

Corporate and Academic Services

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Version 1.1

Outline Change Details: Assessment map updated to reflect module changes, Undergraduate research process UINXU5-15-2, Biodiversity UINXK6-15-1

Rationale: As outline details above.

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Outline Change Details:
Behavioural Measurement (UINXSS-15-2) – Amendment of assessment to A (100) in class test
Independent Study (UINV3M-15-3) – Addition as optional module

Rationale: As outline details above.

Change requested by: Lucy Bearman-Brown

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PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data			
Awarding Institution	University of the West of England		
Teaching Institution	Hartpury College		
Delivery Location	Hartpury College		
Faculty Responsible for Programme	Hartpury College		
Department Responsible for Programme	Animal and Land Science		
Modular Scheme Title	Undergraduate Modular Scheme, Hartpury College		
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	None		
Highest Award Title	BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science (SW)		
Default Award Title	None		
Fall-back Award Title	None		
Interim Award Titles	BSc Applied Animal Science DipHE Applied Animal Science CertHE Animal Science		
UWE Progression Route	None		
Mode(s) of Delivery	Full time/Sandwich/Part time		
Codes	UCAS: D320A	JACS: D300	
	ISIS2: D22B (SW) D22B13 (FT/FP)	HESA:	
Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements	Agriculture, forestry, agricultural sciences, food sciences and consumer sciences		
Initial CAP Approval Date	29 May 2014	Revised CAP Date	V1- 20 January 2016 V1.1 - 07 July 2016 V1.3 – 28 March 2017
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Version	1.3		

Part 2: Educational Aims of the Programme

The programme focuses on preparing individuals to become competent, flexible and accountable animal scientists. It enables students to gain a working understanding and critical awareness of the problems and/or new insights in the field of animal science, including issues pertaining to the area of animal health, nutrition and modern reproductive techniques. The programme will prepare the learner with a foundation for lifelong learning and:

- 1 Builds on basic scientific principles to develop a knowledge and understanding of the animal in health and disease and uses this knowledge to study animals in the context of present day industry and environment.
- 2 Provides students with the opportunity to think constructively and critically, discuss and evaluate concepts and theories in the field of animal science, propose sound and reasoned solutions to problems and show clear developments of these skills as a result of the programme.
- 3 Allows students to choose from a range of options appropriate to their needs, while maintaining a coherent programme of study.
- 4 Assesses the abilities of the students in a rigorous but constructive way.
- 5 Meets the needs of the industry sector providing the foundation for a range of careers.
- 6 Provides students with the ability to transfer skills to different working environments.
- 7 Assists students to be adaptable to the changing demands of business and society.
- 8 Provides high quality education and professional development, supported by a strong base of creative and applicable research.
- 9 Enables students to progress into postgraduate study or research.
- 10 Subscribes and contributes to the philosophy and operation of the University of the West of England's Undergraduate Modular Scheme.

Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)

The programme structure presents a coherent degree, constituting a wide range of options with clear streams running through. This will allow students to undertake modules most relevant to them, whilst developing their scientific understanding crucial to the industry. Industry links through onsite commercial enterprises will support delivery, such as Home Farm, canine hydrotherapy and the Equine Therapy Centre. An optional sandwich year allows theory to be integrated into practice. This is all facilitated through long standing links with a wide range of animal-based industries, such as charities, NGOs, zoos, animal rescue centres, boarding kennels and laboratories, amongst others.

If a student has chosen a sandwich year work placement, their award title is BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science (SW).

Learning Outcomes:		Anatomy and Physiology	Animal Genetics	Introduction to Animal Behaviour	Biodiversity	Animal Nutrition	Introduction to Animal Welfare	Animal Health and Disease	Undergraduate Research Process	Applied Animal Health and Disease	Management of Domestic Animals	Animal Production	Animal Therapy 1	Animal Reproductive Physiology	Behavioural Measurement	Applied Animal Nutrition	Animal Microbiology	Independent Report	Field Course	Ethics and Welfare	International Academic Study Portfolio	International Academic Study Project	International Academic Study Extended Project	Sandwich Year Work Placement	Undergraduate Dissertation	Epidemiology	Advanced Animal Nutrition	Advanced Animal Production	Biodiversity and Conservation	Wildlife and Zoo Management	Developments in Animal Science	Anthrozoology	Animal Psychology	Advanced Animal Microbiology	Animal Therapy 2	Undergraduate Independent Study		
3	Demonstrate the ability to apply critical evaluation and informed decision making when discussing modern reproductive techniques used in the animal industries.	✓	✓							✓	✓		✓								✓	✓																
4	Demonstrate the ability to undertake sustained study applying deeper cognitive learning to an aspect of animal science.								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Critically evaluate an aspect of animal science based on systematic rigorous research processes which highlights both implications and recommendations for developing current and future practice.								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Use skills of reflection, evaluation and critical thinking to support an effective understanding of current legislation in relevant agricultural and animal related polices both in the United Kingdom and Europe.					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓										
7	Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development and lifelong learning through the development of skills in relation to self directed and independent study.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills																																						
1	Undertake skilled and competent evaluative and practical animal science skills;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Communicate effectively with individuals, establishing professional and ethical relationships;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Maintain the standards and practices required of the industry;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Recognise moral/ethical dilemmas and issues;					✓	✓		✓	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓								
5	Perform professional tasks exercising personal responsibility and a capacity to make decisions appropriate to the role in the animal science industries.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

