Programme Specification

Part 1: Basic Data			
Primary Programme Title	Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture		
Target Award Titles	**Mode and Typical Duration of Study**	**Professional Accrediting Body Links**	**Study Abroad / Exchange / Credit Recognition**
PG Cert Sustainable Agriculture	Part time, 1 year	**None**	**None**
Interim Award Titles	Postgraduate Award in Agricultural Studies		
Teaching Delivery Method	Onsite		
Awarding Institution	Hartpury University		
Teaching Institution	Hartpury University		
Delivery Location	Hartpury		
Department Responsible for Programme	Animal and Agriculture		
Unit-E Code	**PGCCSAXX**		
Entry Criteria Information	Applicants will have achieved entry criteria appropriate for the stage of entry, which can be found through the Hartpury website (www.hartpury.ac.uk)		
Most Recent Validation Date	8 February 2024	**Due for Re-validation By**	01 September 2029
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Professional Accrediting Body Approval Date	N/A	**Date for Re-accreditation**	N/A
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Part 2: Programme Overview
Postgraduate certificate graduates can apply scientific principles and practices to make a positive difference in the constantly evolving global agricultural industry to meet the diverse range of challenges ahead. They have a knowledge and understanding of the practices and principles of sustainable production systems and resource management, and are able to critically analyse and evaluate the range of complex interactions between production, resource management, animal welfare and legislation in regards to meeting multiple sustainable development goals Graduates recognise that these skills and their ability to research, analyse and disseminate key findings will support the drive to change the agricultural industry in a beneficial manner to meet future aims and objectives.

	Part 3: Programme Structure		

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This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from enrolment through to graduation for a typical **full time student on the primary programme**, including:
- level and credit requirements
- award requirements that are in addition to those described in the Hartpury University Academic Regulations
- module diet, including core and optional modules.

Please note:

*PAB – these modules are subject to additional and variant regulations as part of an accreditation by a professional accrediting body

+ core modules marked + are not eligible for compensation

	Core Modules	Optional Modules	Target and Interim Awards
Stage 1	HAGVKE-15-7 + Sustainable Resource Management in Land-Based Industries HAGVJM-45-7 Sustainable Agricultural Production	None	<u>Postgraduate Award in Agricultural Studies</u> <u>PG Cert Sustainable Agriculture</u>

	Part 4: Programme Learning Outcomes

Modules in bold are core modules and modules not emboldened are optional modules.
A denotes a module that assesses a learning outcome and B denotes a module aligned with a learning outcome.

Learning Outcomes:	Sustainable Resource Management in Land-...	Sustainable Agricultural Production
A) Knowledge and Understanding of:		
1. How established techniques of research and enquiry underpins science, resource management and personal and professional development within the global sustainable agricultural industry.	A	A
2. Salient issues and industry-based problems, including sustainability, and the application of appropriate research methodologies to solve a range of complex issues.	B	A
3. The ethical frameworks, values and beliefs that inform sustainable agricultural production.	B	A
B) Intellectual Skills		
1. Apply critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis to their subject area.	A	A
2. Evaluate current and best practices in agricultural production and apply to problem solving in improving sustainability in agriculture.	B	A
3. Critically analyse data to inform decision making in complex situations, including in the absence of complete data.	B	A
C) Performance and Practice		
1. Effectively communicate scientific information to academic, professional and lay audiences	A	B
2. Advocate for increased use of sustainable development goals within agriculture employing an evidence-based approach	A	A
D) Setting, Personal and Enabling Skills		
1. Critically appraise how an individual's work in agriculture can contribute towards sustainability goals	A	A
2. Compose strategic plans with clear goals and outcomes	A	B
3. Utilise problem-solving skills in a variety of theoretical and practical situations	B	A

Part 5: Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Journey

Teaching will focus around the core knowledge areas of the programme with a strong emphasis on sustainability. Theory will be integrated alongside practical sessions giving the students the opportunity to apply academic evidence and arguments to real-world situations and problems. Group discussions will be at the heart of student learning allowing the experiences of all students and staff to be heard and analysed followed by chances to apply their ideas to the industry. Problem based learning will allow students to evaluate and challenge pre-existing practice, develop team and group working skills and present innovative solutions to their peers, stakeholders and academics.

Throughout the programme, students could engage with a diverse range of guest speakers, industry stakeholders and academics. The global context will be explored, enhanced by technology allowing speakers and input from around the globe. Students will have learning opportunities at Hartpury commercial enterprises and local specialist businesses to ensure they can continue to apply knowledge in different agricultural sectors.

All assessments will require students to apply theory to practice, underpinning arguments with industry and academic evidence within the global context. Assessments have been designed to develop students' skills within their chosen modules to enable them to achieve. Written assessments could be used to evaluate real-world scenarios, global case studies, develop student ability to write industry level reports and continue to develop their master's level criticality and academic skills. Different communication methods could be assessed to ensure graduates can effectively engage with a range of industry stakeholders and academics to further enhance their employability.

This programme will be assessed according to the approved Academic Regulations.

Students registered on this programme will have access to the Hartpury University support services.

The distinctive module used by the Programme Examination Board to inform recommending differential awards for students when considering borderline performance profiles will be:
Sustainable Resource Management in Land-Based Industries

Assessment Map

		Type of Assessment*							
		Coursework	Report	Portfolio	Written Examination	Written Test	Practical Skills Examination	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral Assessment
Core Modules Stage 1	Sustainable Agricultural Production	B (50) Coursework			A (50) Seen Open-Material Case Study Written Examination				
	Sustainable Resource Management in Land-Based Industries		B (50) Case Study Report						A (50) Oral Examination

*Indicative assessment types for new students enrolling on this programme after the date this specification takes effect (Part 1) are shown in terms of either Coursework, Written Examination, or Practical Examination as indicated by the colour coding above.

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found through Hartpury's website (www.hartpury.ac.uk).

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