

Foundation Degree Equine Studies



In a nutshell

The FdSc Equine Studies course includes a distinctive theoretical and practical mix of lectures studying all aspects of the horse in relation to care, management, breeding, competition and business.

This course is for you if...

- ...You wish to gain a valuable qualification and experience in the equine industry
- ...You want a theoretical and practical mix of study
- ...You have a keen interest and passion for the equine industry.

What will I be doing?

A number of science modules will ease you into a BSc equine courses if you wish to progress on successful graduation. As the Usk Campus equine facilities also include a BHS examination



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centre there will be the potential to sit BHS examinations at the college.

You will be taught through a balanced programme of lectures, seminars, workshops, practicals, field visits and lab work. Assessment methods may take various forms such as essays, practical exercises, oral presentations, exams, lab reports, worksheets, case studies, practical reports, portfolios, magazine articles, webpages and podcasts.

You will achieve a Foundation Degree which is equivalent to the first two years of study on a degree programme (Level 4 and Level 5).

In year one the modules you will be studying are:

- Horsemastership
- Breeding and Stud
- Equine Business
- Domestic Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Skills for Animal, Equine & Veterinary Bio-scientists in Equine Exercise Physiology

In year two, upon successful completion of year one and work experience, the modules you will be studying are:

- Equine Grassland & Business Management
- Equine Event Management & Advanced Horsemastership
- Applied Nutrition of Horses
- Research Methods
- Veterinary Health
- Equine Industry & Study Tour

What is expected of me?

Entry requirements for applicants aged 18-21 years: A Levels CC-DDD

GCSE requirements (grade C min): English or Welsh, Mathematics or a Science subject

BTEC National Diploma: MMP

Mature students (aged 21+) will be dealt with on an individual basis and whilst no formal qualifications are required, an interest in horses and a desire to learn is essential.

The usual timetable for this course runs over two days per week and students will be expected

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to attend all sessions. There will be an expectation for students to complete at least 20 hours per week of independent study and research. In addition to this there will be a work placement module of which the student will be expected to source their own placement(s) to cover the required six weeks, tutor guidance will be available if necessary.

What comes next?

Students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree are automatically offered entry into the second year of a suitable degree programme at Aberystwyth University. The University will also offer students who demonstrate consistently good performance entry into the final year of a suitable degree programme.

Your degree in equine studies will provide an excellent basis for a career in the following:

- Management and supervision
- Equine enterprises
- Stud manager
- Trainer
- Nutrition research officer
- Horse passport officer
- RSPCA inspector

Additional information

This course is franchised by Aberystwyth University.

Additional Costs:

Year 1

For Health and Safety you will need to purchase suitable clothing and footwear to work on the yard for practicals:

Riding hat (to current BHS standards), boots, jodhpurs and gloves (costs will vary).

You will also need to purchase a dissection kit and lab coat (approximately £20 each).

Year 2

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Nutrition practical (approximately £50)

Study tour (approximately £250)

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