Placement learning

May include a placement in industry when completing the Work Placement module.

International Academic Study

Within this programme there is an opportunity to gain academic credit for a period of studying abroad. The student would be supported to identify an opportunity of interest, which may be with established College partners or by individual arrangement. All periods of study abroad would have to meet the College's requirements before enrolment on the International Academic Study opportunity modules.

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) (or equivalent)

This specification is supported by a VLE where students will be able to find all necessary module information. Direct links to information sources will also be provided from within the VLE.

Careers

To support learner's career preparations, careers personnel visit Hartpury on a regular basis and the students can use all the on line resources. Tutors will also offer subject specific careers advice through module sessions or individual tutorials. Careers Fairs are arranged periodically to allow students to engage directly with employers from the industry sector.

Description of any Distinctive Features

The purpose of the programme is to provide a balance of academic study and practical learning that is intellectually challenging, vocationally relevant, and provides a foundation for pursuing a career within the animal industry. The student will be equipped with the ability and knowledge required by employers. The programme has been designed to build on the competencies of a wide spectrum of students who should be capable of taking up appropriate positions of responsibility within the varied range of enterprises to be found within the animal based industries. Practicals and industry based visits will underpin the students' academic knowledge whilst giving the student the opportunity to practice and develop practical skills required.

Core modules in year 1 provide the student with a basic understanding of the physiology of animals in relation to anatomy, nutrition and reproductive technology as well as developing investigative skills for research. This knowledge is extended in the subsequent modules in year 2 with the option modules enabling the student to specialise in areas of particular interest to them, for example wildlife conservation, animal health and welfare, animal production and breeding, animal management and nutrition. These themes will be further developed in final year modules with an increased focus on research and independent study to enable progression to further study and application to industry.

Work in the laboratory and field provides students with experience in the application of the theories learned in lectures. The programme utilises the extensive land and animal facilities present on site including the farm (which includes a dairy unit, a flock of Romney X Cheviots sheep and a red deer herd) and the animal care department (which has an extensive range of small and large mammals and vivarium species including reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates). Guest lecturers and visits to external organisations (including Bristol Zoo, Sequani, Guide Dogs etc.) allow students to appreciate how these theories are applied in commercial organisations and real-life situations.

There are also two optional residential field trips available as part of the programme. A field course module to South Africa runs in the second year of the programme. This provides students with an opportunity to explore African ecology and ethology. In the third year of the course there is a residential visit to Marwell Wildlife Park that is part of the Wildlife and Zoo Management module. This trip enables students to identify and evaluate the environmental and behavioural needs of a range of non-domestic animal species and provides the opportunity to investigate the necessary criteria for the reintroduction of animals into the wild.

After consultation with the Vocational Panel members it was recommended that students have the opportunity to engage with the animal industry in the form of a placement. As a result, students will be encouraged to undertake an optional placement module where they will gain both practical and business knowledge in the animal industry.

Learners will be supported throughout the programme via online web-based support such as the VLE, electronic resources through the Hartpury Learning Resource Centre and individual tutorial sessions with a designated tutor.

Through complementary studies students are able to acquire generic professional qualifications such as first aid, health and safety, and risk assessment, alongside industry specific certificates such as Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines. As well as being able to join the UWE Students Union and associated societies, it will also be possible to join the Land and Animal Biology Society (LABS) which is administered by Hartpury students, in order to offer animal and land-based activities to complement formal programme studies.

This programme offers the opportunity for students to undertake an approved Exchange Programme, for an agreed period (one/two semesters), of overseas study at a higher education institution studying modules appropriate to their programme aims and which have been pre-approved by the Programme Manager. The Exchange Programme is dependent on an approved agreement between Hartpury College and an approved International Institution for BSc (Hons) Animal Science.

