



# **UNIVERSITY COURSES** AT PLUMPTON COLLEGE

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# Welcome from the Principal

We're excited about all of the opportunities that are opening up within the land-based sector; with our graduates in more demand from employers than ever before. We're therefore delighted to be able to offer a wealth of courses that fit in with your lifestyle and bring you all of the knowledge and skills you need to succeed.

When it comes to choosing the right place to study, you want to make sure that the location that you choose ticks all of the right boxes. Perfectly located with the backdrop of the beautiful South Downs, we're incredibly proud of our outstanding facilities here. Our main college alone is a wonderful 800-hectare site – not to mention our other excellent out centres – all with superb practical and demonstration facilities.

As a partner of the University of Brighton, we're committed to success here at Plumpton – combining our first-rate facilities with excellent teaching and superb support from our dedicated staff. Our focus is on ensuring that you achieve your absolute potential in your chosen career direction. With exceptional levels of graduate employment, you can be reassured that you're choosing a college that's highly thought of by employers.

A perfect natural environment to get inspired during your training, you've also got the buzz of Brighton on your doorstep, making Plumpton a great place for you to study, live and enjoy!

Join us for one of our information or experience days where we look forward to meeting you.

Jeremy Kerswell  
Principal

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# Why Choose Us?

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## Unparalleled learning opportunities

When it comes to teaching, our staff are experts in their field. With backgrounds in teaching, research and their vocational area, they'll be sharing their passion with you. Our students agree – 93% say that teaching on their course is both interesting and stimulating.

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## Outstanding student support

We know that our students perform more successfully in a positive environment. Certainly the vast majority of our students say they were well supported to achieve their degree. Small class sizes, regular tutorials, access to bursaries and hardship funds and a dedicated student support team all add up to a truly supportive environment for your time here at Plumpton.

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## Industry standard resources

We boast some of the leading facilities for the land based sector within the UK. From our extensive 800-hectare estate to our state-of-the-art equipment for all of our courses, you'll find our centres second to none.





## 4 We're perfectly located

With the beautiful backdrop of the South Downs National Park, you've also got buzzing Brighton right on your doorstep. The best of all worlds – both for study and for your student life.

## 5 Everything you need to succeed

In fact, 93% of our graduates are working, studying or training within six months of completing their course. You'll take part in a work placement as part of your course; giving you the chance to build your practical skills while you develop your contacts within the industry.

# Student Life

We make sure your experience as a student is as enjoyable as possible here at Plumpton. Our dedicated Student Services team are here on hand, 24 hours a day, to help you with all you need – both to ensure your academic studies run smoothly, and your college social life is everything you want it to be.

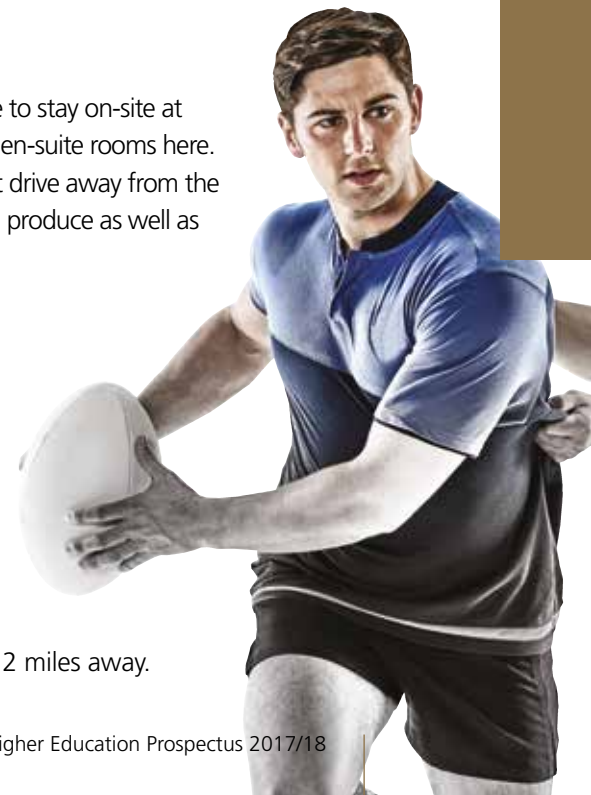
## Accommodation and meals

When it comes to staying at Plumpton, you've got a great choice of accommodation. If you choose to stay on-site at our excellent residential facilities, we've got a variety of rooms available from shared to single study en-suite rooms here. Alternatively, we have a list of local landlords in Brighton that advertise rooms available, only a short drive away from the college. Our excellent canteen and snack bars offer a wide range of healthy meals using local, fresh produce as well as snacks and drinks.

