



HARTPURY

BSc (Hons)

Applied Animal Science with Therapy (with Foundation Year)

UCAS Code: **DF22**

Typical offer: **32-48 UCAS tariff points or equivalent**

Duration: **4 or 5 years full time; part-time available**

Placement year: **Optional**

Awarding body: **Hartpury University**

Apply for this course here: <https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/university/courses/undergraduate/bsc-hons-applied-animal-science-with-therapy-with-foundation-year/bsc-hons-applied-animal-science-with-therapy-with-foundation-year-2021/>

OVERVIEW

Course overview

Develop your therapeutic knowledge and launch your career making a difference to the lives of animals.

This foundation year pathway provides an alternative route into degree-level study. It's ideal for those who need to gain subject-specific knowledge and skills in order to progress onto the full BSc qualification.

This degree will equip you with a range of scientific animal therapy skills. You'll work with both the animal and human to make sure animals are healthy and performing at their best.

You'll study animal anatomy and physiology – in particular the musculoskeletal system – genetics, health, disease and nutrition. Whilst studying the human element of this course, you'll learn about scientific communication and working in a therapy setting.

Draw on the industry experiences of your lecturers, a team of veterinary professionals, hydrotherapists and nutritionists, as you learn the theory and apply it in practice.

Your work placement will enable you to develop industry-standard skills whilst gaining real-life experience. You could work in our canine and equine therapy centres on site, or undertake a placement in industry.

This degree doesn't qualify you to become an animal therapist or physiotherapist, but it does allow you to focus on your therapy of choice and make an informed decision on your next step or career goal.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

What you'll study

You'll gain an in depth understanding of the key topics in the field of animal science and therapy. This course is comprised of both compulsory and optional modules, which you'll be able to choose from to suit your interests and career goals.

Core subjects will include animal science, with a special focus on animal therapy and specifically, hydrotherapy. Optional modules change each year in line with student, industry and research demands - you'll find recent topics studied below. You can attend introductory sessions for optional modules before deciding which ones to study.

While this degree doesn't qualify you to become a therapist, it exposes you to the scientific principles which underpin animal health, performance, therapy and rehabilitation.

Level three foundation year (year one)

Develop the knowledge and skills to succeed in the remaining three years of the degree. You'll focus on key areas and gain academic and subject skills as you work with animal students from across the department.

COMPULSORY MODULES

Foundation Skills Development

Learn about the scientific method and enquiry, team working, research skills and effective time management.

Academic Skills in Practice (Internship)

Undertake an internship role at Hartpury, linked to the degree, to develop reflective, practical and transferable skills in preparation for level 4 study.

Reviewing Literature

Develop understanding and knowledge of literature reviews. Learn how to construct a rationale, summarise and present relevant information to suit a purpose, subject and audience.

Foundation Animal Studies

Study the fundamentals of animal care, husbandry and management for maximising animal health and welfare.

Foundation Biological Principles

Through the study of fundamental biological aspects, gain an understanding of how organisms come about and how they function and operate for survival and performance.

OPTIONAL MODULES

None

There are no optional modules during this year. Your learning is focused on compulsory modules to ensure you have a thorough understanding of key topics to prepare you for module choices in your subsequent years.

Level four (year two)

This year will focus on key topics such as anatomy and physiology and give you a fundamental understanding of the key topics which underpin your learning. Develop knowledge and practical skills to study at higher levels in the course.

COMPULSORY MODULES

Anatomy and Physiology for Animal Therapy

Learn about basic veterinary anatomy and physiology with specific emphasis on the musculoskeletal system to relate to animal therapy.

Animal Behaviour and Welfare

Explore key concepts in the fields of animal behaviour and animal welfare.

Animal Nutrition

Study key nutritional principles and learn how these relate to health and disease in animals.

Animal Genetics

An introduction to the fundamental concepts of genetics and hereditary conditions in animals.

Animal Health and Disease

Gain an understanding of the factors that affect disease transmission and signs of health in common companion animal species.

Fundamental Skills for the Animal Therapist

Develop key academic and vocational skills and the personal attributes needed to be successful in a career in the animal industry. Includes work experience in our Canine Hydrotherapy Centre.

OPTIONAL MODULES

None

There are no optional modules during this year. Your learning is focused on compulsory modules to ensure you have a thorough understanding of key topics to prepare you for module choices in your subsequent years.

Level five (year three)

You'll cover a range of concepts, including animal therapy, hydrotherapy and animal structure and motion. Depending on the modules you select, you'll explore themes such as training, behaviour, microbiology and animal health and disease, allowing you to develop your personal interests.

COMPULSORY MODULES

Introduction to Hydrotherapy

Discover key aspects of hydrotherapy in both equine and canine centres.

Animal Therapy 1

The first of two animal therapy specific modules that introduce a wide range of animal therapies.

