

MRes Anthrozoology

Award on completion of programme: MRes 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 an upper second class (2:1) 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 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 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 contribute towards your overall award mark and outcome. The majority of modules are offered via blended learning incorporating a mixture of taught sessions or alternative web-based interactive sessions and independent research, allowing students to work around their other commitments and facilitating international study. A field course (of approx. 12 days) forms the teaching for one optional module. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Core Modules

- 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.
- Extended Postgraduate Dissertation
 - Students will develop and undertake a research project of their choosing.
- The Research Process
 - Discussion of research methodologies and applications, as well as strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of different methods.

Optional modules could include:

- Wildlife Conflict
 - With a field course to South Africa forming part of the learning experience, this module will explore the challenges presented by wildlife conflict, explore solutions and propose strategies for resolving issues in our changing world
- Reflection on Practice
 - With voluntary experience in an appropriate organisation underpinning reflective practice, this module enables the application of theory into practice and reflection on your own and organisational practices in the animal industry.
- Contemporary Issues in Animal Welfare Science
 - Analysis of contemporary issues in animal welfare, including legislation, welfare concern and assessment
- Postgraduate Independent Study
 - Critical analysis of literature is central to academic study, and provides the focus of this module. Under the supervision of a member of the academic team you will engage in an exploration of a topic of your choice, critiquing key literature along the way.
- Anthrozoology (Undergraduate level 3 module)
 - This level 3 module is included to support students who have limited background in fields related to animal or social science. It provides an introduction to key research in fields such as assistance animals, animal-assisted therapy and the importance society places on animals to support human health, wellbeing and education.

Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams, portfolios, media-based assessments and written assignments. The types of assessments will vary depending on which modules the student selects. There will also be a dissertation in which the student must perform research and analysis in an area of their interest, relating to anthrozoology.

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 £6000 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. International fees for this programme are £12,250. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Office for Students (OfS). Additional costs associated with the programme include the field trip (approx. £1500). A £1000 bursary is available towards research costs. Hartpury alumni are entitled to a 20% discount on full-time postgraduate study fees or 10% off part-time fees.

For part-time costs 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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