## Social life

We've got a thriving social life for you to enjoy at the college. The highlight of our social calendar is our Summer Ball, held in the last week of the academic year. Activities-wise – you've got lots to choose from. If you're interested in sports, opportunities include badminton, basketball, cricket, hockey, netball, rugby plus you can come and enjoy the challenge of our indoor climbing wall. Our superb Plumpton estate has 800 hectares for you to explore too.

If you prefer a slower pace, you can choose to meet friends at our Higher Education common rooms or the bar with large TV screens and pool table. You've also got the hustle and bustle of thriving Brighton with its buzzing nightlife and fantastic shopping area including the Lanes, only 12 miles away.





# How to Apply

## Visiting the college

You can join us at one of our fantastic information events throughout the year, they're a great opportunity for you to explore our campus and find out which courses are suitable for you. Have a look at page 81 for more information. Alternatively please contact our admissions team to arrange a visit – email [admissions@plumpton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@plumpton.ac.uk).

## Choose your future

We've got a great range of career-led options for you to choose from. Have a look at pages 15 to 78 to see which course inspires you.

## For full-time courses

You'll need to submit your application through the University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) [www.ucas.com/apply](http://www.ucas.com/apply)

The UCAS institution code name for Plumpton College is PLUMN and the code number P59.

The deadline for UCAS applications is 15th January 2017, however we may consider late applications, if places are still available.

## For part-time, CPD and postgraduate courses

You can apply direct to the college, please contact [admissions@plumpton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@plumpton.ac.uk) for further details.



## Our decision

Once we've received your application, we'll consider the information you have provided. If we need to know more details then we'll be in touch, usually within 10 working days. We aim to let you know the outcome of your application within 15 working days from receipt of your application. If you're offered a place, you'll also be invited to come and look round the college and meet staff at one of our information events.

## International students

If you're an international student, you're very welcome at Plumpton. We offer a range of additional support to help you successfully achieve your degree. In addition to the normal entry requirements, you'll need to have an average IELTS score of 6.5, with 6.0 in writing if English is not your first language. You will only be accepted if you have a visa which covers the length of the course.

## Typical entry requirements:

- **Foundation Degree:** 2 A' Levels (grade D) or L3 Extended Diploma (PMM) or IB (min 26 points)
- **Top up Degree:** You will have completed a Foundation Degree in a relevant subject with a mean grade of 55% or above, or hold a similar qualification
- **Honours Degree:** 3 A Levels (grades BBC)
- **Master's Degree:** Upper second class honours degree (science-related subject) and WSET Level 2

Please note that some courses will have specific entry requirements – check individual course pages.

# Student Support

We're here to provide you with any extra help you might need throughout your degree and your time with us at Plumpton. We've got a wide range of systems in place to support you both in your studies and regarding your personal welfare.

## Counselling

Sometimes life can be challenging, particularly if you're away from home for the first time. Which is why we have a dedicated free and confidential service which is available to all students. You'll be able to talk with professional counsellors who can help you with any personal or emotional concerns that you may have.

## Dyslexia and mentoring support

If you have specific learning difficulties, we're here to help. Our Student Support department will be able to advise you through the process of applying for Disabled Student's Allowance if you are not sure whether you have a learning difficulty. You'll be able to access a free Dyslexia test which will identify support you may require. Our team will also be able to refer you for assessment of any learning difficulty, medical condition or physical disability to provide the learning support you need. This could be mentoring or study skills tutoring with learning difficulty specialists, or any other specialist support.

## Graduate skills development

We're focused on helping you achieve the success you desire from your course. We're proud to offer an excellent range of graduate skills tuition on either an individual or group basis. You'll gain additional skills that will help you with your studies, and for your future career too. We offer both regular and ad-hoc tuition including:

- **Building an effective CV**
- **Exam performance/revision**
- **Improving your academic writing**
- **Presentation and interview skills**
- **Time management**

'Without the help of student support, I do not know whether I would have had the confidence to progress. They were helpful in many ways, but most important to me were in the areas of: managing stress, confidence building, revision techniques, mentoring and personal development.'

'My learning support sessions proved really useful in providing me with skills to organise my revision and plan my assignments so that it felt manageable and structured, without being overwhelmed by the amount of work and deadlines. It generally made academic life run just that little bit more smoothly.'

# Finance

Working out how to finance your studies can be daunting, which is why we're here to help.

## How much will it cost?

Tuition fees for 2017-18 are £8000 per year for undergraduates and £5,950 for masters students. Part time students are charged a proportion of the full time fee, pro-rated in line with the intensity of study.

