
BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science with Therapy

UCAS Code: D322

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Professional body accreditation: None.

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Length of programme: Three years full-time, or four with the optional integrated placement year. Part-time options are available.

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Programme Composition: This programme is comprised of different modules, which provides a broad understanding of animal science, with a special focus on animal therapy and, specifically, hydrotherapy. While it does not qualify students to become therapists, it exposes them to the scientific principles which underpin animal health, performance, therapy 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. The modules contain mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement.

	Scheduled Contact Learning (%)	Placement Learning (%)	Independent Learning (%)
Year 1	31	0	69
Year 2	24	0	76
Integrated Placement Year	1	80	19
Year 3	17	3	80

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Modules

Year 1: Core modules

- Anatomy and Physiology for Animal Therapy
 - An introduction to basic veterinary anatomy and physiology with specific emphasis on the musculoskeletal system to relate to animal therapy.
- Animal Behaviour and Welfare
 - Students are introduced to key concepts in the field of animal behaviour and animal welfare.
- Animal Nutrition
 - Students will study key nutritional principles and learn how these relate to health and disease in animals.
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- Fundamental Skills for the Animal Therapist
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Year 2: Core modules

- Introduction to Hydrotherapy
 - This introduces students to the key aspects of hydrotherapy in both equine and canine centres.
- Animal Therapy 1
 - This is the first of two animal therapy specific modules that introduce students to a wide range of animal therapies.
- Animal Structure and Motion
 - This module provides students with a basis of biomechanics and animal locomotion.
- Applied Animal Health and Disease
 - This module covers advanced disease diagnosis, treatment and key pathogenic causes of disease in both companion and production animals.
- Undergraduate Research Process
 - This module introduces students to the methods of research and analysis, helping to prepare them for the research project (dissertation) in the final year.

Optional modules: These cover a range of topics and could include Applied Animal Nutrition, Ethics and Welfare, Behavioural Measurement and Animal Microbiology. Students can usually select 30 credits from the optional modules.

Optional year 3: Integrated Placement Year: An optional placement year (minimum of 24 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 and therapy centres.

Year 3 (4 if Integrated Placement Year is completed): Core modules

- Undergraduate Dissertation
 - This module involves independent research in an animal-related field with one to one support from an academic tutor.
- Therapy in Practice
 - Students will have the opportunity to understand how the theoretical content learned in earlier modules are applied within a practice.
- Animal Therapy 2
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Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and assignments and reflective portfolios. 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.

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