Animal Structure and Motion

Understand the basis of biomechanics and animal locomotion.

Applied Animal Health and Disease

Study advanced disease diagnosis, treatment and key pathogenic causes of disease in both companion and production animals.

Undergraduate Research Process

An introduction to methods of research and analysis, to prepare for the research project in the your final year.

OPTIONAL MODULES

Optional modules

Optional modules change each year in line with student, industry and research demands.

Recent modules have included animal nutrition, ethics and welfare, behavioural measurement and animal microbiology. You can attend introductory sessions for optional modules before deciding which ones to study.

Integrated placement year - optional

An optional integrated placement year between your third and final years gives you the opportunity to put your knowledge and skills into practice and gain valuable industry experience.

Level six (final year)

Your final year allows you to focus on areas that are of particular interest to you and will support you in your future career. You'll undertake a substantial research dissertation project, enabling you to experience the responsibility of planning, implementing and reporting on a specialist topic. In addition, you'll be exposed to contemporary challenges in therapy and rehabilitation. Studying advanced theory, you'll gain an insight into where current research is focussing.

COMPULSORY MODULES

Undergraduate Dissertation

Undertake independent research in an animal-related field with one-to-one support from an academic tutor.

Therapy in Practice

Understand how the theory learned in earlier modules is applied within a practice.

Animal Therapy 2

The second module specifically exploring the types of therapies used within the animal industry.

OPTIONAL MODULES

Optional modules

Optional modules change each year in line with student, industry and research demands.

Recent subjects have included developments in animal science, animal microbiology, animal nutrition, and epidemiology. You can attend introductory sessions for optional modules before deciding which ones to study.

Please visit our document library for more module information.

HOW YOU'LL STUDY

How you'll study

We're committed to supporting you to fulfil your unique potential, which is why you'll receive a minimum of 15 hours of scheduled teaching time per week in your first two years (level three foundation year and level four) - this is 25% above the UK average.

Your support network

You'll benefit from a strong support network from day one to be the best you can be. This will range from your personal tutor and specialist academic support team (our Achievement and Success Centre) to dedicated wellbeing and employability (Innovation, Careers and Enterprise) centres.

Your learning experiences

You'll experience a range of teaching methods to strengthen your digestion of topics, including lectures, workshops and practical sessions, as well as supported work placement learning as part of many courses.

Your career

Each year of your course will be made up of two semesters, within which you'll study compulsory and optional modules on different industry-focused topics, enabling you to develop your own unique portfolio of knowledge, skills and experience, ready for your career.

Further details

The course is taught in English.

+ Academic support

You'll have your own personal tutor while you're here who will support you to succeed in your studies. You'll also have access to our academic and wellbeing support teams who run regular workshops and one-to-one sessions on campus and online.

Alongside this, we have a comprehensive bank of online study skills resources to help you make the most of your qualification.

+ Module credits

On successful completion of your modules you'll gain academic credit that accumulates towards your award. The marks you gain in your third and final years may contribute towards your final degree classification.

– Teaching modes

The foundation year includes an internship using Hartpury's on-site facilities and industry links.

The modules contain a mixture of scheduled learning – lectures, workshops, seminars and practical sessions – alongside independent learning. You're expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. Some modules offer trips to locations, such as dog training facilities, to show students how their knowledge can be applied within the animal industry. Some modules may also bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Year	Contact learning	Placement learning	Independent learning
Level three foundation year (year one)	30%	0%	70%
Level four (year two)	30%	0%	70%
Level five (year three)	24%	7%	76%
Placement year - optional	1%	80%	19%
Level six (final year)	17%	4%	79%

+ Teaching contact time

You'll receive a minimum of 15 hours scheduled contact time per week in your first two years (level three Foundation Year and level four). In subsequent years, scheduled contact will vary depending on the modules you select but is typically around 12 hours per week.

– Assessment and feedback

You'll be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and written assignments or 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. Feedback will be given with each assessment either via a feedback sheet or summary page, or via an academic tutorial.

Year	Written exam	Practical exam	Coursework
Level three foundation year (year one)	16%	40%	44%
Level four (year two)	37%	40%	23%
Level five (year three)	45%	16%	39%
Level six (final year)	29%	0%	71%

+ Timetables

Each year of this course is taught over two semesters, normally consisting of 12 weeks of scheduled teaching and then assessment weeks, with an overview below:

- scheduled teaching takes place between 8:30 to 20:30 Monday to Friday
- you will always have one day without timetabled sessions
- Wednesday afternoons are normally reserved for sports and cultural activities
- work placements may entail different days and hours
- part-time students may need to attend learning activities five days each week, depending on modules selected
- timetables are available during enrolment week

[View term dates](#) ►

EMPLOYABILITY

Your career

Industry opportunities on this course are diverse to ensure you develop the skills, experience and connections needed for your graduate career. Many of our students secure graduate roles with their work placement employers.