You'll also need to budget for accommodation and personal expenses. If you choose to live on-site, our room rates vary from £4,500 to £7000 per year, depending on the room. All our rooms are fully catered, so you'll enjoy 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. If you choose to live off-campus, individual rents can vary from upwards of £300 per month.

## Financial support

If you're a UK or EU student, you can apply for a Government student loan to help towards your fees and living costs. These will vary, depending on where you live and your financial circumstances. You can get advice from the national Student Finance service.

You may also be entitled to one of our college bursaries. If you're accepted for your course, you'll be provided with details of our bursaries with your offer letter. If you find that financial difficulties could prevent you completing your studies, we also have a hardship fund you can apply to.

## Part-time work

Looking to help with your funding? Part-time work can be a good option so we try to arrange the timetable to make this possible. However, we recommend that you work no more than 8 hours per week if you're studying full-time. There are some opportunities for paid part-time work here at the college – either as a student ambassador, in our college library or working at the student bar.





## Careers

Our ambition is to provide you with the skills and knowledge to secure a role in the industry you've studied for; and we're very successful. Many of our graduates go on to secure management roles and places in graduate training across a wide range of land-based professions. No matter which area you choose to study, you'll gain invaluable work experience at a placement. This is your time to develop your practical skills, in addition to applying the academic theory you've studied during your course. Don't just take our word for it though, have a look at what some of our graduates have gone on to achieve.

### John Manning — Forest Research, Forestry Commission

After graduating from Plumpton, John chose to continue his study at Brighton University where he received a 1<sup>st</sup> and was awarded a BSc (Hons) in Ecology. Using the skills gained over the three years of study, John's first job on graduation was as a Global Information Systems technician for Groundsure Environmental Consultants. This meant that he was able to use the skills he gained from his FdSc for this exciting role. Several years later, he moved to join the Forestry Commissions' Forest Research team. He's now responsible for landscape scale surveying of larch and sweet chestnut for the disease *Pytophthora ramorum* and monitoring effects of climate change on forest trees.

### Shannon Desmond – Veterinary Nurse

After graduating from Plumpton College in 2015, Shannon successfully landed full-time work at a busy first opinion small animal practice. Within six months, Shannon was promoted to 'Floor Co-ordinator', a supervisory role within the practice. This involves organising the veterinary team, and the delivery of nursing care for inpatients and outpatients. Since completing her Foundation Degree, Shannon's key interest in practice has been medical nursing. This passion was developed following Shannon's time at college, plus her invaluable experience while on placement. Her future plan is to achieve specialised qualifications within the field of Medical Nursing.

### Yvonne Judith – Nutritionist, Spillers® Horse Feed

After graduating with her Foundation Degree, Yvonne spent time experiencing the equine industry in Australia before returning to the UK, where she joined the leading equine nutrition company SPILLERS® as an equine competition nutritionist. Yvonne now spends her time visiting major competition yards; providing expert nutrition advice and support.

### Andrew Anderson – Behaviourist, Self-Employed

Andrew achieved the Foundation Degree in Animal Science; following on by achieving his BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare. Through his studies, Andrew developed a love for animal behaviour and worked alongside a behaviourist; gaining invaluable practical experience. After graduating, Andrew is now running his own puppy and follow on training classes, and is delighted to be receiving his own referrals.

# Adventure Education

We've got the perfect location if you're looking to challenge yourself in this exciting area. With a superb range of facilities, we have lots of excellent equipment for you to enjoy and experience throughout your course.

Our large sports hall at Plumpton is a great venue for a variety of sporting activities. It's also the location for our fantastic indoor climbing wall. Conveniently situated within the extensive Plumpton estate, you'll be able to enjoy all of our land-based and water activities both during your studies and enrichment activities too. You'll be able to challenge yourself and enjoy our extensive range of outdoor equipment including canoes, climbing equipment, kayaks and mountain bikes. Plumpton is also a great place for you to take part in outdoor activities such as camping, navigating and sailing.

If watersports is your passion, we have a sailing and watersports academy, run in partnership with a sailing club. The perfect opportunity for you to try out new water-based activities as well as improving your current skills, you'll be able to develop everything you need to become an instructor. It's the ideal location for you to gain experience in the marine and river environment.

We're very proud of our residential centre in North Wales, at the foot of Mount Snowdon. From here, you'll be able to experience a huge range of adventurous and outdoor activities such as mountain biking, mountaineering, multi-pitch climbing and white water paddlesport.



