

FdSc Equine Training and Rehabilitation

Is working at the forefront of equine training, rehabilitation and welfare the next step on your equine journey?

If so, then this programme is for you. This course will provide you with unique skills to combine an understanding of equine behaviour, training and rehabilitation reflective of current needs within the equine industry.



Course Overview

With guidance from our expert staff, you will develop an understanding of equine behaviour, and learning theory and how this is used to apply training techniques more effectively. Emphasis is placed upon establishing the links between key areas of equine rehabilitation including behaviour modification, biomechanics, injury, and exercise physiology.



Course Features

- Use of our commercial equestrian centre including indoor and outdoor arenas, 60-stable accommodation and 8-stall Claydon horse walker
- Explore physical rehabilitation techniques
- Assess changes in horse behaviour and training needs
- Biomechanics and gait analysis
- Data collection using the latest technology
- Opportunity to work towards British Horse Society (BHS) qualifications*
- Opportunity to be involved in riding clinics and affiliated and unaffiliated equestrian events
- External speakers and industry visits

* will incur additional costs



Career Options

- Physical rehabilitation & therapy
- Equine education
- Equine welfare field officer
- Rehabilitation officer/manager
- Advocacy & communication
- Policy advisory

This course can be followed by the one year **BSc Equine Behaviour & Welfare (Top-Up)** to gain a full honours degree.

Course Information

In the first year of study for the FdSc Equine Training and Rehabilitation you will study core modules which are compulsory to take. In the second year you will study a combination of compulsory and optional modules.

Entry Requirements

- A minimum of 64 tariff points from A and AS levels to include Biology
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) a minimum of grade MPP in an Animal or Science related subject
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) – a minimum of grade MM in an Animal or Science related subject
- Access to HE Diploma – a minimum of 64 tariff points
- Scottish Highers – a minimum grade of CCC from an Animal or Science related subject
- T Level – a minimum grade of Pass (D or E)
- Mature students (aged 21+) will be considered on an individual basis on their prior knowledge and experience. This may be assessed by interview, completion of coursework/essay or other methods. There may be a requirement for a formal qualification to be completed first e.g. [Access to Higher Education course](#)

(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)

Level 4

- Equine Sports Horse Industry and Management
- Equine Groundwork
- Equine Training Theories
- Introduction to Scientific Communication
- Introduction to Behaviour in Animals
- Equine Anatomy & Physiology

Level 5

- Research Methods
- Equine Behaviour Modification and Handling
- Equine Exercise Physiology and Biomechanics
- Equine Injury and Rehabilitation

Option 1

- Behavioural Physiology and Cognition
- Equine Nutrition & Health
- Animal Nutrition

You will be able to choose one

Option 2

- Work Based Learning
- Experiential Learning

You will be able to choose one

Optional Modules

Optional modules run subject to sufficient uptake. Module selection will take place in the previous academic year. On this degree you will study:

- **Year 1:** SIX core modules
- **Year 2:** FOUR core modules with TWO optional modules

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: 30% of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Teaching, learning & assessment	360 hours
Independent study	840 hours

Year 2: 21% of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Teaching, learning & assessment	260 hours
Placement	150 hours
Independent study	780 hours

Class sizes vary depending on module being studied. Some shared modules may be taught in large groups in the lecture theatre although most will be taught in groups up to 30 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 timed online assessments.

Coursework may take many forms including essays, reports, data processing, presentations, academic posters, seminar discussions, interviews, critical reviews, portfolios of evidence and practical competency assessments.

The timed online assessments vary, depending on the nature of the module and level of study, but may take the form of multiple-choice papers, essays, practical assessments, data handling questions, and short answer quizzes.

The balance of assessment by timed online assessment 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:

Year 1	Year 2
50% coursework	85% coursework
30% timed online assessment	15% timed online assessment
20% practical	

Feedback

Opportunities for feedback on your progress will be available throughout your course. This will be provided in many formats, including written and verbal. Feedback on graded work is supplied online via Turnitin or directly from the module tutor. The majority of assessment submissions are made online via Turnitin and feedback for coursework is provided within 20 working days after the submission date.



How to Apply

Apply directly through UCAS



UCAS Code

DD46



Entry Requirements

A minimum of 64 UCAS points



Start Date

September 2024 | September 2025



Course Length

Full-time: 2 years

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.

Information

Timetable

Timetables will be distributed during induction week. Students will be expected to attend all timetabled sessions. In years 1 and 2 sessions are typically timetabled 3 to 3.5 days per week and in year 3 they are timetabled over 2 to 2.5 days per week.

Placement

Students have the option of completing the level 5 module 'Work Based Learning for the Land Based Industries' module which includes 150 hours of work-based industry placement and professional development.

Students studying the alternative 'RC5508 Experiential Learning' module may also undertake industry-based placements as part of their experiential learning.

The responsibility of finding a suitable placement lies with the student who is also responsible for any financial cost associated with such placement.

How much will this course cost?

Study Tours

Optional study tours may be organised by your course team. Costs vary depending on location, duration and activities although have typically cost £350 in previous years.

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 leather riding boots (not chaps). Students should also be prepared to purchase riding gloves and a waterproof coat without a hood.

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.

Additional Qualifications

You may wish to take the opportunity to undertake additional training and qualifications such as British Horse Society (BHS) qualifications. These will be an additional cost to the degree.

The equine centre hosts a range of riding clinics and affiliated and unaffiliated equestrian sporting events in a range of disciplines. These events are usually an additional cost and are typically £10-£50.