

Programme Specification

Part 1: Basic Data			
Primary Programme Title	BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Level 6 entry)		
Target Award Titles	Mode and Typical Duration of Study	Professional Accrediting Body Links	Study Abroad / Exchange / Credit Recognition
BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Level 6 entry)	Full time, 1 year Part time, 2 years	None	None
Interim Award Titles	BSc Equine Science BSc Equine Studies Undergraduate Level 6 Award in Equine Studies		
Teaching Delivery Method	On-site		
Awarding Institution	Hartpury University		
Teaching Institution	Hartpury University		
Delivery Location	Hartpury		
Department Responsible for Programme	Equine		
Unit-E Code	BSHEESX6		
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	21 March 2022	Due for Re-validation by	01 September 2027
Amendment Approval Date	V1.1 – 02 August 2022 V2.0- 22 November 2022 V2.1 – 31 July 2023 V2.2 – 09 December 2024 V2.3 – 21 November 2025	Approved with Effect From	V1.1- 01 September 2022 V2.1 - 01 September 2023 V2.3 - 01 September 2025
Professional Accrediting Body Approval Date	None	Date for Re-accreditation	N/A
Version	2.3		

Part 2: Programme Overview

BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Level 6 entry) graduates have in-depth scientific knowledge relating to the advances in equine research in areas such as nutrition, athletic performance, and veterinary health. Through specialisation opportunities, graduates have developed additional in-depth knowledge and skills in associated subjects, relevant to their career aspirations. Through the development of strong transferable skills, graduates are able to pursue careers within and outside of the equine industry. They can apply their knowledge along with their critical awareness of current research practices to the creation of industry relevant enquiries to support wider knowledge development. To support knowledge transfer, graduates can communicate research findings with confidence to a range of audiences using various formats, allowing them to bridge the gap between science and industry.

Part 3: Programme Structure

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

1 these modules are accredited by a professional awarding body, but are not subject to variant regulations

^{AV} these modules are subject to additional and variant regulations but are not accredited by a professional awarding body.

	Core Modules	Optional Modules	Target and Interim Awards
Stage 3	<p>HEQVMB-30-6 Developments in Equine Research +</p> <p>Students need to select 45 credits from the following core module bundles:</p> <p>HEQVKT-45-6 Undergraduate Dissertation</p> <p>OR</p> <p>HANV3S-30-6 Applied Research Project AND HANV4Y-15-6 Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate</p>	<p>HEQVGM-15-6 Applied Equine Biomechanics</p> <p>HEQV4M-15-6 Equine Nutrition for Performance</p> <p>HEQV4N-15-6 Equine Sports Medicine</p> <p>HEQV4P-15-6 Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation</p> <p>HANV3L-15-6 Pharmacology</p> <p>HEQVKF-15-6 Undergraduate Independent Study OR HANV3M-15-6 Undergraduate Independent Study <i>pre-2025 only</i></p>	<p><u>Undergraduate Level 6 Award in Equine Studies</u></p> <p><u>BSc Equine Studies</u></p> <p><u>BSc Equine Science</u> This must include HEQVMB-30-6 Developments in Equine Research</p> <p><u>BSc (Hons) Equine Science</u> This must include all core modules</p>

Part time:

The part time student journey from entry through to graduation is individually negotiated with the student.

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:	Developments in Equine Research	Undergraduate Dissertation	Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate	Applied Research Project	Applied Equine Biomechanics	Equine Nutrition for Performance	Equine Sports Medicine	Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation	Pharmacology	Undergraduate Independent Study
A) Knowledge and Understanding of:										
1. The role of equine science to maintain social licence to operate in the equine industry	A				B	B	B	B	B	
2. Legislative, ethical and moral issues within equine research	A		A						B	B
3. Recent developments in equine science and their application to the equine industry	A	B	B	B						B
B) Intellectual Skills										
1. Apply knowledge of the biological function of the horse to management practices	A				B	B	B	B	B	
2. Analyse data to investigate theoretical concepts relating to the field of equine science	A	A	B	A	B	B				
3. Critique and analyse information to design an industry relevant project relating to the field of equine science	B	A	A	A	B					
4. Critically evaluate current research in the field of equine science to support sustainability of the equine industry	A	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B
C) Performance and Practice										
1. Prepare, interpret and present data using appropriate quantitative and qualitative techniques		A		A	B					
2. Apply theoretical knowledge to formulate a logical argument to challenge opinion	A					B		B		B

