

BSc (Hons)

# Agriculture (Level 6 entry)

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UCAS Code: **D416**

Typical offer: **A pass at foundation degree or HND in agriculture or a related subject.**

Duration: **One year full time**

Awarding body: **Hartpury University**

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## OVERVIEW

### Course overview

**If you want to progress into an agricultural management career, helping to find solutions to the world's most pressing issue of food production and land use, then this is the ideal course for you.**

You'll learn how to build a productive, resilient and sustainable industry - whether as a farm manager, agronomist, economist, policymaker, researcher, scientist or consultant – career opportunities are diverse.

The extensive industry experience of lecturers, an on-campus commercial farm that supplies Müller and Marks & Spencer, as well as our £2 million Agri-Tech Centre, will prepare you to make that positive impact on the future.

You'll have access to 400 hectares of commercial farmland, real-world business briefs and industry placements. You'll benefit from up to 980 hours working and applying your knowledge as part of your degree. This includes a supported work placement during each year of study that counts as credits towards your degree meaning you'll graduate ready for employment.

## WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

**What you'll study**



This Level 6 top-up degree covers a broad range of fundamental agricultural topics through core modules. 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.

## Level six (final year)

Your core modules allow you to focus on your own areas of interest. You'll have a placement module (240 hours) in a sector of the industry of your choosing and a research project to support you in your future career. Alongside your core modules, optional modules will expose you to contemporary challenges and developments in crop and livestock production, the agricultural supply chain and strategic management.

Module delivery is designed to support you to complete your placement alongside your study.

## COMPULSORY MODULES

### **Animal and Agriculture Dissertation OR Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate/Applied Research Project**

### **Animal and Agriculture Dissertation OR Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate AND Applied Research Project**

#### **Animal and Agriculture Dissertation**

This module involves independent research and analysis in an animal or agriculture-related field with one to-one support from an academic.

#### **Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate**

You will advance your ability to undertake a research project, from reviewing existing knowledge to developing your own research proposal.

#### **Applied Research Project**

This module involves independent research and analysis with one to one support from an academic.

### **Industry reflection on agricultural practice (industry placement)**

The module enables you to reflect on the skills and experiences they have gained during the time spent in the industry.

### **Developments in Crop Production**

This module will investigate a broad range of topics that will allow the student to gain further knowledge and understanding of the key developments in sustainable crop production and

management and be able to critically analyse and evaluate development impact on all stake holders in the industry (producers, processor and consumers).

### **Developments in Livestock Production**

The module will investigate a broad range of topics that will allow the student to gain further knowledge and understanding of the key developments in sustainable livestock production and management and be able to critically analyse and evaluate development impact on all stake holders in the industry (producers, consumers and animals).

## **OPTIONAL MODULES**

### **Supply Chain Management**

In this module students will discover the mechanisms by which the agrifood supply chain takes our food supply from farm to fork. They will discuss current research and contemporary issues affecting the agrifood supply chain which will enable them to grasp current practices and trends and consider the impact these may have on the producer. They will learn about the relationships between actors in the agrifood supply chain and how these influence the business practices currently employed. They will analyse and evaluate supply chain management practices with a focus on the drive towards sustainable supply chain management (SSCM) and the mechanisms by which this can be delivered. The module will also involve a non-assessed project that enables students to gain hands on experience within the sector. Previous projects have included the making of their own cider with a local cidemaker to be marketed by the students.

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 year - 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 will experience a range of teaching methods to strengthen your digestion of topics, including workshops and practical sessions, as well as supported work placement learning as part of your 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

### + Academic support

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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

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

### + Teaching modes

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The modules contain a mixture of scheduled learning – lectures, workshops and practical sessions. You are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. Your course may also include work placement learning as part of some modules.

The course is taught in English.

Year	Contact learning	Placement learning	Independent learning
Level six (final year)	14%	19%	67%

### + Teaching contact time

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You'll receive a minimum of 15 hours scheduled contact time per week in your first year. In subsequent years, scheduled contact will vary depending on the modules you select but is typically around 12 hours per week.

### + Assessment and feedback

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You'll be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and written assignments. 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 in person through individual 1:1 tutorial, through group tutorials and online through the VLE.

Year	Written exam	Practical exam	Coursework
Level six (final year)	25%	4%	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
- 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



### 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 trips to Somerset and Devon, ADAS and Agrii field trials, livestock farms, dairy tech and crop-tec. Extra fees are required – please see the fees tab.

Recent guest lecturers have included plant breeders, grain marketers, livestock nutritionists and agricultural managers within the banking and supermarket sectors.

### Graduate destinations

As a Hartpury agriculture graduate, you could progress into a range of careers including:

- Agronomy
- Livestock nutrition
- Biosecurity
- Agricultural policy
- Research
- Farm manager
- Food security and safety
- Agricultural consultancy

## 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:

### 380-hectare commercial farm

Our commercial farm consists of mixed farming enterprises including a dairy herd, sheep flock, beef rearing and finishing, and arable production. You'll be able to apply your knowledge into practice during applied sessions on the farm and have access to farm data for a range of modules.

### Agri-Tech Centre

Our on-campus Agri-Tech Centre is a joint project with the Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (GFirst LEP). The centre connects the livestock farming community with smart technologies to help drive forward productivity and sustainability. You'll have opportunities to engage with tech companies, industry and research through the centre.

### 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 food safety and physiology.

### Study spaces

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Our University Learning Centre has books, journals, ebooks, computers and breakout study spaces. In addition, we have a Study Lounge – an informal space with sports equipment, study booths and chill-out spaces to support both studying and relaxation.



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Entry requirements

- A pass at foundation degree or HND in agriculture or a related subject.
- Direct entry into Level 6 can be subject to interview and approval of prior content covered in evolution, ecology and general conservation biology principles.
- We may interview mature applicants and those with non-traditional qualifications to ensure this is the right course for you.
- We welcome students with equivalent qualifications. Please contact us to discuss.
- 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.

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

#### **Clothing and footwear (circa £100)**

You will need to purchase appropriate clothing and footwear before you enrol, or during enrolment. 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**

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.

### **Short Courses**

Hartpury also subsidises optional short courses for a reduced cost that allows students to gain relevant experience and qualifications prior to graduation. Short courses include PA1, PA2, PA6, All Terrain Vehicle training, chainsaw maintenance and basic operations and Telescopic Handler (RTTLT Loadall).

### **Performance Sports Academy membership**

Find out costs and details for joining one of our performance Sports Academy teams.

### **Hartpury gym**

Find out about costs and details for joining the Hartpury gym.

### **Accommodation and living costs**

Please visit our accommodation page.

**Explore accommodation** ▶



#### **Top 10**

We're in the top 10 UK universities for teaching quality (The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2023)



#### **Top 10%**

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



#### **100%**

100% of our agriculture graduates are in employment, further study or other purposeful activity (Graduate Outcomes.

**TO APPLY**



You can apply for the BSc (Hons) Agriculture (Level 6) 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 2020.

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