

BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour and Training (Top up)

Duration:	Full time (1 year) or Part time (2 years)
Awarding Body:	University of Hull
Campus:	Riseholme
Accredited by:	Animal Behaviour & Training Council <i>and</i> Karen Pryor Academy

Programme Aims

This 'top up' programme is designed to give students theoretical knowledge and the practical skills required to train animals through positive reinforcement and force-free methods. Students will experience real life situations using our excellent animal facilities. Further depth on behaviour management provides the students essential employability skills.

What will I study?

Advanced Animal Training, Animal Communication, Consulting and Animal Behaviour Management and Animal Therapies and Interactions. Students will also complete a 10,000 word dissertation project on a relevant subject area.

- ✓ 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 12 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 should have a relevant foundation degree/HND.
- ✓ The successful completion of an entry task may be required when considering applications without the required formal entry qualifications.
- ✓ Applicants need an appropriate academic reference.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Level 5 Fundamentals of Animal Training module must be studied for students progressing internally or animal training experience must be demonstrated for those accessing directly to the top up programme.

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

Point of entry: Year 3

Part time applicants should apply online via the College website.

Who do I contact if I want to know more?

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