



**HARTPURY**  
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Programme Information Sheet for 2020 entry

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## **BA (Hons) International Horseracing Business (with Foundation year)**

UCAS Code: DFN2

**Award on completion of programme:** BA (Hons) International Horseracing Business OR BA (Hons) International Horseracing Business Integrated Placement Year

**Professional body accreditation:** None.

**Location of study:** Hartpury University. Work placement and optional integrated placement year could take place in the UK or abroad.

**Length of programme:** Four years full-time, or five with the optional integrated placement year. Part-time options are 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

All applications for the Foundation year will be considered individually, however **evidence of previous relevant study at level 3 (i.e. A Level, BTEC etc) is required.**

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**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: <https://hartury.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 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 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. Students will receive a minimum of 15 hours scheduled contact per week in lectures, seminars and practicals in years 0 and 1. In addition, students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. In subsequent years scheduled contact will vary depending on the modules you select but is typically around 12 hours per week. A mandatory work placement is part of this programme during the student's second year and an optional integrated placement year is available. The work placement will take a minimum of 150 hours. 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>	29	7	64
<b>Year 2</b>	22	12	66
<b>Year 3</b>	19	0	81

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

## **Compulsory Modules**

### **Year 0:**

The foundation year includes lectures in equine, study skills, science and or management, depending upon an individual's previous academic background. 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 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 in equine**  
The module aims to introduce central anatomy, physiology, welfare and health that underpin best husbandry and management practices, along with key legislation and health and safety requirements in the equine industry

- **Foundation of business enterprise and management**  
This module covers the learning and understanding of the balance of theory and practice in contemporary business practice; an appreciation of the complexity of modern organisational environments and of the critical role of enterprise and innovation has to play.

### **Year 1:**

Modules are designed to give students an introduction to the commercial side of the UK and international racing industry. Modules cover a range of topics including fundamental introductory business topics such as marketing, management, economics and finance.

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### **Year 2:**

- **Professional Placement Experience**  
Students are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of work experience during the year
- **The International Horseracing Industry**  
This module will explore the structure, communication and relationships within the international horseracing industry
- **Undergraduate Research Process**  
This module introduces students to the methods of research and analysis required for their dissertation

**Optional modules:** These generally cover more in-depth topics both in business and equine science and have previously included modules ranging from Human Resource Management, Events Management, Corporate Hospitality and Operations Management. Students will encounter opportunities for 'live' projects and a placement will be an essential component within the second year of study. It will feature opportunities for students to experience the horseracing business environment first hand and provide key networking opportunities for students to build their contacts and possible mentors. Students are given the option of completing an integrated placement year between years two and three.

### **Year 3:**

- **Undergraduate Dissertation**  
Students will partake in independent research and analysis in a related area of their choice
- **Personal Industry Development Portfolio**  
Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their professional development and acquired skillset in relation to the horseracing industry and associated graduate attributes
- **Horseracing, Governance and Law**  
Students will apply theoretical concepts gathered over the duration of their degree to that of the structure and governance of the horseracing industry and its distribution of power

**Optional modules:** These generally cover more topics within commercial business such as Brand Development, Sponsorship, Media and Communications through to Strategic Management alongside a more in-depth understanding of the commercial racing business industry.

**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 (%)
<b>Year 0</b>	12	44	44
<b>Year 1</b>	8	54	38
<b>Year 2</b>	6	59	35
<b>Year 3</b>	12	69	19

NB. The integrated placement year will involve 100% course work.

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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.

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. It is estimated these costs will be approximately £1800. A comprehensive package of non-repayable financial support is available to facilitate engagement with placements and study tours / trips where additional costs are involved. All students on this programme will complete a minimum of 150 hours of work placement.

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