## FdSc Outdoor Adventurous Activities

UCAS Code	N891
Course Title	FdSc Outdoor Adventurous Activities
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're looking for a Foundation Degree that will see you develop the knowledge, understanding and practical skills you'll need for employment in the outdoor adventurous sector, this course is ideal for you. Focusing on the practical aspects of outdoor education, you'll gain a valuable insight into the latest research and theory of this exciting area.

### What does the course cover?

Designed to be delivered through a series of practical sessions based around theoretical approaches, you'll spend the first year looking at water and land-based activities. You'll also build a grounding in research methods which will prepare you for your studies plus other core skills. In your second year, you'll focus on specific subjects that you are particularly interested in, and also from a career perspective. You might choose to specialise in biomechanics, the outdoors and health, or sport psychology. You'll also choose an area to base a research project on.

### What professional qualifications can I study?

We're renowned for having a strong reputation in the outdoor adventure industry and we understand how important it is for you to build your CV while you're studying. For this reason, you'll be encouraged to add to your studies by taking industry qualifications such as with the British Canoe Union, Mountain Leader Training Board and the Royal Yachting Association.



## Expeditions

You'll enjoy week-long residential trips in a challenging environment to develop your personal skills and give you the opportunity to use your academic theory in different practical sessions. These may be based at our excellent residential centre in North Wales. Equally, you may find yourself joining expeditions much further afield, including overseas. During your second year, you'll also get to organise and lead an expedition with other students – giving you invaluable experience to help your future career.

## Student testimonial

'The teaching on my course has been absolutely first class. The lecturers are, without fail, approachable and personable and they inject just the right amount of humour into sessions to provide a fun learning environment. Not only are they all qualified outdoor instructors, they are also adept at teaching the academic side of the course.'

I came to Plumpton hoping to find a career path that I would enjoy. But through the learning and the laughter I found something perhaps more important – myself!

Peter Hayward,  
Recent FdSc Outdoor Adventurous Activities graduate

## BA (Hons) Adventure Education Management

UCAS Code	N871
Course Title	BA (Hons) Adventure Education Management
Course Duration	3 years full-time or 5 years part-time

If you're looking to develop your management and leadership skills with a view to a career in the outdoor adventure education sector, this degree programme is ideal for you. Exploring the theory and practice of outdoor adventurous activities, you'll be focusing on developing creative, safe delivery and management of the educational potential of these exciting pursuits. This course is unique to Plumpton; giving you invaluable academic knowledge of this challenging sector, while giving you hands-on experience during adventures across the UK.

### What does the course cover?

Studying over three years full-time, although you can also choose to study part-time, you'll get to cover a wide variety of theoretical aspects in a series of modules that cover both the adventurous activities provision and education management in the outdoor sector. You'll get to spend time enjoying mountaineering and water activities, plus a variety of other exciting adventurous activities. You'll also build your knowledge of relevant education management theory, and health and safety philosophies, procedures and legislation.

Developing a broad knowledge of the subject, you can look forward to modules that include exploring creative programme design and management, environmental sustainability, ethics and practical application of adventure media. You'll be able to tailor the programme to match your chosen career path so you could choose to study biomechanics and psychology of adventurous activity, and the impact of health and well-being agendas. You'll also be encouraged to choose an optional work placement which will give you the opportunity to experience best practice and current approaches at first hand.





## What career and progression opportunities are there?

You've got loads of choices as a graduate from this course. Many graduates start as outdoor education facilitators at outdoor education centres or commercial adventure providers and look to go on to management positions. Alternatively, you can choose to take your skills further afield by leading expeditions or taking a planning and co-ordination role at an overseas expedition company. Other graduates have chosen to work at schools; co-ordinating outdoor education activities and managing Duke of Edinburgh schemes and trips abroad.

You could also look to move into environmental education, or working for charitable, commercial and public sector environmental education organisations. Many of our students decide to work abroad. In the past, graduates of our programmes have worked at ski resorts in Canada and the Alps, been river guides in central Africa, and worked for outdoor education companies in Australia. Or you might choose to continue your studies - to Master's degree or PhD level, or top up with a PGCE to begin your teaching career.

## BA (Hons) Top-Up Outdoor Adventure Facilitation

UCAS Code	N870
Course Title	BA (Hons) Top-Up Outdoor Adventure Facilitation
Course Duration	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

If you've successfully completed your Foundation Degree in Outdoor Education or an equivalent course, this programme will build on your management skills with a view to becoming an outdoor leader. You'll look into the theoretical exploration of current issues and contemporary outdoor adventure design while gaining invaluable practical experience in both land and water-based activities. You can look forward to lots of personal challenge too, as you'll enjoy week-long residential which will give you direct experience of leading outdoor adventure activities in a variety of different environments.

