Will include an optional placement year as part of this programme. By the end of the course these students will have benefitted from completing work experience with opportunities to reflect upon their personal development and improving levels of skills relevant to their programme. This experience will give each student a valuable insight into different aspects of industry (national or international) and may have helped formulate ideas of possible careers available following graduation.

#### ***Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), or equivalent***

This specification is supported by a VLE where students will be able to find all necessary module information. Direct links to information sources will also be provided from within the VLE.

#### ***Careers***

To support learner's career preparations, careers personnel visit the institution on a regular basis and the students can use all the on line resources. Tutors will also offer subject specific careers advice through module sessions or individual tutorials. Careers Fairs are arranged periodically to allow students to engage directly with employers from the industry sector.

### Description of any Distinctive Features

The purpose of this programme is to develop intellectual attainment and skills relevant to pursuing a career within the equine industry and or progressing to further academic study. Academic knowledge and understanding reinforces and supports the development of new skills, equipping each student with the ability and knowledge relevant to future career paths in the specialist area of equine performance.

The programme has been designed to facilitate students in gaining competencies to enable them to take up appropriate positions of responsibility within a range of enterprises concentrating on Equine Performance. This is a growing area of the equine industry with increasing recognition including the development of the British Grooms Association. The recent 'Strategy for the Horse Industry in England and Wales, 2005' produced by DEFRA and the British Horse Industry Confederation (BHIC), enforced the importance of raising equestrian skills, training and standards.

The FdSc Equine Performance aims to build upon our existing experience and support structure for foundation degree students, by integrating work related and work based learning fully within the programme design. A large proportion of core credits within the programme will be professional practice based, utilising both on site work related learning opportunities and a period of work based learning with outside organisations. The incorporation of a placement ensures work based learning is embedded in the programme of learning. The combination of academic study with periods of practical work experience provides students with an opportunity to develop both academic and work-related skills. This structure has been developed to ensure that students are awarded for the development of professional competencies applicable to the equine industry.

At the institution we pride ourselves on the support we offer to students throughout their time with us and the placement year is no different. Students will receive advice on CV and application writing, interview techniques plus much more whilst they are searching for a placement. We have support staff to help the students with all aspects of a placement (including support for the student whilst they are on placement). This is in addition to the wide range of resources available to all students within the Careers Service.

Learners will be supported throughout the programme through online web-based support such as the VLE. The library facilities have a comprehensive array of resources to support this programme. Many of these resources can be accessed remotely. Physical resources will also be fully utilised and integrated to support the delivery of this programme and the acquisition of industry standard practical skills enabling our students to lead the way in the management of the performance horse. These resources includes:

- World Class Championship arena (indoor and outdoor).
- Outdoor and indoor arenas (60m x 24m, 60m x 21m).
- Horse trials courses and cross-country schooling field.
- Stabling for over 200 horses.
- The Equine Therapy Centre including: water treadmill; high speed treadmill; diagnostic equipment including digital radiography, video endoscope, ECG etc; electrotherapy equipment; rider performance centre.

The International Equine Arena also includes:

- 70 x 40 metre competition arena.
- Additional indoor warm up facilities.
- Seating for six hundred spectators.
- Panoramic restaurant.
- Hospitality boxes.
- Classrooms.

All of these facilities provide a world class setting for the development of the students.

## Part 6: Assessment

This module will be assessed according to the Academic Regulations published for the academic year on the website <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk>

The distinctive module used by the Programme Examination Board to inform recommending differential awards for students when considering borderline performance profiles will be Management of the Performance Horse.

### Assessment Strategy

Assessment strategy to enable the learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated:

Testing of the knowledge base is through a variety of formative and summative means including written assignment, poster defence, practical assessment, unseen written examination, production of portfolios of competencies and employer assessment (1-5).

The assessment strategy for intellectual skills is intended to: consolidate learning; ensure appropriate feedback; strengthen motivation; develop analytical skills; encourage reflection on theoretical, practical and work based learning. The programme is monitored to ensure that assessment in modules: is in relation to outcomes made explicit to students; is based upon the range of strategies through which a student can demonstrate what he or she knows, understands or can do; and; is based on a range of evidence appropriate to the activity. A variety of assessment methods is employed. The learner's ability to demonstrate skills 1-5 is tested through written assignments, written examinations, practical examinations, oral examinations and portfolios of evidence which are used to consolidate learning and develop appropriate analytical skills.

Professional and practical skills are assessed through appropriate forms of assessed coursework and written examinations. These take the form of professional practice portfolio's, oral examinations and practical assessments.

