

# T Level in Ornamental Horticulture



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Horticulture	Level 3	Full-Time	2 years	September 2025

## Practical vs Theory



## The Course

Are you looking to develop a career in ornamental horticulture? This Horticulture T Level course, focusing on ornamental plants and landscaping, will give you the knowledge and skills you need. You'll enjoy the perfect combination of theoretical study in the classroom and hands-on experience in our dedicated horticultural facilities and with our industry partners. T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers to meet the needs of the industry. As a Level 3 qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels, this course offers a balance of classroom theory, practical learning, and a hands-on industry placement. You will spend 55% of your time in the classroom and the other 45% involved in practical activities, including time spent in professional horticulture environments. The focus of practical activities will vary with the seasons. Additionally, T Levels carry UCAS points, allowing you to progress to university if you choose.

## Course Aims

- > To provide you with practical and knowledge-based learning, with specialist components focused on landscaping, caring for planted areas and plant science.
- > Allow you to study and develop skills in real working environments, preparing you for employment.
- > To give you the knowledge you need to progress to university level study, should you wish.

## What You Will Study

- > Sustainability, including environmental legislation, sustainable development, climate change and waste management principles
- > The principles of horticulture including; plant science, plant propagation, establishing plants and maintaining planted areas
- > Employment rights and responsibilities and progression opportunities within the sector
- > The various sectors of the horticulture industry; turf management, ornamental horticulture, hard landscaping, garden design
- > The supply chain and principles of managing a horticultural business
- > Business organisations, enterprise skills and project management
- > Characteristics protected by equality legislation
- > Communication
- > Principles of customer care
- > Finance
- > Health and safety
- > Information and data
- > Occupational specialism: Ornamental Horticulture

## Entry Requirements

You will need 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above. These must include English and Maths.

## Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through classroom sessions, practical work and blended learning.

## Time Required on Campus

You will usually be on campus four days per week.

## Work Experience

You will need to undertake a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) of on-the-job experience through an industry placement.

## How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through formative assessments, synoptic assessments and examinations.

## Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Overalls
- > Steel toe capped boots
- > Hi-vis vest
- > Wellington boots
- > Gardening gloves

## Progression

This T Level will allow you to progress to university level study or straight into employment.

## Careers

This course will allow you to explore careers as a professional horticulturalist, head gardener, managing your own business, and many more.