BISHOP BURTON College

T Level in Ornamental Horticulture at Bishop

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Horticulture	Level 3	Full-Time	2 years	September 2026

Practical vs Theory

45% 55%

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.

Financial Information

Find the full details of the fees associated with this programme and the financial support available on our https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/degree-level-courses/information/fees-and-finance.

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