



BSc (Hons) Equine Behaviour and Welfare (Top-Up)

If you are interested in pursuing a career in equine science from a behavioural and welfare perspective, then this one-year top-up degree is for you.



Course Overview

In your studies you will explore the advances in equine science with a particular focus on equine welfare and behaviour. With guidance from our expert staff, you will develop a critical understanding of factors affecting equine behaviour and examine a wide range of modification techniques and interventions. In doing so, you will also consider the ethical and welfare considerations of behavioural issues and explore, more broadly, the implications of using equines in modern society.



Course Features

- Physical rehabilitation techniques
- Behaviour change and training
- Biomechanics and gait analysis
- Data collection using the latest technology
- Field and industry visits
- Expert industry guest speakers



Career Options

- Physical rehabilitation & therapy
- Equine education
- Equine welfare field officer
- Rehabilitation officer/manager
- Equine science – advocacy & communication
- Equine Science – policy advisory

Course Information

Modules (all at 20 credits with the exception of the dissertation module which is a double credit module at 40 credits) include:

Modules

- Dissertation
- Advanced Equine Welfare and Ethics
- Equine Clinical Behaviour
- Recent Advances in Equine Sciences
- Advances in Complementary Therapy (optional)
- Equine Fitness and Performance (optional)

Entry Requirements

- Applicants are required to gain 120 credits from a level 5 qualification (HND, Foundation Degree, Diploma of Higher Education) in an equine related discipline.

Teaching & Learning

Overall workload

Your overall workload consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, plus field trips. Your actual contact hours may depend on which optional modules you select, but the following information gives an indication of how much time you will need to allocate to different activities at each year of the course:

Year 1: 16% of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Teaching, learning & assessment	189 hours
Independent study	1011 hours

(Students can filter courses by entry requirements on the four most common entry qualifications (A-levels, BTEC, Scottish Higher & Access to HE) Completeness of data will help courses appear to relevant students)

Assessment & Feedback

Assessment

Assessments are designed to encourage both academic skills and skills valued in the workplace. They include a combination of coursework and examinations. Coursework may take many forms including: essays, reports, data processing, case studies, consultations, presentations, academic posters, seminar discussions, patient history assessments, critical reviews, portfolios of evidence and practical competency assessments. The examinations vary, depending on the nature of the module, but may take the form of essays, case study assessments and data handling questions.

The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends to some extent on the optional modules you choose. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework is as follows:

The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework and examination is as follows:

Year 1

65% coursework

35% written exams

Feedback

Feedback is supplied via Turnitin or directly from the module tutor. The majority of submissions are made via Turnitin and feedback for coursework is provided within twenty working days after the submission date.

Written feedback will be supported verbally should the student require clarification. Formative assessment feedback will be provided at the time of completion where possible, with more detailed summative feedback for reports.

Timetable Information

Students will be able to access course timetables for the academic year in September.

Timetables are subject to change, but most students can expect to spend 2/2.5 days per week on campus.

How much will this course cost?

Tuition Fees

As a student at UCR, you will have two main costs to meet; your tuition fees and living costs.

Our full-time tuition fees for UK and EU students, entering University, can be found on our [student finance page](#). These fees are charged for each academic year of a course and are set by the college annually.

Tuition fees for international students can also be found on our [student finance page](#).


Equipment Costs


Equestrian yard uniform, consisting of grey jodhpurs and a grey polo shirt, is expected to be worn for all practical sessions. Branded UCR polo shirts are available through the UCR online shop for approximately £15.


Students would be expected to provide their own PPE with minimum riding hat standard of PAS015 and suitable yard boots. Students should also be prepared to purchase riding gloves and a waterproof coat without a hood (grey).

You can expect equipment costs to be in the region of £300 depending on brand and retailer.

Lab coats are provided however students can purchase their own if preferred.

 **How to Apply**
Apply directly through UCAS

 **UCAS Code**
DD60

 **Course Length**
Full-time: 1 year

 **UCAS Entry Requirements**
Relevant Foundation degree

 **Start Date**
September 2024 | September 2025