Work placements and experience



These form part of your core modules, alongside an optional integrated placement year. We'll support you to secure a placement with a UK-based employer, to match your interests and career goals. Placements can be paid or unpaid, depending on the position. Students have worked with a variety of both equine and canine therapy centres.

Our commercial canine and equine therapy centres also offer opportunities for students to gain industry experience ready for their careers – either on work placements or as part of voluntary roles.

Field trips and guest lecturers

Field trips and industry professionals in lectures form an important part of your learning, enabling you to experience different businesses, careers and best practices.

Recent field trips have included Guide Dogs for the Blind and Crufts. Extra fees may be required.

Students have also heard from expert guest lecturers specialising in the therapy, veterinary and dog training professions.

Graduate destinations

As an Applied Animal Science and Therapy graduate, you may go on to work in a variety of sectors such as animal nutrition, therapy, health and diagnostics. You'll also have the transferable skills you need for other graduate careers. Our careers team can support you to find and prepare to secure your perfect role. Possible graduate destinations include:

- Canine or Equine Hydrotherapist (with further qualifications)
- Animal Physiotherapy (postgraduate study)
- Animal Therapy
- Animal Nutrition
- Research Assistantships
- Masters and PhD programmes
- Laboratory Technicians

FACILITIES



World-class facilities

You'll have access to a diverse range of facilities while you're here, many of which are newly built and world class. Alongside lecture halls and workshop spaces, these include:

Laboratories

Our laboratories are modern and well equipped, providing the ideal spaces for scientific activities and research. Some are used for

specialist microbiological culturing and analysis, others for biochemistry and physiology.

Animal Collections

We have a variety of animal collections including both domestic and exotic species. Activities within these areas include handling, management and welfare assessments. Technologies to enhance our understanding of animals include thermal imaging and biomechanics analysis, as well as a range of behavioural measurement tools.

Canine and equine therapy centres

Our on-site commercial canine and equine therapy centres offer opportunities for you to gain industry experience ready for your career. You'll get to work alongside trained physiotherapy and hydrotherapy professionals to enhance industry experience and skills.

Study spaces

Our University Learning Centre has journals, ebooks, computers and break-out study spaces, as well as our Study Zone – an informal space with sports equipment, study booths and chill-out spaces to support both studying and relaxation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements

- **UCAS tariff points** | A typical offer for this course is 32-48 UCAS points or equivalent.
- **GCSE** | A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 9 to 4, (or A* to C grades if relevant) or equivalent, to include English Language and Mathematics.
- **A-Level** | Typical offer is DD-EE or equivalent. This must include a minimum of one A Level.
- **Vocational Award** | Typical offer is a PPP in an Extended Diploma or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- **Access** | Typical offer is 32-48 UCAS tariff points in an Access to Higher Education Diploma.
- **Scottish Highers** | Typical offer is 32-48 UCAS tariff points in Scottish Highers. This must include a minimum of one Higher.
- We welcome students with equivalent qualifications. Please contact us to discuss.
- We may interview mature applicants and those with non-traditional qualifications to ensure this is the right course for you.

- Previous learning towards a university-level qualification or relevant work experience may count as credit for this course.
- Please contact us for further information:

[Email us](#) ▶

FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition fees and financial support

Please visit our student finance page for information on tuition fees and student loans, as well as non-repayable grants, bursaries and scholarships, eligible to different groups, to support with study costs.

[Explore student finance](#) ▶

Below, you'll find extra costs associated with studying this course.

Clothing and footwear

You'll need to purchase appropriate clothing and footwear before you enrol, or during enrolment week. We'll let you know exactly what you need to purchase in your enrolment guide – everything is available from our supplier's online shop for approximately £100.

[Visit Hartpury shop](#) ▶

Optional field trips

While some trips are included in the course fees, there is the opportunity to engage in optional trips with additional costs involved. These trips change year on year. Any extra opportunities and the associated costs will be communicated with you.

Accommodation and living costs

Please visit our student accommodation page for details.

[Explore accommodation](#) ▶



TEF Gold

We hold Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework



Top 10%

We're in the top 10% of UK providers for student satisfaction (NSS, 2020)



96%

of graduates are in employment, further study or other purposeful activity (Graduate Outcomes, 2020*)

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for the BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science with Therapy degree course via UCAS.

FURTHER COURSE DETAILS

For further details about this course, including the programme specification and module descriptions, please visit our document library.

Important information

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our published course information, however our programmes are reviewed and developed regularly. Changes or cancellation of courses may be necessary to ensure alignment with emerging employment areas, to comply with accrediting body requirements, revisions to subject benchmark statements or as a result of student feedback. We reserve the right to make necessary changes and will notify all offer-holders of changes as and when they occur.

*Reflects activities after 15 months for those who graduated in 2018.

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