

BSc (Hons) Zoology (Level 6 entry)

UCAS Code: D326

Award on completion of programme: BSc (Hons) Zoology

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: HND or Foundation Degree in an animal science or zoology subject area, in particular with elements of evolution, ecology and conservation.

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.

Personalised offers will be made to each applicant based on their own merits. Non-academic and academic achievement will be considered. Applicants may be interviewed to inform the selection process.

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 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 four days a week.

Programme Composition

This programme is comprised of different modules, which focus on specific subjects, and provide an opportunity to develop specialisms over the duration of the course. 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 in your second and third 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 (%)
Stage 3	20	0	80

NB. The integrated placement year would involve a minimum of 40 weeks of placement and independent learning.

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.

Compulsory modules

- Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate
This module prepares students for undertaking a research project.
- Applied Research Project
This module involves independent research and analysis in an animal-related field with one to one support from an academic.
- Wildlife Management and Conservation Genetics
This module provides the opportunity to work with a UK zoo to explore the application of the biology learnt throughout the course to the practical zoo environment, through a residential trip. Students will also explore topics such as wildlife reintroduction and breeding for conservation.
- Biodiversity and Conservation
This module will build on your knowledge from the second year to examine global patterns of biodiversity, the processes that determine diversity and the causes of biodiversity declines. You will also critically analyse conservation methods in protecting nature.

Optional modules: These can cover a range of topics in zoology including advanced animal microbiology, anthrozoology and animal psychology.

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 (%)
Stage 3	37	56	7

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).

Students are required to have appropriate clothing and footwear, which may be purchased if desired 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 an additional study tour with additional costs involved. There is a residential trip to a UK zoo, as part of the Wildlife Management and Conservation Genetics compulsory module. This residential trip will incur an additional cost around £150 to cover the cost of accommodation if required. 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 at:
<http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

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

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