Part 5: Assessment

Approved variant to University [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#)

Assessment Strategy

Assessment strategy to enable the learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated:

Individuals learn through different methods, hence a range of teaching and assessment techniques are used throughout the programme. Theoretical lectures, practicals (computer based, laboratory, farm and estate), seminars and debates, industry based visits and guest speakers from within the industry enhance the students' academic knowledge, whilst giving the student the opportunity to practice and develop applied skills needed for industry. Module assessments are designed to apply the knowledge and experience gained from these learning opportunities to a real world context using a range of skills.

In line with the College's commitment to facilitating equal opportunities, a student may apply for alternative means of assessment if appropriate. Each application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account learning and assessment needs. For further information regarding this please refer to the VLE.

Assessment Map

The programme encompasses a range of **assessment methods** including; unseen written exams, practical exams, written assignments, reports/projects, laboratory/field notebooks. These are detailed in the following assessment map:

Assessment Map for BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science (SW)

		Type of Assessment*									
		Unseen Written Exam	Open Book Written Exam	In-class Written Test	Practical Exam	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral assessment and/or presentation	Written Assignment	Report / Project	Dissertation	Portfolio
Compulsory Modules Level 1	Anatomy and Physiology	A (50)			A (25)			B (25)			
	Animal Nutrition	A (50)						B (50)			
	Animal Genetics						A (100)				
	Introduction to Animal Behaviour	A (40)						B (60)			
	Biodiversity	A (50)							B (50)		
	Introduction to Animal Welfare	A (50)						B (50)			
	Animal Health and Disease	A (70)							B (30)		
Compulsory Modules Level 2	Applied Animal Nutrition	A (50)						B (50)			
	Undergraduate Research Process							A (100)			
Optional Modules Level 2	Applied Animal Health and Disease	A (60)						B (40)			
	Management of Domestic Animals					A (30)		B (70)			
	Animal Production	A (50)						B (50)			
	Animal Therapy 1						A (100)				
	Animal Reproductive Physiology	A (50)						B (50)			
	Behavioural Measurement			A (100)							
	Animal Microbiology	A (30)		A (20)				B (50)			
	Independent Report		A (25)					B (75)			
	Field Course						A (25)	B (75)			
	Ethics and Welfare	A (50)					B (50)				
	International Academic Study Portfolio										A (100)
	International Academic Study Project						A (25)				B (75)
	International Academic Study Extended Project						A (25)				B (75)
Optional Year	Sandwich Year Work Placement										A (100)
Compulsory Modules Level 3	Developments in Animal Science	A (100)									
	Undergraduate Dissertation									A (100)	
Optional Modules Level 3	Advanced Animal Microbiology	A (50)				B (50)					
	Advanced Animal Nutrition	A (50)						B (50)			
	Advanced Animal Production	A (60)						B (40)			
	Animal Psychology	A (60)						B (40)			
	Animal Therapy 2	A (75)						B (25)			
	Anthrozoology		A (100)								
	Biodiversity and Conservation						A (30)	B (70)			
	Epidemiology	A (60)						B (40)			
	Wildlife and Zoo Management						A (25)	B (75)			
	Undergraduate Independent Study										A (100)

*Assessment should be shown in terms of either **Written Exams**, **Practical exams**, or **Coursework** as indicated by the colour coding above.

Part 6: Programme Structure

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time student**, including:

- 1 level and credit requirements
- 2 interim award requirements
- 3 module diet, including compulsory and optional modules

