

BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare (with Foundation Year)

UCAS Code: DF29

Award on completion of programme: BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare / BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare with Integrated Placement Year.

Professional body accreditation: None.

Location of study: Hartpury University. Any integrated placement will be discussed with the programme manager and can be undertaken in the UK and abroad. Placements undertaken by students in the past have included the UK, Kenya, South Africa and the Seychelles.

Length of programme: Four years full-time or five years with the optional integrated placement year. 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 and Mathematics

All applications for the Foundation year will be considered individually, however **evidence of previous relevant study at level 3 (i.e. A Level, BTEC etc) is required.**

We welcome students with equivalent qualifications including Access and International Baccalaureate. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

We may interview mature applicants and those with non-traditional qualifications to ensure this is the right course for you.

Mature and international applicants: 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 2020. 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: <https://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. 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 is comprised 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 the modules completed after your first 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 0	30	0	70
Year 1	26	0	74
Year 2	24	0	76
Optional Integrated Placement Year	0	100	0
Year 3	18	0	82

Students will receive a minimum of 15 hours scheduled contact per week in lectures, seminars and practicals in years 0 and 1. 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. Some modules offer trips to locations such as zoos or assistance animal breeding centres to show students how their knowledge can be applied within the animal industry. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Core Modules

Year 0

□ The foundation year includes lectures in study skills, animal science and management. Within the year, you will be supported to enhance your skills and knowledge to ensure you are fully prepared to succeed in year 1.

- Foundation skills development
The module aims to give students an understanding of the scientific method and enquiry, team working, research skills and effective time management.
- Academic skills in practice (internship)
The module aims to develop reflective, practical and transferable skills in preparation for level 4 study based on an internship role at Hartpury linked to the student's programme of study.

- Reviewing literature
The aim of the module is to develop student understanding and knowledge of literature reviews including constructing a rationale, summarising and presenting relevant information to suit a purpose, subject and audience
- Foundation in animal studies
Fundamentals of animal care, husbandry and management for maximising animal health and welfare are studied and taught in this module
- Foundation biological principles
The study of fundamental biological aspects to provide a clear understanding of how organisms come about and how they function and operate for survival and performance.

Year 1

- Animal Behaviour
The factors affecting animal behaviour including evolution, development and human influence.
- Animal Genetics
The application of genetics and heredity in the animal industry.
- Animal Health and Disease
How diseases affect animals, health monitoring and animal first aid.
- Introduction to Animal Welfare
An introduction to animal welfare, including stress, abnormal behaviours, influence of management systems and legislation.
- Systems Biology
An introduction to the anatomy and physiology of animals.
- Biodiversity
Study of the natural world and wildlife.
- Fundamental Skills for the Animal Scientist
An introduction to the key academic and vocational skills and personal attributes needed to be successful in a career in the animal industry.

Year 2

- Animal Welfare Assessment
Use of behavioural, physiological and physical measures of welfare and welfare assessment in different contexts.
- Ethics and Welfare
The influence of ethical theories upon attitudes towards animals and consideration of animal ethics and welfare in a range of contexts.
- Undergraduate Research Process
This module introduces students to the methods of research and analysis, helping to prepare them for the research project in the third year.

Optional modules: Students usually select 75 credits from a range of optional modules. As a guide, these have previously included Companion Animal Behaviour and Training, Management of Domestic Animals and Behavioural and Evolutionary Ecology. There is also an optional Field Course module to South Africa with the chance to study African ethology and ecology.

Optional year 3: Integrated Placement Year: An optional integrated placement year (minimum of 40 weeks in length) allows theory to be integrated into practice. This is facilitated through long standing links with a wide range of animal-based industries, such as charities, zoos, animal rescue centres, boarding kennels and laboratories, amongst others.

Year 3 (4 if integrated placement year completed)

- Undergraduate Dissertation

This module involves independent research and analysis in an animal-related field with one to one support from an academic.

- **Animal Trade and Welfare**
The influence of the marketplace on animal welfare including commercial use of wildlife, animals as entertainment and transport of animals.

Optional modules: Students usually select 60 credits from a range of optional modules. As a guide, these have previously included Wildlife and Zoo Management, Anthrozoology, Animal Psychology, Biodiversity and Conservation and Pet Behaviour Counselling.

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 0	12	44	44
Year 1	31	38	31
Year 2	29	57	14
Optional Integrated Placement year	0	100	0
Year 3	45	49	6

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/facilities/life-athartpury/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 the Office for Students (OfS). This course offers an optional integrated placement year at a cost in the region of £925 (for students who want more experience working within the industry). The integrated placement year may incur additional costs depending on your choice of placement location and whether you choose a paid or unpaid position.

Students are required to purchase appropriate clothing and footwear which is available from our supplier's online shop for approximately £100. Students are encouraged to engage in various trips and visits as part of the programme. While many of these are included in the course fees, there is the opportunity to engage in additional study tours with additional costs involved. One of the optional modules in the second year, Field Course, offers a trip to South Africa to study the ecology and ethology of the area. This South African trip costs in the region of £1500. In the final year of the course there is an optional residential trip to a UK zoo, as part of the Wildlife and Zoo Management module. This residential trip will incur an additional cost around £150. A comprehensive package of non-repayable financial support is available to facilitate engagement with placements and study tours / trips where additional costs are involved.

For part-time costs and information about financial support please refer to the Hartpury Fee policy: <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

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