



University Centre
Reaseheath



UCR

It's in our nature.

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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to University Centre Reaseheath today to explore our beautiful campus, experience our innovative degrees, and meet our highly experienced lecturers.

At UCR we are proud to offer such an inclusive community, where our undergraduates gain the confidence and skills needed to grow, progress and achieve more than they ever thought possible with their degree.

We support our students to nurture their passion into becoming leaders in their field, positively pioneering transformation across the land-based industries. Working in close partnership with the University of Chester, our degree programmes are designed and delivered in conjunction with the industries we serve, ensuring you are career ready once you graduate.

Our combined emphasis on academic and practical skills, alongside our close relationships with industry, provides far more than a traditional education. We make sure you graduate with all the tools you need to excel in your future career.

Jane Nickisson
Dean of Higher Education

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Why UCR

At UCR, our purpose is to equip you with the skills to grow, progress and achieve more than you ever thought possible with your degree. We cultivate transformation and opportunity through our innovative and inclusive curriculum.

Nobody champions sustainability and environmental stewardship like UCR. The exploration of new solutions to pressing global climate challenges is more critical than ever and our progressive curriculum reflects this. Together, we're giving future leaders the tools to pioneer positive transformation across the land-based industries.

Be on the leading-edge

We know our students come to study with us because they care about the earth we share, and UCR offers a unique opportunity to learn how to lead the way in protecting our planet.

Our stunning campus in Cheshire is set amongst 330 hectares of park and woodlands, complete with both a commercial farm and mini zoo.

A recent £80 million investment also ensures that our facilities are continuously evolving, offering you the finest and most relevant resources and facilities to complete your study.

Be what our world needs

Our combined emphasis on academic and practical skills, alongside our close relationships with industry, provides far more than a traditional education. We make sure you graduate with both the academic knowledge and practical skills you need for your career in your chosen industry.

Be part of something bigger

UCR is unique in that it has a closely-knit community and a proven track record in promoting inclusivity. Join us and you'll be part of an academic family of both students and staff that fosters a sense of belonging from the moment you set foot on our campus.

We know our purpose, what's yours?

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Our courses

Course	Duration	Entry Requirements
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Access to Higher Education

Access to HE (Veterinary Science)	Full-Time	1 Year	Maths or English GCSE Grade C/ Level 4 or above.
Access to HE (Land Based Studies)	Full-Time	1 Year	Maths or English GCSE Grade C/ Level 4 or above.

Sustainable Agriculture

Foundation Degree in Sustainable Agriculture with Livestock Management	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
Foundation Degree in Sustainable Agriculture with Crop Management	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
Foundation Degree in Sustainable Agriculture with Dairy Herd Management	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points

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Animal Science

Cert HE in Animal Management (Behaviour & Welfare)	Full-Time	1 Year	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
Cert HE in Zoo Management	Full-Time	1 Year	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Applied Zoology with Placement Year	Full-Time	4 Years	A minimum of 96 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Applied Zoology	Full-Time	3 Years	A minimum of 96 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Veterinary Nursing	Full-Time	4 Years	A minimum of 112 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Zoo Management (Top-Up)	Full-Time	1 Years	Relevant Foundation Degree
Foundation Degree in Zoo Management	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (Behaviour & Welfare)	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Animal Management (Behaviour & Welfare) (Top-Up)	Full-Time	1 Year	Relevant Foundation Degree

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Canine Behaviour

Cert HE in Canine Behaviour and Training	Full-Time	1 Year	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Canine Clinical Behaviour (Top-Up)	Full-Time	1 Year	Relevant Foundation Degree
Foundation Degree in Canine Behaviour & Training	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points

Environment & Conservation Sciences

BSc (Hons) in Wildlife Conservation & Ecology	Full-Time	3 Years	A minimum of 96 UCAS points
Foundation Degree Environmental Conservation	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points

Course	Duration		Entry Requirements
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Equine Science