ENTRY		Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Interim Awards
↓	Year 1	Anatomy and Physiology (UINXNW-30-1) Animal Genetics (UINXNV-15-1) Animal Health and Disease (UINXKK-15-1) Animal Nutrition (UINXK5-15-1) Biodiversity (UINXK6-15-1) Introduction to Animal Behaviour (UINXK7-15-1) Introduction to Animal Welfare (UINXK9-15-1)		<u>CertHE Animal Science</u> Requirements: 120 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 100 are at level 1 or above. <u>DipHE Applied Animal Science</u> Requirements: 240 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 220 are at level 1 or above and not less than 100 at level 2 or above.
	Year 2	Applied Animal Nutrition (UINXSP-15-2) Undergraduate Research Process (UINXU5-15-2)	Students are normally required to select 90 credits from the optional modules listed below: Animal Microbiology (UINXRK-15-2) Animal Production (UINXSL-15-2) Animal Reproductive Physiology (UINXRM-15-2) Animal Therapy 1 (UINXU4-15-2) Applied Animal Health and Disease (UINXSN-30-2) Behavioural Measurement UINXSS-15-2) Ethics and Welfare (UINXSW-15-2) Field Course (UINXSY-15-2) Independent Report (UINXRX-15-2) Management of Domestic Animals (UINXT8-30-2) International Academic Study Portfolio (UINXRP-15-2) International Academic Study Project (UINXRQ-30-2) International Academic Study Extended Project (UINXRR-45-2)	<u>BSc Applied Animal Science</u> Requirements: 300 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 280 are at level 1 or above, not less than 100 at level 2 or above and not less than 60 at level 3 or above. TARGET AWARD <u>BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science</u> Credit Requirements: 360 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 340 are at level 1 or above, not less than 200 are at level 2 or above and not less than 100 at level 3 or above. This must include all compulsory modules. TARGET AWARD <u>BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science (SW)</u> Credit Requirements: 360 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 340 are at level 1 or above, not less than 200 are at level 2 or above and not less than 100 at level 3 or above. This must include all compulsory modules and the Sandwich Year Work Placement module.
	Year Out	Sandwich Year Work Placement (UINVK6-15-2)		
	Year 3	Developments in Animal Science (UINV3G-15-3) Undergraduate Dissertation (UINV3R-45-3)	Students are normally required to select 60 credits from the optional modules listed below: Advanced Animal Microbiology (UINV4T-15-3) Advanced Animal Nutrition (UINV4S-15-3) Advanced Animal Production (UINV4V-15-3) Animal Psychology (UINV4X-15-3) Animal Therapy 2 (UINV36-15-3) Anthrozoology (UINV38-15-3) Biodiversity and Conservation (UINV39-15-3) Epidemiology (UINV3H-15-3) Wildlife and Zoo Management (UINV3N-15-3) Undergraduate Independent Study (UINV3M-15-3)	
GRADUATION				

Part time:

The following structure diagram demonstrates an example of the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **part time student**.

ENTRY		Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Interim Awards
↓	Year 1.1	Anatomy and Physiology (UINXNW-30-1) Animal Genetics (UINXNV-15-1) Introduction to Animal Behaviour (UINXK7-15-1)		<u>CertHE Animal Science</u> Requirements: 120 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 100 are at level 1 or above. <u>DipHE Applied Animal Science</u> Requirements: 240 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 220 are at level 1 or above and not less than 100 at level 2 or above.
	Year 1.2	Animal Nutrition (UINXK5-15-1) Biodiversity (UINXK6-15-1) Introduction to Animal Welfare (UINXK9-15-1) Animal Health and Disease (UINXKK-15-1)		<u>BSc Applied Animal Science</u> Requirements: 300 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 280 are at level 1 or above, not less than 100 at level 2 or above and not less than 60 at level 3 or above.
	Year 2.1	Undergraduate Research Process (UINXU5-15-2)	Management of Domestic Animals (UINXT8-30-2) Animal Therapy 1 (UINXU4-15-2)	
	Year 2.2	Applied Animal Nutrition (UINXSP-15-2)	Animal Reproductive Physiology (UINXRM-15-2) Field Course (UINXSY-15-2) Ethics and Welfare (UINXSW-15-2)	TARGET AWARD <u>BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science</u> Credit Requirements: 360 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 340 are at level 1 or above, not less than 200 are at level 2 or above and not less than 100 at level 3 or above. This must include all compulsory modules.
	Year Out	Sandwich Year Work Placement (UINVK6-15-2)		
	Year 3.1	Developments in Animal Science (UINV3G-15-3)	Biodiversity and Conservation (UINV39-15-3) Animal Therapy 2 (UINV36-15-3) Anthrozoology (UINV38-15-3) Advanced Animal Nutrition (UINV4S-15-3)	TARGET AWARD <u>BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science (SW)</u> Credit Requirements: 360 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 340 are at level 1 or above, not less than 200 are at level 2 or above and not less than 100 at level 3 or above. This must include all compulsory modules and the Sandwich Year Work Placement module.
	Year 3.2	Undergraduate Dissertation (UINV3R-45-3)	Wildlife and Zoo Management (UINV3N-15-3) Epidemiology (UINV3H-15-3)	
GRADUATION				

Part 7: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply with the following additions/exceptions*:

Applicants will have achieved tariff points as appropriate for the year of entry, which for the academic year 2013/14 was 240 tariff points.

Applicants must provide evidence which demonstrates to the University's satisfaction that they can benefit from study at honours degree level and are likely to achieve the required standard. Applicants will have achieved five subjects including English, Mathematics and Science at GCSE level Grades A-C or above, or equivalent and current UCAS Tariff Points (including a biological science), or equivalent.

