

CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

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	Department of Animal and Land Science
Modular Scheme Title	None
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	None
Highest Award Title	BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Conservation and Sustainable Management
Default Award Title	None
Fall-back Award Title	None
Interim Award Titles	None
UWE Progression Route	None
Mode(s) of Delivery	Full time/Part-time
Codes	UCAS: D495 JACS: D400
	ISIS2: D495 HESA:
Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements	Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, food and consumer sciences (2009)
CAP Approval Date	29 May 2014
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Part 2: Educational Aims of the Programme

The programme is designed to build on existing academic and intellectual attainment and to develop new higher level knowledge and understanding of agriculture, conservation and sustainable management to enable effective land management now and in the future. The programme will support the learner from a wide range of social and educational backgrounds, through the provision of a programme of study which meets the needs of the individual, supporting academic progression.

The assessment of this prior learning will be done on an individual basis on application. The assessment will ensure the learning outcomes previously achieved underpin the educational aims of this programme.

The aim of the programme is to enable the students to gain a fundamental understanding and critical awareness of the problems and challenges facing the land management industry, including issues pertaining to the global nature of, and internationalisation of food production and conservation. Students should also develop a range of key skills to enable them to communicate their ideas effectively in a variety of media.

The programme will prepare the learner with a foundation for lifelong learning and enable them to:

- 1 Access a coherent programme of study in agriculture, conservation and sustainable management underpinned by current research;
- 2 Build on acquired scientific principles to develop a knowledge and understanding of the land management and use this knowledge to study land management in the context of present day industry and environment;
- 3 Improve on intellectual skills of critical evaluation, analysis and synthesis in order to be able to think constructively and reflectively, and propose sound and reasoned solutions to problems; Choose from a range of options, while maintaining a coherent programme of study;
- 4 Be prepared for successful employment, in particular for employment in land management industries;
- 5 Develop transferable skills and be aware of the relevance of those skills to different working environments;
- 6 As future workers, meet the challenges of a changing industry with confidence;
- 7 Undertake an in-depth and sustained piece of work with minimal supervision;
- 8 Progress into post graduate study or research;
- 9 Subscribe and contribute 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 qualification is defined by the range of subject areas covered which enables the student to flavour their qualification according to their particular interest and career aspirations. Irrespective of subject area chosen, the student will successfully achieve on this programme through a process of evaluative and critical enquiry. This will enable them to not only acquire the most up to date knowledge relating to their chosen subject areas, but to use that knowledge to problem solve and provide solutions to the challenges of the industry sector.

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

The award route provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas:

Learning Outcomes:	Dissertation BSc (UINXJH-40-3)	Independent Study (UINXJA-10-3)	Emerging Issues in Agriculture (UILXK3-30-3)	Advanced Animal Production (UINXJJ-20-3)	Statistics and Research Methods (UFMEFE-20-2); OR Undergraduate Research Process (UINXU5-15-2)	Rural Diversification (UILXFE-20-3)	Sustainable Management of the Rural Environment (UILXFL-20-3)
A) Knowledge and understanding of:							
1 An understanding and a critical awareness of the problems and/or new insights in sustainable land management, including issues pertaining to food production, conservation and business management.		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
2 A detailed understanding of agronomic and conservation principles related to sustainable land management.				✓		✓	✓
3 Knowledge of recent advances and research into sustainable land management.	✓	✓	✓				✓
4 An appreciation of the application, development, ethical and business considerations of sustainable land management.			✓			✓	
5 The ability to apply the knowledge gained during this, and previous programmes, together with an understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in applied science and management.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
(B) Intellectual Skills							
1 Use skills of reflection, evaluation and critical thinking in problem solving and decision making to support effective and sustainable land management.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
2 Discuss animal and plant management based on knowledge gained in this, and previous programmes, highlighting implications and making recommendations for developing current and future management practices.			✓	✓			
3 Demonstrate the ability to undertake sustained study and apply deeper cognitive learning.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 Critically evaluate research into environmental science and the role it contributes to current and future sustainable land management practices.	✓	✓					✓
5 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 Communicate effectively with individuals, establishing professional and ethical relationships.		✓	✓			✓	
2 Maintain and safeguard the standards and practices required within the land management industry.				✓			
3 Prepare, process, interpret and present data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques.	✓	✓			✓	✓	
4 Recognise moral/ethical dilemmas and issues and respond appropriately.		✓	✓	✓			✓

