

BSc (Hons) Human-Animal Interaction with Psychology

UCAS Code: D3C9

Award on completion of programme: BSc (Hons) Human-Animal Interaction with Psychology OR BSc (Hons) Human-Animal Interaction with Psychology with Integrated Placement Year.

Professional body accreditation: None.

Location of study: Hartpury University.

Length of programme: 3 years (full-time), 4 years (full-time with an integrated placement year), Part-time options 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

A-levels: Typical offer is BBC or equivalent. This must include a minimum of two A Levels.

Vocational Award: Typical offer is a DMM 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.

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: <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. 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 there is the possibility depending on 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.

The estimated balance of learning on BSc (Hons) Human Animal Interaction with Psychology:

	Scheduled Contact Learning (%)	Placement Learning (%)	Independent Learning (%)
Year 1	27	0	73
Year 2	18	21	61
Optional integrated placement year	0	100	0
Year 3	16	0	84

Compulsory Modules

Year 1

- **Introduction to Psychology**
An introduction to the fundamental principles and concepts of human psychology and how these relate to the human-animal bond. This includes social, developmental, cognitive and abnormal psychology.
- **Fundamental Skills for Anthrozoology**
The basics of animal handling, data analysis, key laboratory practices, and safety procedures.
- **Animals in Society**
An introduction to the study of the interactions and relationships between humans and animals
- **Systems Biology**
An introduction to the anatomy and physiology of animals.
- **Animal Health and Disease**
An introduction to how diseases affect animals and how to apply informed decision-making to maintain health across a range of animals.
- **Animal Behaviour and Welfare**
An introduction to animal behaviour and welfare including the factors affecting animal behaviour, stress, abnormal behaviours, influence of management systems on animal welfare and legislation.

Year 2

- **Applied Psychology**
Application of psychology (e.g. abnormal psychology, consumer psychology, evolutionary psychology) to human animal interactions.
- **Managing Animal Wellbeing for Human-Animal Interactions**
Impact of human-animal interactions on human and animal wellbeing, assessment of animal welfare and wellbeing, and welfare concerns relating to managing animals.
- **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 60 credits from a range of optional modules. These have previously included Animal-Assisted Therapy, Animals in Education, Behavioural Measurement, Applied Animal Health and Disease, Introduction to Equine Behaviour and Ethics and Welfare.

Optional Integrated Placement Year: An optional 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 and boarding kennels amongst others.

Year 3

- **Advanced Psychology**
Advanced concepts in psychology such as forensic psychology, neuropsychology, clinical psychology and positive psychology.
- **Undergraduate Dissertation**
This module involves independent research and analysis in an animal-related field with one to one support from an academic.
- **Contemporary Issues in Anthrozoology**
Current developments in the field of Anthrozoology such as human-animal interactions, animal-assisted therapy, animal-assisted interventions and animal in education.

Optional modules: Students usually select 30 credits from a range of optional modules. These have previously included modules such as Wildlife and Zoo Management, Animal Psychology, Pharmacology and Equine Ethics and Welfare.

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.

The estimation of assessment on BSc (Hons) Human Animal Interaction with Psychology:

	Written Examination (%)	Coursework (%)	Practical Examination (%)
Year 1	34	35	31
Year 2	26	49	25
Optional integrated placement year	0	100	0
Year 3	17	70	13

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-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 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. 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>

For more information on the admissions policy, please visit:
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This Course Information Sheet is accurate as at 1 September 2019.