



**HARTPURY**  
UNIVERSITY

Programme Information Sheet for 2020 entry

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## FdSc Equine Performance

UCAS Code: D427

**Award on completion of programme:** FdSc Equine Performance

**Professional body accreditation:** None

**Location of study:** Hartpury University. Work placements and the optional integrated placement year can be in the UK or abroad.

**Length of programme:** Two years full-time or three years with 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, Mathematics and a Biological Science.

**A-levels:** Typical offer is CC or equivalent. This must include a minimum of one A Level preferably in a Biological Science and excludes General Studies.

**Vocational Award:** Typical offer is a MMP in an Extended Diploma or equivalent in a relevant subject

**International Baccalaureate:** We welcome students with the International Baccalaureate Diploma qualification. Offers will be based upon the constituent components to include a grade 3 at higher level biological science. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

**Access:** We welcome students with Access qualifications. Certain programmes require a pass at level 3 in specific units. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

**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:** 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 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 year contribute towards your overall award mark and outcome. The modules contain mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement.

	<b>Scheduled Contact Learning (%)</b>	<b>Placement Learning (%)</b>	<b>Independent Learning (%)</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	24	7	69
<b>Year 2</b>	24	0	76

Students will receive a minimum 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. During their second year, students are required to complete work experience within the equine industry. They are also given the option of completing an integrated placement year between years one and two. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

## **Compulsory Modules**

### **Year 1:**

- Equestrian Practice  
Discuss the acceptable industry standards of practice and the scientific principles behind current industry practices
- Equine Veterinary Science  
Understand the balance between health and disease and apply management and control theories to practical situations
- Management of Equestrian Facilities  
Students will learn about the management and construction of equine facilities and the legislation that governs them
- Equine Structure and Function  
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- Equine Industry  
Discussion of the scope and management of the equine industry in the UK and Europe

**Optional modules may include:**

- Equitation  
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- Equitation (theory)  
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**Year 2:**

- Management of the Performance Horse  
Explore equine performance management practices and professional development, including how staffing and horse management can be developed through application of scientific and industry literature.
- Equine Performance  
Understand how performance horses are exercised and trained to meet specific demands of various disciplines.
- Professional Placement Experience  
Students are supported to complete a minimum of 150 hours of work experience during the year, which can be in a variety of equine focused establishments in the UK or even abroad.

**Optional modules:** A range of optional modules are available to students focusing on performance and training of horses, related business topics and preparation for further studies.

**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 1</b>	19	61	20
<b>Year 2</b>	6	41	53

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