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(D) Transferable skills and other attributes								
1	Communicate effectively with a wide range of individuals using a variety of means.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Reflect on, analyse and evaluate their own academic, vocational and professional performance.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Utilise problem solving skills in a variety of theoretical and practical situations.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Manage change effectively and respond to changing demands.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Take responsibility for personal and professional learning and development.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Manage time, prioritise workloads and recognise and manage personal emotions and stress.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Understand career opportunities and challenges ahead and begin to plan a career path.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Use information management skills, for example; information technology, library resources, the use of information technology in the workplace.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Part 4: Student Learning and Student Support

Teaching and learning strategies to enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated
Contact time encompasses a range of face-to-face activities as described below. In addition a range of other learning activities will be embedded within the programme which, together with the contact time, will enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated.

On the BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Conservation and Sustainable Management programme, teaching is a mix of scheduled and independent learning.

Scheduled learning
May include lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork and external visits. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

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

Virtual learning environment (VLE)
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 BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Conservation and Sustainable Management programme provides graduates of an land management-related Foundation degree or HND with the opportunity to gain an Honours degree level qualification within one year of academic study. Students from a range of backgrounds are invited to join the programme and by attaining this higher level qualification students will have an increased opportunity of employment success within this growing and competitive professional sector.

The purpose of the programme is to build on existing academic and intellectual attainment through academic study and to develop new higher knowledge and understanding in the field of sustainable land management. The programme has been designed for those students with existing land management related knowledge who wish to undertake a further level of study to enhance their knowledge and academic skills. The programme design includes compulsory modules to ensure that all students that graduate from this programme have attained the skills and understanding appropriate to sustainable land management and the compulsory module, the Dissertation BSc, ensures students gain appropriate Honours degree research skills. The student will obtain an increased awareness of the current issues in the land management industry and evaluate this information in light of up-to-date research. Students have the opportunity to choose option modules from the Field of Animal and Land Science which gives the student the opportunity to specialise in a specific area of interest.

Distinctive to the Associate Faculty is the wide provision of opportunity. The student can engage in a variety of different learning environments. 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. A wide range of assessment types are utilised within the modules offering students the opportunity to excel through written examinations and assignments, oral assessments, poster defence and practical application.

The Associate Faculty prioritises student support. Key to that support is the Academic Personal Tutorial system that is operated throughout the University. Each student has a year tutor who guides the student throughout their study and will be key for the students when choosing modules. Students are strongly encouraged to utilise, and engage in, face to face tutorials with either their allocated personal tutor or their subject specific module tutors in order to support their academic development. Student Advisors are also available for more general academic support needs alongside the College Welfare Officer and the onsite counselling service provided by the institution. In addition to the documentation from the University of the West of England, students receive a student planner from the Associate Faculty at the start of the academic year which introduces key aspects of studying at Hartpur. Students receive a programme handbook and for each module studied, a module guide. Assessment offences information and study/examination guidance is also provided to all students. Much of this is offered through an induction programme which is tailored to meet the needs of students who are not only progressing to a higher level of study, but to the way in which UWE and the Hartpur faculty uniquely deliver their provision.

Learners are supported throughout the programme via VLE. Access is available remotely and so VLE provides students with access to academic materials relevant to their chosen modules and programme. Students are kept up-to-date with information via the announcements on VLE and via the SMS text message service with which the Associate Faculty has engaged with.