We also welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds who do not have the entry requirements outlined above. The University will consider applicants on the basis of evidence of personal, professional and educational experience which indicates an applicant's ability to meet the demands of an undergraduate degree programme. Applicants with non-standard entry criteria will be reviewed on an individual basis. This will take the form of an individual interview with members of the programme team and possibly the completion of a set task such as a written assignment. Where appropriate experience or learning has been gained prior to enrolment on the programme RPL/RPEL may be possible.

Applicants whose first language is not English must also gain a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 prior to entry onto the programme.

Part 8: Reference Points and Benchmarks

Description of **how** the following reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

National qualification framework

Subject benchmark statements

[University strategies and policies](#)

Staff research projects

Any relevant PSRB requirements

Any occupational standards

QAA UK Quality Code for HE has been used to define the minimum level of achievement that students need to achieve to succeed on this programme and achieve the qualification. It has also been used to inform the academic quality of the programme and enhance the quality of the learning opportunities and the assessment methods used to measure achievement on the programme.

Relevant subject benchmark statements (Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, food and consumer sciences (2009)) have informed the characteristics of the subject matter and curriculum development of the programme, the programme learning outcomes and the attributes that a graduate of this programme should be able to demonstrate.

University Strategies and Policies:

The Academic Regulations and Procedures 2012-13 has been used to ensure that the quality of learning, teaching and assessment on this programme adheres to the university's frame work of academic regulations, procedures and working practices that enable the assurance of academic standards. The university's Policy on Word Count has also been used to inform the assessment strategy stated in Part 5 of this document and is detailed on the module descriptors.

University of the West of England 2020 Strategy

Has been used in designing this programme to ensure that the programme is: learning-centred; underpinned by sound health and safety practices and informed by research and professional practice; inclusive, flexible and accessible, exemplified in particular by the part-time and accelerated study routes; and, provides a diverse assessment diet. Furthermore, the programme aims to produce graduates who: know and value themselves as open-minded, reflective and inter-dependent learners, and participants, employees, self-employed professionals and entrepreneurs in global settings and as global citizens; and, reflect on their own learning and practice, who value others as collaborators in their learning and its exchange.

Assessment within the programme: is an integral part of a dynamic learning and teaching process and not separate from it; plays a key part in the rigorous setting and maintaining of academic standards; provides all students with the entitlement to parity of treatment; makes no distinction between different modes of study; ensures that progression is achieved by credit accumulation and the completion of pre-requisites and co-requisites; recognises different module learning in different forms of assessment; and, affords students the maximum opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, competencies and overall strengths through a variety of assessed activities.

Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Strategy

Has been used in designing this programme to ensure that the programme is underpinned by the five key principles which aim to enhance the student experience across the Associate Faculty. This programme will provide a high quality experience through a focus on student progression and achievement, academic currency and relevance, innovative delivery and assessment and feedback delivered by appropriately qualified staff who undergo Continuing Professional Development (CPD) that is linked to the UK Professional Standards Framework. The programme team will encourage and support individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures to enable them to enter higher education and fulfil their potential. The programme adopts a fully integrated and collaborative approach to preparing students for future graduate level employment and to foster the inquiring mind-set, which will ultimately support lifelong learning for the benefit of both the graduate and wider society. The programme promotes an active scholarship culture that incorporates the scholarship of discovery, integration, application and inquiry-based learning that will transform students' understanding of knowledge and research. Students will be encouraged to develop knowledge exchange partnerships by fostering connections with each other as well as local businesses and other community partners.

Staff research projects:

The proposed modules for the Bioveterinary Science programme are based on well established teaching areas within the Associate Faculty. These modules will be taught by staff who are either research or consultancy active, or actively engaged in scholarly activity, and who bring their current experience to bear on their teaching.

Employer interaction/feedback:

Field of Animal and Land Sciences Vocational Panel meetings involve discussions about the purpose of the programme, its distinctiveness as a programme and the skills and knowledge needed to ensure the programme is current and relevant to employers.

What methods have been used in the development of this programme to evaluate and improve the quality and standards of learning? This could include consideration of stakeholder feedback from, for example current students, graduates and employers.

The programme has previously been validated following development with a vocational panel and consultation with students and graduates. The programme has evolved following many years of feedback from students via National Student Survey and staff student forums. This has been utilised to develop the programme content, increase practical content and ensure relevancy of the material to the developing needs of the industry.

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found in module specifications, available on the [University's website](#).