

BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Wildlife Conservation



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date	UCAS Code
Environmental Conservation	Bachelors Degree (Level 6)	Full-Time	3 years full-time	September 2024	ABWC

The Course

The programme offers a blend of Animal Behaviour and Wildlife Conservation to give you the key academic and practical skills required for running successful captive breeding programme, including caring for animals in captivity and maintaining natural behaviour. You will learn from a range of animals, allowing you to apply your knowledge across species. The conservation and ecology elements utilise the Bishop Burton campus, which is made up of 750 acres and woodland to develop surveying skills and wider employer partners to undertake projects such as The Hedgerow Project.

What You Will Study

Year 1

- > Academic Professional Skills and GIS
- > Animal Behaviour
- > Introduction to Physiology and Genetics
- > Industry Skills
- > Principles of Ecology Conservation
- > Introduction to Captive Management

Year 2

- > Wildlife Rehabilitation and reintroductions
- > Behaviour of Key Species
- > Field Studies with Data Analysis
- > Independent Project
- > Business Project Management
- > Welfare Ethics and Legislation

Year 3

- > Educational Outreach
- > International Conservation Biology
- > Welfare Assessments
- > Captive Breeding Management
- > Final Project

Entry Requirements

You will need:

A minimum of 96 UCAS points OR a relevant BTEC Level 3 and significant industrial experience

Plus:

GCSE English 4 or above or equivalent and a suitable reference

UCAS points may be from qualifications such as T Levels, A 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 an applicants first language is not English, or a Tier 4 student visa to study is required and GCSE English at grade 4/C or equivalent is not held, they will need to evidence their English language proficiency level, such as International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.0 overall (with a minimum 5.5 in each skill).

Advanced entry may be possible due to prior experience or certificated learning; applicants will be invited to complete the recognition of prior learning approval process.

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. The teaching methods focus on facilitating a student centred approach to enhance the independent learning that takes place outside of the classroom.

Time Required on Campus

The full-time route includes up to 16 hours of contact time per week, encompassing lectures, seminars, practicals and tutorials. You are also expected to carry out a significant amount of independent study in addition to contact time (approximately 25-30 hours a week). Independent study includes reading around the subject, preparing for tutorials and seminars, preparing for, and completing, module assessments; forming an essential part of your learning journey. You can expect to receive your timetable during induction week.

How You're Assessed

Assessment includes written assignments, seminars, poster presentations, training practical, practical reports and demonstrations. There are no formal examinations. Opportunities for feedback on assessments are available prior to the final submission to support your development and achievement. Staff aim to return assessed work within a 15 working day timeframe (not including holidays) so that you can most benefit from the feedback.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > A tablet, laptop or stationery to take notes in lectures and seminars.
- > College-branded white laboratory coat.
- > College-branded blue kennel coat.
- > Appropriate waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear for outdoor practicals.
- > Strong steel toe capped boots for practical sessions.
- > Roughly £300 to cover the costs of field trips and visits over the duration of your programme.
- > The college has a strict policy of not allowing work boots inside college buildings you will need to have alternative footwear (shoes or trainers) to attend lectures and tutorials.
- > 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.