The library service is highly supportive of the academic disciplines within the animal field and provides an extensive range of paper (textbooks and periodicals) and electronic (e-book, periodicals and database) resources relevant to the subject area. The library service and the programme teams are in constant contact to ensure that up-to-date, relevant material which supports the students' academic journey is provided.

Through complementary studies, students are able to acquire additional professional qualifications such as first aid, health and safety, risk assessment, hedge laying, all-terrain vehicle training, and animal handling. 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 Hartpur students, in order to offer animal and land-based activities to complement formal programme studies.

Part 5: Assessment

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Assessment Strategy

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

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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; written assignments, posters, presentations and written examinations. These are detailed in the following assessment map:

Assessment Map for BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Conservation & Sustainable Development

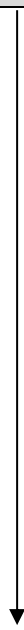
		Type of Assessment*									
		Unseen Written Exam	Open Book Written Exam	In-class Written Test	Practical Exam	Practical Skills Assessment	Oral assessment and/or presentation	Written Assignment	Report/Project	Dissertation	Portfolio
Compulsory Modules Level 3	Dissertation BSc (UINXJH-40-3)						A (20)			A (80)	
	Independent Study (UINXJA-10-3)						A (30)		B (70)		
Optional Modules Level 3	Advanced Animal Production (UINXJJ-20-3)	A (60)							B (40)		
	Rural Diversification (UILXFE-20-3)	A (30)					B (70)				
	Emerging Issues in Agriculture (UILXK3-30-3)			A (70)			B (30)				
	Statistics and Research Methods (UFMEFE-20-2); OR Undergraduate Research Process (UINXU5-15-2)	A (40)						B (60)			
	Sustainable Management of the Rural Environment (UILXFL-20-3)						A (40)	B (60)			

*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	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
	Year 2	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
	Year 3	Dissertation BSc (UINXJH-40-3) Independent Study (UINXJA-10-3)	Students are normally required to select 70 credits from the optional modules listed below: Statistics and Research Methods (UFMEFE-20-2); OR Undergraduate Research Process (UINXU5-15-2) Emerging Issues in Agriculture (UILXK3-30-3) Advanced Animal Production (UINXJJ-20-3) Rural Diversification (UILXFE-20-3) Sustainable Management of the Rural Environment (UILXFL-20-3)	TARGET AWARD <u>BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Conservation and Sustainable Management</u> <i>Credit requirements:</i> 360 credits at level 0 or above, of which not less than 300 are at level 1 or above, not less than 210 or above and not less than 120 credits of which not less than 90 credits are at level 3 and must include all compulsory modules.
GRADUATION				

Part time:

There are a number of routes that a part time student can take to graduate, this can be done depending upon student requirements, hence production of a specific map will depend upon an individual student basis.

Part 7: Entry Requirements

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

Applicants must provide evidence which demonstrates to the University's satisfaction that they can benefit from study at FHEQ level 6 and are likely to achieve the required standard. The evidence for entry to these programmes will normally take the following form:

A Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in Agricultural Science, Conservation or a land management-related programme.

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 AL/AEL 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

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.

Staff research projects:

The proposed modules for the Agriculture, Conservation and Sustainable Management 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 Animal and Land Sciences Vocational Panel meetings include a range of interested stakeholders such as employers, former graduates and academic staff from programmes likely to feed into this programme. The panel felt that the modules that will be offered were very good as they allowed students to see that there are different ways to examine land use. Current students provided feedback at specific programme meetings and through more generic means such as module and programme surveys. Feedback stated that the top-up degree looks interesting and the agriculture option modules cover all the relevant areas and students could not suggest any additional content area. Ideally it was suggested that there should be more credits in the conservation route to enable them to solely focus on conservation, rather than having to take one of the agriculture modules to make up the credits required. The vocational panel, however, had counseled against including too many credit options.

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](#).