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UCAS Code: CF65

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BSc (Hons) Animal Training and Performance with Integrated Placement Year

**Professional body accreditation:** None

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**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:**

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**Programme Composition:** This programme is comprised of different modules, which focus on specific subjects. While it does not qualify students to become behaviourists or trainers, it exposes them to the scientific principles which underpin animal training, performance and rehabilitation. 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 (see the Academic Regulations for more information). The modules contain a mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement. Students will receive a minimum of an average of 15 hours scheduled contact per week in lectures, seminars and practicals in their first year. 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 training and performance 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.

	<b>Scheduled Contact Learning (%)</b>	<b>Placement Learning (%)</b>	<b>Independent Learning (%)</b>
<b>Year 0</b>	30	0	70
<b>Year 1</b>	32	0	68
<b>Year 2</b>	22	0	78
<b>Optional IP Year</b>	0	100	0
<b>Year 3</b>	18	0	82

**Module Information** including outlines of compulsory modules.

### **Year 0**

The foundation year includes lectures in animal studies, academic skills and biological science. 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 Animal Studies**
  - Fundamentals of animal care, husbandry and management for maximising animal health and welfare are studied and taught in this module.
- **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 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

- Introduction to Animal Training and Performance
  - This module establishes foundation principles relating to animal training and performance.
- Animal Behaviour and Welfare
  - Students are introduced to key concepts in the fields of animal behaviour and animal welfare.
- Fundamental Skills for the Animal Scientist
  - This module provides students with key academic skills to enable them to succeed in their degree programme.
- Systems Biology
  - An introduction to the anatomy and physiology of animals.
- Animals in Society
  - An introduction to the study of the interactions and relationships between humans and 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 Nutrition
  - Students will study key nutritional principles and learn how these relate to health and disease in animals.

## Year 2

- Animal Structure and Motion
  - This module provides students with a basis of biomechanics and animal locomotion.
- Principles of Assessing Animal Performance
  - This module provides students with a basis on how to measure and assess animal performance.
- 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.
- Management and Training of the Animal
  - This module teaches students how to monitor and manage training, health and welfare across a range of species.

**Optional modules:** Students usually select from a range of optional modules: New Venture Creation, Ethics and Welfare, Independent Report, Managing Human-Animal Interactions and Animal Therapy I.

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)**

- Advanced Animal Training
  - This module teaches students about the theoretical and practical methods used in the advanced training of animals and also coaching of trainer, client and animal.
- Undergraduate Dissertation
  - This module involves independent research in an animal-related field with one to one support from an academic tutor.
- Advanced Animal Performance Analysis
  - Students will learn how to use advanced analytical methods to assess animal performance.

**Optional modules:** Students usually select from a range of optional modules: Anthrozoology, Undergraduate Independent Study, Applied Business Management and Animal Therapy II.

By the end of the programme, you will have developed applied skills relevant to employment across the animal training and performance sector and also gained an in-depth appreciation of how research underpins the principles of animal training and performance. Throughout the programme there is a clear practical thread relating to animal training, performance and rehabilitation, allowing theory to be integrated into practice ready for employment into this exciting, developing specialism.

**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.

	<b>Written Examination (%)</b>	<b>Coursework (%)</b>	<b>Practical Examination (%)</b>
<b>Year 0</b>	12	44	44
<b>Year 1</b>	28	32	40
<b>Year 2</b>	19	34	47
<b>Optional IP Year</b>	0	100	0
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**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.

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