3. Utilise project management skills resulting in successful completion of industry projects	A	A	B	A						
4. Demonstrate problem solving skills in a variety of theoretical and practical settings	A	A		A		B				
D) Setting, Personal and Enabling Skills										
1. Demonstrate the ability to source relevant information using a wide range of sources to support discussion and arguments	A	B		B			B	B		B
2. Communicate scientific concepts in written and oral approaches to a range of audiences	A	A		A	A			A	B	
3. Recognise the value of individual contributions and significance of group dynamics for effective teamworking	A									
4. Develop a reflective approach when analysing personal effectiveness, wellbeing and be responsible for personal and professional development	A	B		B						

Part 5: Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Journey:

On the BSc (Hons) Equine Science programme, teaching is a mix of scheduled and independent learning. This programme aims to develop students to become independent critical thinkers, who can utilise a range of information and data to support their discussion and arguments and to develop industry relevant enquiries to support developments within the equine industry.

The level 6 entry point allows students who have successfully completed previous studies to meet the entry requirements to step up to the BSc (Hons) Equine Science qualification. The knowledge and experience gained during the previous study will provide students with a varied background which they will be able to build on at level 6.

At level 6, the BSc (Hons) Equine Science provides students with the opportunity to further specialise into aspects of health and physiology which relates to their future career paths within the industry. This is supported through the extensive use of guest speakers, active in equine specific research, providing students with a direct insight on the focus of current research and its impact within the wider equine industry. Underlying to this, students will gain valuable knowledge around developments in equine research, considering industry relevant enquiries and application of science to practice. As the pinnacle of the final stage, students will complete their own industry relevant research project, during which they will aim to further develop knowledge gained in relation to their chosen specialisation. Further assessments at this stage will incorporate industry relevant requirements, which may include live assessment briefs, providing students with an insight into real world requirements and application of prior knowledge gained throughout the degree.

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

Developments in Equine Research

Professional Accrediting Body documents to which this programme is mapped and or aligned:

None

Assessment Map

		Type of Assessment*							
		Coursework	Report	Portfolio	Written Examination	Written Test	Practical Skills Examination	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral Assessment
Core Modules Stage 3	Developments in Equine Research		B (25) Poster Report					A (75) Practical Skills Logbook	
	Undergraduate Dissertation OR		A (100) Project Report						
	Investigative Skills for the Successful Undergraduate AND	B (50) Coursework				A (50) Test			
	Applied Research Project		A (100) Project Report						
Optional modules Stage 3	Applied Equine Biomechanics								A (100) Poster Defence
	Equine Nutrition for Performance					A (100) Case Study Test			
	Equine Sports Medicine	B (50) Coursework				A (50) Test			
	Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation							A (100) Practical Skills Assessment	
	Pharmacology								A (100) Poster Defence
	Undergraduate Independent Study		A (100) Literature Review						



** Indicative assessment types for new students enrolling on this programme after the date this specification takes effect (Part 1) are shown in terms of **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).



Approved Programme Amendment Log



Primary Programme Title:	BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Level 6 entry)
Programme Code:	BSHEESX6
Initial Approval Date:	21 March 2022

Changes: *Most recent at the top of the page*


Current version number: 2.2	
Outline Change Details: Part 1 and 3: Interim awards updated - Certificate in Academic Skills removed. Undergraduate Level 6 Award in Equine Studies added.	
Do the changes presented alter the mapping against the Hartpury University Curriculum Framework (delete as appropriate)? No	
If yes, please provide the details of the changes:	
Material Alteration: No	
Rationale: Interim Awards updated to reflect changes to Academic Regulations.	
Change requested by: Hieke Brown I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	
Signature:	Date: 01/10/25
Name of Head of Department: Catherine Porter I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	
Signature:	Date: 07/10/25
Approval Committee and Date:	CSP 2025 11 21
Change approved with effect from:	01 September 2025
Resulting new version number:	2.3



Current version number: 2.1	
Outline Change Details: Part 3: Programme Structure – Stage 3 / Level 6 optional modules Undergraduate Independent Study module code changed from HANV3M-15-6 to HEQVKF-15-6, to reflect module amendment.	
Do the changes presented alter the mapping against the Hartpury University Curriculum Framework (delete as appropriate)? No	
Material Alteration: No	
Rationale: to ensure accuracy following module amendment resulting from a change of department – following a review of shared modules, this module has been moved to the Equine department as it now only contributes toward Equine programmes.	
Change requested by: Catherine Porter	

