FdSc Applied Equine Management (Coaching)

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date	UCAS Code
Equine	Foundation Degree (Level 5)	Full-Time	2 years full-time/3 years part-time	September 2026	D3C7

The Course

This programme is designed to develop excellent equine practical management skills underpinned with sound academic knowledge to promote the health and well-being of horses whilst enhancing welfare and performance. You will study a breadth of modules surrounding equine management and undertake a vast amount of practical experience on our busy commercial equine centre to be well prepared to enter a variety of applied roles in the industry. The coaching pathway offers excellent preparation for those looking to gain skills in developing the performance of the horse and rider dynamic, with applied coaching techniques developed throughout the programme as well as underpinning of science to inform training of both the human and equine athlete.

Course Aims

- Develop you into a critically informed, reflective and adaptable graduate that is prepared to enter a wide variety of scientific roles. Give you the key theoretical underpinning of scientific principles surrounding application of equine management practices. Equip you with the practical skills and vocational experience in preparation for entering a diverse range of employment opportunities within the equine management, training and reproduction roles. Help you to become an independent student with a reflective approach to enhancing their own career prospects and continued professional development. Equip you with the skills, knowledge and understanding to work effectively in the equine industry, with specialisms developing towards sport science and coaching. Give you the ability to assess and explore alternative solutions to promote health and performance.

What You Will Study

Year 1

- Equine Anatomy and Physiology
- Academic, Employment and Professional Skills
- Applied Vocational Equine Management
- Equine Sports Coaching
- Equine Industry and Event Management
- Introduction to Research Skills
- OPTION MODULE - You will select from one of the following two modules. (Option modules will run where there are sufficient student numbers, otherwise an alternative option module may be offered.)
- Equine Multi-disciplinary Team
- Equitation (A ridden assessment will be required to select this option. For the welfare of both students and horses, a rider weight limit of 13 stone (83 kg) applies when riding college horses. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact admissions@bishopburton.ac.uk.)
- Free training towards BHS Stage Assessments throughout your programme

Year 2

- Equine Exercise Physiology
- Equine Facility Management
- Advanced Equine Coaching
- Rider Health and Fitness
- Introductory Research Analysis
- Equine Reproductive Physiology
- OPTION MODULE - You will select from one of the following two modules. (Option modules will run where there are sufficient student numbers, otherwise an alternative option module may be offered.)
- Equine Behaviour and Welfare
- Advanced Equitation (A ridden assessment will be required to select this option. For the welfare of both students and horses, a rider weight limit of 13 stone (83 kg) applies when riding college horses. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact admissions@bishopburton.ac.uk.)
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Entry Requirements

You will be required to have:

- A minimum of 72 UCAS points

AND

- GCSE English at grade 4 or above, or an equivalent qualification

- A suitable reference

- Equitation modules require riding standards to be at the level of working towards BHS Stage 2

UCAS points may be from qualifications such as A Levels, T Levels, BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas, Access to Higher Education Diplomas, and City and Guilds Advanced Technical Diplomas amongst others. Please use the UCAS Tariff points calculator to determine the UCAS points value of your qualifications.

Life and/or experience of non-traditional students will be taken into account when considering applications. The successful completion of an entry task may be required when considering applications without the required formal entry qualifications.

If your first language is not English, or a Tier 4 student visa to study is required and GCSE grade C/4 English or equivalent is not held, English language proficiency level such as International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.0 overall (with a minimum 5.5 in each skill) will need evidencing.

Advanced entry may be possible due to prior experience or certificated learning; applicants are invited to complete the accreditation of prior learning approval process. If you have an appropriate HNC, you can apply for direct entry to Year 2.

Teaching and Learning Approach

This programme is delivered with a variety of learning and teaching approaches to include all students' learning styles and preferences. For all modules, theory lectures are delivered that aim to deliver the core content and provide the underpinning knowledge. To complement the theory lectures, you will have group seminars/practical sessions that are used to reinforce concepts delivered theoretically, utilising excellent laboratory facilities and equine centre. The teaching methods focus on facilitating a student centred approach to enhance the independent learning that takes place outside of the classroom. Within work based learning modules you will undertake weekly yard experience with both academic and commercial instructors, developing both industry and transferable skills.

Time Required on Campus

FULL TIME: You will have approximately 12-16 hours of contact time each week, including lectures, seminars, practicals and tutorials. This is inclusive of four hours experience per week at our commercial Equine Centre at level 4 and two hours per week at level 5. You are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study in addition to contact time (25-30 hours a week).
PART TIME: You will have approximately 6-11 hours of contact time each week, including lectures, seminars, practicals and tutorials. This is inclusive of four hours experience per week at our commercial Equine Centre. You are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study in addition to contact time (18-20 hours a week). You can expect to receive your timetable during induction week.

Work Experience

You will undertake 80 hours of external work placements within an appropriate establishment during level 4 of the programme.

How You’re Assessed

The programme incorporated a variety of assessment methods across each academic year. The mix of assessments will seek to challenge and evaluate your knowledge, understanding and skills. Assessments for this programme may include written assignments, time constrained assessments, logbooks/portfolios, practical assessments, seminars and presentations, project-based assessments and examinations. Tutors provide support for assessments in class. There will also be opportunity for formative assessment and feedback during the delivery of each module to monitor learning, and to support and prepare you for the summative assessments which make up the module. Feedback on your summative assessments will be given which will allow you to guide efforts and activities in subsequent modules. Staff aim to return assessed work within a 20 working day timeframe (not including holidays) so that you can most benefit from the feedback.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- A tablet, smartphone, laptop or stationery to take notes in lectures and seminars.
- College-branded white laboratory coat.
- Riding hat to current (PAS015 (2011) with BSI kitemark) standard in a dark plain colour or silk.
- Plain, dark coloured trousers or breeches or jodhpurs, not jeans.
- Gloves for horse handling.
- Suitable yard boots or wellington boots (NB: Boots are not permitted within the classroom, so a change of footwear will be required).
- If you are undertaking any riding at Bishop Burton, you will also need: A body protector (BETA Level Three 2018. We do not permit air jackets in any day to day sessions), long riding boots or short boots with gaiters, schooling/jumping whip, long sleeved base layer or thin top, soft peaked hat or preferably jockey skull hat and silk to the standards listed above.
- You may require an enhanced DBS Disclosure, which would be at your own expense. You can check the current cost on the www.gov.uk website.
- Any educational visits/trips and enrichment activities will be additional to the course fees, students will be made aware of these optional visits and associated costs as required.
- Students can access free British Horse Society exam training onsite during their studies, the examination cost and BHS membership is an additional cost (exams can be undertaken onsite).
- On successful completion of the programme, you will have the opportunity to graduate at a ceremony wearing formal dress. The hire of the formal dress is an additional cost.

Progression

This programme prepares you to go on to further study within areas such as teaching, BHS qualifications and industry careers such as performance analysis. You are also able to progress to top up to the BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Science and Coaching here at UCBB.

Careers

Upon graduating from this programme you could progress into a wide variety of areas including yard and facility management as well as teaching/lecturing, within retail companies, product manufacturers and welfare organisation. Practical skill development will allow you to consider self-employment.

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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