Foundation Degree in Equine Training & Rehabilitation	Full-Time	2 Years	A minimum of 64 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Equine Behaviour & Welfare (Top-Up)	Full-Time	1 Year	Relevant Foundation Degree

Food Science

Foundation Degree in Dairy Technology (Eden Programme)	Part - Time	2 Years	Sponsored by a dairy company
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Landscape Architecture

BSc (Hons) Landscape Architecture with Placement Year	Full-Time	4 Years	A minimum of 96 UCAS points
BSc (Hons) in Landscape Architecture	Full-Time	3 Years	A minimum of 96 UCAS points

Veterinary Nursing

BSc (Hons) in Veterinary Nursing	Full-Time	4 Years	A minimum of 112 UCAS points
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Discover Nantwich

Our beautiful campus is located in Nantwich, a thriving market town in South Cheshire, with excellent transport links to Manchester, Chester, Liverpool, and Birmingham. Why not check out our friendly town whilst you're here?

Nantwich has a strong community feel. Centred around a busy town square, with vibrant indoor, outdoor, farmers and vintage markets, and the beautiful St Mary's Church, Nantwich always has a buzz about it.

There are several main streets that lead to the centre, each one boasting an eclectic mix of independent clothes, gifts and homeware shops, as well as numerous high street shops.

There are over 50 different places to eat or drink in town, ranging from high-street chains such as Costa or Caffe Nero, to more independent and historic coffee shops and restaurants dating back to the fifteenth century.

Nantwich is located a short walk from campus, so enjoying a night out is easy and most importantly – safe. Bars and clubs such as The Studio, The Cat, Ebenezers, the White Horse, Harrison's and the Boot & Shoe are all popular with students and are well supported by the local police, as well as being members of Pub Watch.



Life at UCR

As a student at UCR, you will have plenty of opportunities to explore your interests. We are confident that you will make solid friendships with like-minded people, and improve important life skills such as confidence, teamwork and communication.

We offer a packed schedule of sports, socials, and societies, all of which give you the chance to express yourself, achieve your potential and make new friends with similar interests to you. Whether you want to take up a new sport such as badminton or boxing, perfect your creative or communication skills at one of our societies, promote inclusion at our LBGTQPA+ or culture groups, have fun with friends at one of our themed social nights, or relax with your friends in our Courtyard bar and social space, we have it all at UCR.

For further information visit **ucraseath.ac.uk/student-life** or scan the QR code.



Your wellbeing is our priority

We understand that for any student, leaving home and coming to university is a big deal. At UCR we offer a fully supportive and secure environment.

Our Student Services and Health and Wellbeing teams can help with any issues you may experience. They can offer advice on all areas, such as:

- Health and wellbeing
- Academic support
- Counselling services
- Accommodation and transport
- Financial and career support
- Medical and personal support
- Social and sports activities

If you're experiencing any problems including homesickness, relationships, gender identity, workload, financial difficulties, or simply want to chat, our wellbeing advisors are always available to help!

For further information visit ucreasehealth.ac.uk/student-wellbeing or scan the QR code.



Supporting your studies

UCR has a wealth of resources, facilities and processes in place to help support you throughout your course.

We are committed to working in partnership with students to enhance the quality of your UCR experience. We offer every student a dedicated Personal Academic Tutor (PAT), who you will meet for individual tutorials, as well as Course Leaders who can help you with study-related queries.

Library and Learning Resources

Not only does our library stock the books and online resources you will need to support your course, we also have a variety of study areas, pods, group study rooms and extensive IT resources. Support is offered on the website, via MS Teams, by email and in person. The library is open in term time and through most holidays. UCR students are also able to access the space in the evenings and on weekends.

UCR Future Focus

As a student at UCR you will be able to access our online Future Focus Toolkit. The toolkit is a unique resource that's designed to support you in every area of your studies. It is an online portal that holds a wealth of information that can help you with studying, as well as general life-skills and independent living.

FUTURE FOCUS



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UCR Student Support Service

The team supports students with their studies. We have our own team of study mentors who will support students on an individual or group basis.

