

FdSc Animal Management and Behaviour

Duration:	Full time (2 years) or Part time (3 years)
Awarding Body:	University of Hull
Campus:	Bishop Burton

Programme Aims

“A vocational course which develops a range of practical and knowledge based skills related to the animal management industry. Compulsory work experience develops practical experience in the work place”.

What will I study?

Year 1: Units introduce the student to animal behaviour, anatomy, physiology, health & nutrition, animal husbandry and how this relates to behaviour and management.

Year 2: Subjects develop on the first year becoming more applied, including welfare and legislation, behaviour of companion animals and wildlife management.

- ✓ **Work experience** is an integral part of the programme. Past students have gained placements all over the country working with companion and exotic animals. A total of 152 hours is required in a related part of the industry over the two years of the course.
- ✓ **Choice of one option** in the second year from: Behaviour & Management of Production Species, Fundamentals of Animal Training, Exotic Animal Management and Wild Mammal Behaviour, Ecology and Conservation. Option modules will run where there are sufficient student numbers, otherwise an alternative option module may be offered.
- ✓ Includes **business** and **employment elements** to improve transferable skills and enable students to set up their own business.
- ✓ Strong emphasis on applying theoretical knowledge to practical situations using our excellent animal facilities.
- ✓ Programme content specifically designed to be appropriate to the needs of the animal management industry.
- ✓ Upon successful completion of the FdSc AMB (and specified option modules) students may progress to one of the following programmes: BSc Bioveterinary Science; BSc Applied Animal Behaviour & Training; BSc Animal Behaviour & Welfare and BSc Wildlife and Conservation Management.

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 Bishop Burton campus.

What is the contact time?

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

How will I be assessed?

Assessment includes practical reports and demonstrations, written assignments, portfolios, scientific posters and group or individual presentations. There are no formal examinations. Opportunities for feedback on assessments is 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; racoon dogs, primates; alpacas; marsupials; invertebrates; tropical and marine fish; reptiles, rodents and nocturnal house.
- ✓ Dedicated dog training area; commercial dog kennels and grooming facilities; commercial sheep and beef enterprises; equine yard and schools.
- ✓ Additional facilities include Science Centre, IT suites, dedicated University Centre, 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.bishopburton.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?

Animal rescue and rehabilitation, employment within zoos and wildlife parks, animal facility manager, kennel and cattery manager, pet store manager, conservation work.

What qualifications do I need?

- ✓ Applicants will have a minimum of 80 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://ucascombs1.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.

Tuition Fees

For up to date information on tuition fees and financial support please visit

<https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/university-centre/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. We anticipate this will cost approximately £100. Training equipment will also be required (i.e. clicker and target stick) for the training related module. 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: DC33

Institution Code: B37

Campus Name: Main Site

Part time applicants should apply online via the College website.

Who do I contact if I want to know more?

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