<p>I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change</p> <p>I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted</p> <p>I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report</p>	
Signature: 	Date: 18/12/24
<p>Name of Head of Department: Catherine Porter</p> <p>I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department;</p>	
Signature: 	Date: 18/12/24
Approval Committee and Date:	CVC 2024 12 09
Change approved with effect from:	01 September 2025
Resulting new version number:	2.2



Current version number: 5.2	
<p>Outline Change Details:</p> <p>Part 5: Assessment Map updated to reflect module amendment. Stage 3 / Level 6 optional module Pharmacology changed to A (100) Poster Defence, and Written Examination removed.</p>	
<p>Do the changes presented alter the mapping against the Hartpury University Curriculum Framework (delete as appropriate)? No</p>	
Material Alteration: No	
<p>Rationale: to ensure accuracy following module amendment to improve assessment calendar for student and staff experience.</p>	
<p>Change requested by: Wanda McCormick</p> <p>I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change</p> <p>I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted</p> <p>I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report</p>	
Signature: 	Date: 28/07/2023
<p>Name of Head of Department: Catherine Porter</p> <p>I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department;</p>	
Signature: 	Date: 28/07/23
Approval Committee and Date:	CSP Chair's Action 2023 07 31
Change approved with effect from:	01 September 2023
Resulting new version number:	2.1

Current version number: 1.1	
<p>Outline Change Details:</p> <p>Undergraduate Independent Study added as an optional module with relevant changes made to part 3, 4 and 5 to reflect this.</p>	
Material Alteration: No	

Rationale: Enables choice for external applicants who may not have covered content that is equivalent to the Pre-requisites on other modules.	
Change requested by: Hieke Brown I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report	
Signature: H. Brown	Date: 28/10/2022
Name of Head of Department: Catherine Porter I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department;	
Signature: 	Date: 08/11/2022
Approval Committee and Date:	CSP Chair's Action 2022 11 22
Change approved with effect from:	01 September 2023
Resulting new version number:	2.0

Current version number: 1.0	
Outline Change Details: Part 5: Equine Sports Medicine (HEQV4N-15-6) changed from Written examination to test Part 1: Certificate in Academic Skills added as interim awards	
Material Alteration: No	
Rationale: Change of assessment type continue the format that has been running for the last three years, and which has proved more positive in terms of student experience, student engagement and real-world preparation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change requested by: Kirsty Lesniak I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change / I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted / I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report	
Signature: 	Date: 01/07/2022
Name of Head of Department: Catherine Porter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department, and have not included a completed Resource Impact and Authorisation Form I can confirm that this change does not require a change to the HECOS code 	
Signature: 	Date: 11/07/2022
Approval Committee and Date:	CSP Chair's action 2022 08 02
Change approved with effect from:	01 September 2022
Resulting new version number:	1.1

Outline Change Details:
Section 1 Basic Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 6 entry route Update of information relating to the new programme specification requirements
Section 2 Programme Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of the programme overview to reflect the renewed focus of the degree programme, as related to Level 6 entry
Section 3 Programme Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme structure for level 6 entry in alignment with new programme BSc (Hons) Equine Science. Different options for core module groups depending on students' previous degree Difference with BSc (Hons) Equine Science is the removal of Advanced Animal Microbiology from option modules
Section 4: Programme Learning Outcomes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh of programme learning outcomes to align with new programme focus at level 6, ensuring learning outcomes cover key requirements and expectations for level 6 BSc (Hons) Equine Science graduates. • Learning outcomes have been linked to the Refresh mapping document and where appropriate against the Royal Society of Biology 	
Section 5: Teaching, Learning and Assessment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update of the teaching, learning and assessment strategy specific to level 6 entry • Assessment map updates to include new modules and assessments included within modules to ensure scaffolding of assessment requirements • Change of distinctive module from Undergraduate Dissertation to Developments in Equine Research for both standard and level 6 entry routes 	
Material Alteration: Yes and is accompanied by the relevant course information document.	
Rationale: As part of the revalidation of the BSc (Hons) Equine Science programme, it will now include a level 6 entry point for students who have completed a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma	
Change requested by: Dr Hieke Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can confirm that student representatives have been consulted about this change ✓ I can confirm that colleagues impacted by this change have been consulted ✓ I have retained evidence of these consultations, which will be summarized within the Programme Enhancement Report 	
Signature: 	Date: 19/11/2021
Name of Head of Department: Catherine Porter <input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that this change does not require additional resources beyond the scope of those already present or planned for by the department;	
Signature: 	Date: 20/11/2021
Approval Committee and Date:	Curriculum Validation Committee action 2022/03/21
Change approved with effect from:	01 September 2022
Resulting new version number:	1.0