In addition, we are an approved provider for the following Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA) funded support:

- Specialist Study Skills (Specific Learning Difficulty)
- Specialist Study Skills (Autism)
- Specialist Mentoring (Mentoring)
- Specialist Mentoring (Mental Health)

If you have an evidenced condition or disability you can apply for DSA. This is best done as soon as possible. For further information about DSA please visit:

gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/how-to-claim

We care about every individual that steps through our doors and we will work with you to make sure that you will receive the support you need. We support students with a wide range of additional needs and ensure reasonable adjustments are in place.

For more information please visit ucreaseheath.ac.uk/student-life/student-support or scan the QR code below.



We are committed
to enhancing the
quality of your
experience at
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Finance

Funding your future

Tuition fees are charged for each academic year of a programme of study and are set by the University Centre on an annual basis.

Fees will differ depending on the degree programme you choose but are typically £9,250 per year. These can be fully covered by a student loan.

All of our fees for the 2025/26 academic year are available at ucreaseheath.ac.uk/student-finance

Please be advised you will need to have your funding in place prior to starting your course. This could be your tuition fee loan, or alternatively payment plans are available for students who wish to self-fund. Please contact the Student Finance team if you need any support.

Whether you are studying full or part-time, student loans or grants are available to help you with living costs and tuition fees. Other financial support, including non-repayable bursaries and scholarships, may be available to eligible students, depending on individual circumstances.

Repayments

Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan repayments will start the April after you have graduated or left higher education. Full-time undergraduates will be due to start repaying in April after completing or leaving/withdrawing from their course.

You will be required to make repayments once you are in employment and earning over approximately £25,000*

You will repay 9% of everything earned above this, but if your income falls to approximately £25,000 or below, repayments will pause.*

Any outstanding loan balance will be written-off 40 years after entering repayment.

For information on all University Centre Reaseheath tuition fees visit: ucreaseheath.ac.uk/student-finance or scan the QR code.



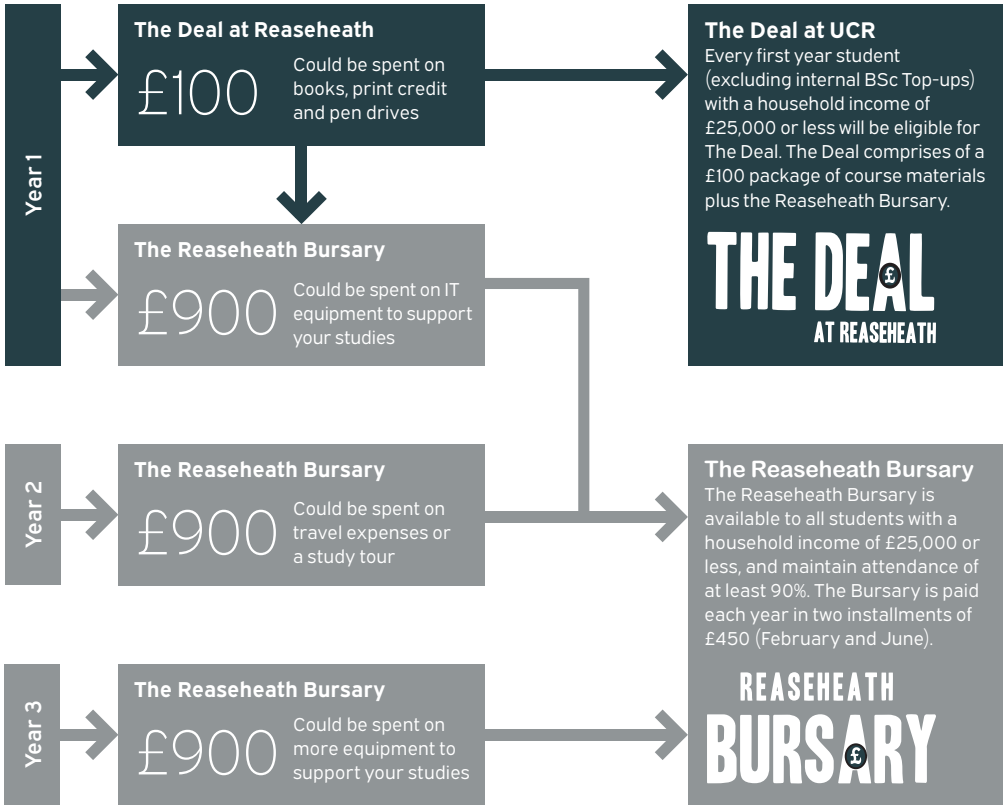
Financial support, including non-repayable bursaries and scholarships, are available to eligible students to support your studies

