

COURSE INFORMATION



University
Centre
Somerset

Part of Bridgwater & Taunton College

BSc (Hons) Animal Management and Wildlife Conservation

Subject:	Teaching
Type:	HNC Level 5
Course Code:	LAA137C/HM1
Attendance:	Full Time
Location:	Cannington
Awarding body:	The Open University

Description

This is a broad-based programme for anyone interested in developing multidisciplinary skills within the animal management and wildlife conservation areas. It is also for people already working in the industry who wish to enhance their career prospects. The programme is delivered by experienced teaching staff with a wide range of industry experience at University Centre Somerset's Cannington campus. It aims to develop management skills and knowledge, alongside research methods, practical techniques and evaluative thinking.

In addition there are a range of facilities available to support academic studies such as an extensive animal collection, and local environmental habitats such as Steart Marshes (WWT), which is one of the UK's largest wetland habitats. As part of your course you will be required to undertake a minimum of 450 hours' work experience (over two years) in an industry related business. Students are encouraged to look for positions at managerial or higher level to develop existing skill sets.

The modules studied may include:

- Animal Health Forensics
- Wildlife Conservation & Environmental Surveying
- British Wildlife and Rehabilitation of animals
- Dissertation
- Field and Behavioural Monitoring Techniques
- Animal Health Diagnostics
- Psychology of Animals Captive, Companion and Wild

Find an example of the course handbook here

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Teaching and Assessment

The modules are either assessed via 100% coursework or a combination of coursework and formal examination. Coursework could include written/practical reports; in-class tests; case studies; essays; oral presentations; posters or a project (Level 5) and

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dissertation (Level 6) both of which allows independent research in a topic of interest, developed with staff on the programme.

Career Progression

The course could help learners gain employment within an animal establishment, zoological collection, wildlife organisation or conservation body. In addition, upon completion of the BSc (Hons) a Masters Degree or PhD could be an option. Graduates could progress to an MSc in Animal Behaviour or Primate/Wildlife/Zoo Conservation or Countryside Management.

Entry Requirements

- Minimum 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 level (minimum 32 points at A2 or equivalent) PLUS 5 GCSE's including English Language, Mathematics and Science at 9 to 4 grades or minimum of Grade COR
- Minimum 80 UCAS points in a vocational diploma qualification, e.g. BTEC (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (90 Credit Diploma), or C&G Advanced Technical: M (1080), D (720), D* (540)
- OR
- Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject area

Costs

£7800

- PPE is required for practicals: steel toe-capped boots or wellingtons plus blue overalls are needed. They can be obtained from agricultural stores.
- Text books will be recommended to support learning at the start of each module.
- Optional trips and visits offered will incur additional costs.