

Level 1 in Land-Based Studies



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Agriculture	Level 1	Full-Time	1 year	September 2026

Practical vs Theory



The Course

Are you interested in a career within the land-based sector? This introductory course is designed to help you develop the confidence and skills that you will need whilst studying. It makes the best possible use of our outstanding facilities, including a mixture of Agriculture and Countryside studies.

What You Will Study

- > Safe and effective working practices in the land-based industries
- > Preparing to work in the land-based industries
- > Assisting with the use of transport and maintenance of tool and equipment
- > Assisting with the care of animals
- > Assisting with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals
- > Assisting with the maintenance of structures and surfaces in the countryside
- > Introduction to wildlife and conservation
- > English and Maths, as required

Entry Requirements

You will need a full Entry Level 3 qualification, or equivalent, as well as 3 GCSEs at grades 1-2, including Maths and English. A passion for the subject and one satisfactory reference are also required.

Time Required on Campus

You will usually be in college three days a week.

Work Experience

Work Experience is required to be achieved this course. 60 hours in total. You will be expected to source your own work experience within the land-based sector, such as at a farm, farm shop, garden centre, in countryside management, at equestrian yards, kennels or catteries, fruit and vegetable shops or within

agricultural engineering. Paperwork will be provided during induction week, You will need to speak with the employer to ensure they have public liability insurance and that they are happy to accommodate you. Once you have handed the form to our Course Manager to be processed, you just need to sit back and relax until it has been approved.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > A pair of strong sturdy safety boots or Wellington Boots (with steel toe-caps)
- > One pair of college-branded overalls - preferably made of cotton
- > Waterproof coveralls
- > Folder with dividers to organise your work and assignments
- > Stationery including notepad for use in class, pens and pencils
- > High-visibility bib

Progression

You will be able to progress to relevant Level 2 study, i.e. Level 2 in Agriculture. Alternative Courses include the Open Awards Employability and Professional Development or Supported Internship.

Careers

You will be able to explore a wide variety of roles in the land-based industry, such as on an arable or livestock farm, with animals in sanctuaries and wildlife centres, in environmental conservation and horticulture.