*Correct at time of publication.

Bursaries available at UCR

University Centre Reaseheath has several means-tested bursary schemes available to help provide additional financial support to students from low-income households.

Visit ucraseheath.ac.uk/student-finance for further information on the bursaries available or scan the QR code on the opposite page.



Note: Excludes BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare and BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare including Foundation Year, see the University of Chester's financial support package

Accommodation and transport

Planning on living on campus? Make yourself at home in any of our accommodation options which are all on site, ranging from traditional halls of residence to smart new townhouses.

Living on campus is a fantastic way to meet new people, learn to live independently and truly experience student life. Your room will be within walking distance of your classes too, so you won't have far to go for your lectures!

Our supportive community of staff and students will offer you a sense of belonging from the day you arrive on campus, so we are sure you will settle into your new home in no time.

Around 600 students can live at Reaseheath each year. As a residential student, you will have your own room with a workstation and Wi-Fi and you will receive 24-hour support from the residential services team.

Take a virtual tour at reaseheath.ac.uk/accommodation-tour or scan the QR code below.



You can choose from either an en-suite room or shared bathroom. Our campus restaurant provides delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners, should you take the catered option.

All full-time undergraduate students can apply for residential accommodation, and all first-year students are guaranteed a place in halls – this applies to you if you live more than a reasonable distance from Reaseheath and if you apply during the normal admissions cycle.

We run an extensive, subsidised bus service across Cheshire and surrounding areas. Visit reaseheath.ac.uk/transport for more information or scan the QR code below for your local pick-up point.



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Graduate success

Studying a degree at UCR will equip you with the skills, knowledge and experience you need to achieve more than you ever thought possible.



Scan for the latest student highlights **ucreaseheath.ac.uk/latest-news**



Scan to read more of our student success stories **ucreaseheath.ac.uk/where-could-your-degree-take-you**



Access to HE Dayne Mcleggan and Rory Brace

Two students on our Access to HE programme had their academic achievements recognised with lucrative regional awards.

Dayne Mcleggan (pictured) and Rory Brace each received a £600 bursary at the Open College Network West Midlands Learner Awards. Committed farmer Dayne has progressed onto a BSc (Hons) in Agriculture Science while former events manager Rory is following his passion for landscape architecture.



Connor Smith

- 2016 — Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture
- 2018 — Foundation Degree in Agriculture
- 2019 — BSc (Hons) Agricultural Business Management
- 2021 — MSc Ruminant Nutrition (Harper Adams University)

Job title

Dairy Herd Manager

“Although I have a non-farming background, I’m passionate about dairy cows and their welfare. Throughout my six years at Reaseheath I was encouraged to develop my own ideas and further my knowledge, and I also began working at the dairy farm where I am now a manager and involved in technical upgrading and future planning. I’m keen to do research which is useful to farmers, so I studied antibiotic resistance to mastitis for my BSc dissertation and presented my findings at the British Undergraduate Research Conference. Studying for a Master’s degree along with managing the herd had its challenges, but I learned how to work independently at Reaseheath and that definitely helped. There are certainly plenty of different career avenues available to me in the future.”



Faye McTigue

2014 — BSc (Hons) Equine Science

“After studying BSc (Hons) Equine Science at UCR, I was successful in securing a position in an equine ambulatory veterinary practice. Here, I gained both experience and interest into the veterinary medicine sector that inspired further academic study.