Transferable skills are assessed to some extent in all modules within the programme and the institutions marking criteria also make explicit the requirements at the different academic levels.

In line with the institutions commitment to facilitating equal opportunities, a student may apply for alternative means of assessment if appropriate. Each application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account learning and assessment needs. For further information regarding this please refer to the VLE.

## Assessment Map

The programme encompasses a range of **assessment methods** and these are detailed in the following assessment map:

### Assessment Map for FdSc Equine Performance

		Type of Assessment*									
		Unseen Written Exam	Open Book Written Exam	In-class Written Test	Practical Exam	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral assessment and/or presentation	Written Assignment	Report / Project	Dissertation	Portfolio
Compulsory Modules Level 4	Equestrian Practice					A (100)					
	Equine Veterinary Science							A (100)			
	Introduction to Equitation				A (50)			B (50)			
	Management of Equestrian Facilities						A (60)	B (40)			
	Equine Structure and Function										A (100)
	Equine Industry	A (100)									
	Equitation	A (50)						B (50)			
	Principles of Animal Biology	A (50)							B (50)		
Optional Year	Year Work Placement										A (100)
Compulsory Modules Level 5	Management of the Performance Horse						A (50)	B (50)			
	Equine Performance	A (50)						B (50)			
Optional Modules Level 5	Ground Schooling and Rehabilitation					A (60)			B (40)		
	Advanced Equitation	A (100)									
	Applied Equine Nutrition						A (100)				
	Equine Event Organisation						A (60)	B (40)			
	Applied Equine Diagnostics and Therapy						A (100)				
	Equine Biomechanics		A (50)					B (50)			
	New Venture Creation						A (100)				
	Undergraduate Research Process								A (100)		

\*Assessment should be shown in terms of either **Written Exams**, **Practical exams**, or **Coursework** as indicated by the colour coding above.

## Part 7: Entry Requirements

Applicants will have achieved entry criteria appropriate for the year of entry, which can be found through the institutions website ([www.hartpury.ac.uk](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk)).

We also welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds who do not have the entry requirements outlined above. Applicants will be considered on the basis of evidence of personal, professional and educational experience which indicates an applicant's ability to meet the demands of the programme. Where appropriate experience or learning has been gained prior to enrolment on the programme RPL/RPEL may be possible.

Applicants whose first language is not English must also gain a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 prior to entry onto the programme.

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found in module specifications, available on the Institution's website.

### Programme Amendment Log

<b>Programme Title:</b>	FdSc Equine Performance
<b>Programme Code:</b>	FDSEEPXX
<b>Initial Approval Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
<b>Approved by:</b>	Hartpury Curriculum Approval Committee
<b>Approved until:</b>	01 September 2023
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**Changes:**

**Current version number: v2.1**

**Change Details Outlined**

Part 6 updated to remove the coursework element from the Advanced Equitation assessment.

Part 6 updated in line with new template to include distinctive module – Management of the Performance Horse.

Part 5 – removal of sentence 'The institution is one of the largest providers of foundation degree programmes in the South West region.'

Part 8 removed in line with new template.

**Material Alteration: N/A**

**Rationale:** To reflect the change to Advanced Equitation module, which has moved to 1 point of assessment.

**Change requested by: LINDA GREENING**

I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change

I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted

I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report

**Signature:** *Linda Greening*

**Date:** 21/12/18

**Name of Head of Department: Catherine Phillips**

☐ I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department

**Signature:**

*C Phillips*

**Date:** 14/02/2019

<b>Approval Committee and Date:</b>	CVC 2019 02 13
<b>Change approved with effect from:</b>	01 September 2019
<b>Resulting new version number:</b>	2.2 (intake 2018)

<b>Rationale:</b> After the successful application for University Title, amendments were required to all specifications.	
<b>Material Alteration:</b> Yes and Course Information Sheet amended appropriately: Not required	
<b>Outline Change Details:</b> 1. Part 1: Basic Data requires the Awarding Body to be amended from Hartpury College to Hartpury University. 2. Award Titles amended to replace (SW) with (IP). 3. Removed BUWE B80 4. Subject Benchmark Statements updated where required.	
<b>Change requested by:</b>	Academic Registrar
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#### Version 1.2

<b>Rationale:</b> To reduce over assessment.	
<b>Material Alteration:</b> Yes and Course Information Sheet amended appropriately: No	
<b>Outline Change Details:</b> Equestrian Practice HEQVL3-30-4 assessment changed from Component A P/F Practical Skills and Component B 100% Portfolio to one point of assessment 100% Practical Skills Assessment (component A).	
<b>Change requested by:</b>	Rachel Collins
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