

BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour and Training

Duration:	Full time (3 years) or Part time (5 years)
Awarding Body:	University of Hull
Campus:	Riseholme
Accredited by:	Animal Behaviour & Training Council <i>and</i> Karen Pryor Academy

Programme Aims

The aims of the programmes are to produce students with a sound academic and practical knowledge of the disciplines and factors that relate to animal behaviour, management, science and welfare. The programmes are designed to give students the opportunity to acquire detailed knowledge of animal behaviour, management, science and welfare that can be related to a range of species and situations.

What will I study?

Year 1: Modules introduce the student to animal behaviour, animal anatomy & physiology, health and nutrition, research methods and academic skills.

Year 2: Subjects become more applied, including human and animal psychology, animal welfare and legislation, domestic and exotic species behaviour, statistics and animal training. Students also select one option module.

Year 3: Consolidation of previous knowledge and investigating new areas such as advanced training skills, alternative therapies, consulting and animal communication. The final year also includes a 10,000 word dissertation project on a relevant subject area.

- ✓ Option modules will run where there are sufficient student numbers, otherwise an alternative option module may be offered.
- ✓ The programme includes business elements to improve transferable skills and enable students to set up their own businesses or enter graduate level employment.
- ✓ There is a strong emphasis on applying theoretical knowledge to practical situations using our excellent animal facilities.

Learning and Teaching 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, students 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. Teaching will take place on the Riseholme campus.

What is the contact time?

Approximately **16** hours a week to include lectures, seminars, practicals and tutorials. Students are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study in addition to contact time (**25-30** hours a week). Part-time is also available. Students can expect to receive their timetables during induction week.

How will I be 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 student development and achievement. Staff aim to return assessed work within a 15 working day timeframe (not including holidays) in order that students can most benefit from the feedback.

What else can I expect?

- ✓ Animal Management Unit housing a wide range of species including meerkats; primates; alpacas; invertebrates; tropical and marine fish; reptiles and rodents.
- ✓ Additional facilities include Science Centre, IT suites, dedicated study spaces and social areas, and modern Learning Resources Centre.
- ✓ Online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) used to enhance and facilitate teaching and independent learning on all programmes.
- ✓ Experienced, supportive and motivated staff with both academic and industrial experience.
- ✓ Talks from a range of visiting speakers.

- ✓ Opportunities to attend trips to enhance learning.
- ✓ Students have access to a range of support through our study skills, and health and wellbeing teams. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.riseholme.ac.uk/student-life/student-support>
- ✓ Relevant extra-curricular activity and/or work experience is encouraged of all students in order to enhance learning.

What kind of job could I get when I graduate?

Research, post graduate study, animal seizures (HM Revenues and Customs), animal training, zoo keeping and education, welfare scientist, environmental enrichment co-ordinator, behaviour advisor, companion animal trainer, training animals for commercial work, animal rescue and rehabilitation, assistance dog trainer. Graduates may choose to progress to the MSc Applied Animal Behaviour and Training or MSc Animal Behaviour and Welfare which are available via blended learning at the University Centre Bishop Burton.

What qualifications do I need?

- ✓ Applicants will have a minimum of 104 UCAS points, which may be from qualifications such as A-Levels, BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas, Access to HE 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 qualification: <https://ucascomsb1.ucasenvironments.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>.
- ✓ Applicants need GCSE English Language at grade C/4 or above, or an equivalent qualification.
- ✓ Applicants need an appropriate academic reference.
- ✓ 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 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.
- ✓ Students with an appropriate HNC can apply for direct entry to Year 2.
- ✓ Students with an appropriate Level 5 qualification can apply for direct entry to Year 3.

Tuition Fees

For up to date information on tuition fees and financial support please visit <https://www.riseholme.ac.uk/degree/finance>

Are there any additional costs?

Students are required to have a kennel coat or overalls in blue and a white lab coat, which are available from our online shop. Steel toe-capped footwear is also required. Training equipment will also be required (i.e. clicker and target stick) for the training related modules at level 5. We anticipate these resources will cost approximately £100. An SPSS licence may be beneficial and can be purchased from our online shop. There may also be additional costs for educational visits/trips and enrichment activities. On successful completion of the programme, students have the opportunity to graduate at a ceremony wearing formal dress. The hire of the formal dress is an additional cost.

How do I apply for a place?

Full time applicants should apply online via UCAS: www.ucas.com

Course Code: C125

Institution Code: B37

Campus Name: Riseholme College

Campus Code: R

Part time applicants should apply online via the College website.

Who do I contact if I want to know more?

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