“I then enrolled onto a part time MSc in Veterinary Pharmacy which facilitated my knowledge growth across the equine, agricultural and companion animal industries. I graduated with Distinction, and soon after I published my MSc thesis as a paper in the MDPI Veterinary Sciences journal.

“I now manage an online veterinary pharmacy in addition to working at the practice as a senior veterinary administrator and dispensary manager.”

Study tours

Students will be offered the chance to engage in both domestic and overseas learning opportunities to enhance their classroom-based learning experience.

Overseas and domestic study tours can even be put towards academic credit in the second year. This could include opportunities to undertake conservation field courses within locations such as Kenya and the UK.

The main emphasis placed on these field courses is the development of professional, industry relevant skills and the application of students' knowledge in a novel, stimulating, yet challenging environment. Visit our course pages for more information on associated costs and availability: ucreaseheath.ac.uk/explore-ucr



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Next steps

Visit our website to find out more about your chosen course and where your degree could take you, as well as graduate success stories and student blogs.

Visit ucreaseheath.ac.uk

Apply now

Applications for full-time Degrees and Foundation Degrees are made online through **UCAS.com**. Applications for all other full-time courses (such as Access to HE and Level 4 Diplomas), as well as part-time courses should be made directly to Reaseheath via our online application form.

If you have any questions about your application, please email ucradmissions@reaseheath.ac.uk



Visit ucreaseheath.ac.uk/how-to-apply or scan the QR code.

Access to Higher Education

Do you have a thirst for knowledge and the motivation to succeed? If a lack of relevant qualifications is holding you back, we can support you on your academic journey.

Our flexible Access to Higher Education Diploma is designed for students who wish to return to education in the land-based sector but need further academic credit to progress to degree level study.

Access to HE Diplomas are nationally recognised qualifications to help you gain knowledge and confidence to study for a degree. They are designed for those who do not hold the relevant or formal academic qualifications needed to study a degree, but who do have work and/or life experience.

Course features

- Techniques to improve your study and IT skills
- Flexible study to fit around other commitments
- Study a wide variety of units

Funding support

You could be entitled to an Advanced Learner Loan and if you successfully complete a degree after your Access to Higher Education Diploma, the outstanding balance from this loan will be written off*.

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For entry requirements and further information visit [ucreaseheath.ac.uk/access-to-higher-education](https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/access-to-higher-education) or scan the QR code above.

*For more information on Advanced Learner Loans, please contact our finance department at studentfinance@reaseheath.ac.uk

Campus map



Entrances

- 1** Main Reception
- 2** Sports and Zoo
- 3** Equine
- 4** Main Hall
- 5** Platt Hall
- 6** Construction Farm
- 7** Farm

Accommodation

- 1** Platt
- 2** Windsor
- 3** Jodrell
- 4** Rode
- 5** Gaxsworth
- 6** Capershorne
- 7** Tabley
- 8** Tatton
- 9** Tomkinson
- 0** Cotton
- 1** Chetwood

Locations

- A** Equine Centre
- B** Animal Management and Reaseheath Zoo
- C** Kennels
- D** Construction and Old Hall Farm
- E** Reaseheath Business Hub
- F** Farm, Dairy Herd and Sheep Herd
- G** Main Hall
- H** Student Village
- I** Restaurant and Lord Woolley Centre
- J** Wellbeing and Careers
- K** Student Services
- L** University Centre Reaseheath
- M** Reception and Business Hub
- N** Veterinary Nursing and Labs
- O** Food Centre and Food and Business Department
- P** IT Suites and Transport Office
- Q** The 'Tec' Hub, Maths and English
- R** Philip Leverhulme Centre (PLC)
- S** Engineering
- T** Motor Vehicle

- U** Agricultural Engineering and Construction Plant
- V** Agri-Tech Centre
- W** Sports Hall, Sports and Sport Reaseheath
- X** Chairfrinch, Foundation and Feast Café
- Y** HEST, Horticulture, Floristry and Greenhouse
- Z** MUCA, 3G Pitch and Sports Field

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