

Programme Information Sheet for 2020

# **PG Dip Anthrozoology**

Award on completion of programme: PG Dip Anthrozoology

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 subject.

Students with non-relevant qualifications but with two or more years of relevant work experience will be considered on an individual basis.

**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.

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. 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** There is one planned 2018 start date for both full-time and part-time students on the programme and it is in September 2018. This programme is taught over two semesters, normally consisting of 12 weeks of scheduled teaching and then assessment weeks. Timetables are normally available during registration. The academic calendar can be found at:

https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/uni-termdates

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 these modules 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. Students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. Some modules offer trips 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.

# **Compulsory Modules**

## Year 1

- The Human-Animal Bond
  - With an introduction to ethical and philosophical principles, this module will provide underpinning concepts for more applied aspects of the programme. The module covers topics including human evolution and animal domestication, theories and principles of human psychology, and the impact of the human-animal bond on animal behaviour and welfare.

## **Optional modules**:

These are likely to include analysis of contemporary issues in animal welfare and anthrozoology, including those that might be posed by managing wildlife and a wide range of animal species. In 2017 an optional module included a field course to South Africa and it is currently intended that this will be available in 2018 subject to availability. Additionally students may wish to undertake modules designed to enhance their ability to evaluate research methodologies and investigate a topic in detail. In 2017 there was also a module facilitating voluntary experience in an appropriate organization and it is intended that this be available in 2018 subject to future availability.

**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.

**Discounts and special support associated with enrolling on the programme:** Hartpury 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. Details of student support and other services can be found at <a href="http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/university/facilities/life-at-hartpury/student-support/">http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/university/facilities/life-at-hartpury/student-support/</a>.

**Costs associated with the programme:** The cost of the programme will be £4666 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. International fees for this programme are £8666. Additional costs associated with the programme include an optional field trip to South Africa (approx. £1500). Hartpury alumni are entitled to a 20% discount on full-time postgraduate study fees or 10% off part-time fees

For more information on the admissions policy, please visit: <u>http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/</u>

For part-time costs please refer to the Hartpury Fee policy, available at: <a href="http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governa

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