### What does the course cover?

This is a really flexible course. So you can choose whether to study full-time over a year, or two years part-time. You'll get to follow a programme of exciting modules which will develop your knowledge of research and recent developments in this sector. Developing your knowledge of outdoor adventure delivery; you'll enjoy interesting modules including environmental sustainability, ethics, outdoor education, programme management and psychology. You'll be able to tailor your programme to your experience and your planned career specialism. The course will also give you the opportunity to gain further skills and National Governing Body awards.

### What career and progression opportunities are there?

This course will open up lots of opportunities for you to work within a range of different fields within the outdoor education sector. You could choose employment in the expedition field, instructional work or look to join an outdoor education centre.



## Student testimonial

'I came to Plumpton College looking for a degree that could be transferable to many different careers, as I wasn't sure what I wanted to go into afterwards. The staff are really approachable, enabling our session content to be much more tailored to us. I also found that with the other students, we formed a really close friendship group which made the residential weeks away, and the course generally, really enjoyable. I am now working as an instructor at one of London Youth's outdoor education centres. I am enjoying the challenge of working with a huge variety of groups and activities. London Youth have a big commitment to staff development with lots of progression routes - they are a brilliant company to work for and Plumpton helped me get there!'

Emma Atkins Chaffer

BA (Hons) Top-Up Outdoor Adventure Facilitation





# Agriculture

One of the most important industries in the land-based sector, agricultural education is at the heart of everything we do at Plumpton. With the world's population increasing, it is vital that progress is made to produce food sustainably.

At the core of our college farm, amongst our 800 hectare farming operation, you'll have direct access to our superb farming site which includes a large number of livestock and arable enterprises for you to experience.

Set amongst the beautiful South Downs on a variety of soil types, you will gain an excellent hands-on experience. You'll be able to use our extensive resources throughout your studies. These include a 50 cow pedigree herd of Sussex beef cattle, a 550 extensively managed breeding flock of sheep, a 120 sow pig unit, plus a modern 300 cow dairy unit complete with a 36:36 Herringbone milking parlour. We've also got a 300-hectare arable unit of mixed rotation cropping.



## FdSc Agriculture

UCAS Code	D400
Course Title	FdSc Agriculture
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

With the world's population growing faster than ever and the need for sustainable food production increasing, agriculture is one of the most important industries in food production. If you're looking to gain a management role within this vital industry, this Foundation Degree course will give you all of the skills that you'll need to be successful.

### What does the course cover?

You'll get to build a sound knowledge of agriculture through a variety of core modules. These will include beef and sheep production, business planning, crop production systems and soil science. You'll not only be in lectures, as you will also get to learn from farm visits, guest speakers, laboratory classes and practical activities. In the second year, you get to decide to specialise in an area that's of interest to you through undertaking a research project. There are also a range of optional modules on offer including conservation grazing, organic production, and practical agricultural skills.

### What career and progression opportunities are there?

Once you've graduated, you'll have an extensive knowledge of agriculture which will put you in a strong position for a role in the sector and related industries. Our graduates have gone on to work within farm management plus allied industries such as agricultural sales, agronomy, animal breeding, nutrition plus government bodies such as DEFRA or the Civil Service.



# Animal Management

If you're looking to study animal science or animal behaviour and welfare, our excellent practical resources make Plumpton the ideal location for you to base your training. With our superb animal management unit, farm and fully-equipped laboratories; you've got everything you need to support your course.

We've been offering animal management courses since 1995, and it's rapidly grown to become one of our key vocational areas within the college. Major developments within the unit have included a new dog grooming unit, plus areas specialising in small mammals, birds of prey, cold and tropical aquatics, and our exotics with a wide range of amphibian, reptiles and snakes. You'll also be able to make full use of our 800-hectare farm that has a range of livestock including cows, horses, pigs and sheep.

Our modern and fully-equipped laboratories are an excellent location for animal science experiments and behaviour studies. You'll be able to use our high quality, well-maintained equipment to support your studies - such as our digital binocular compound microscopes, HPLC and electrophoresis equipment, and a PCR Thermocycler. This will enable you to learn and experience the practical elements of animal science in a safe and stimulating environment. In addition to your classwork, you'll also get to take part in research projects in areas such as biochemistry and microbiology, plus choosing your own interests to study in this fascinating subject.





## FdSc Animal Science

UCAS Code	D300
Course Title	FdSc Animal Science
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're looking to find a role in animal behaviour, animal management or the animal welfare sector, this course will provide you with the sound skills and knowledge that you'll need. Spending time at our excellent animal management unit, you'll work with a wide range of species including aquatics, companion large animals, exotics and small mammals. Plus you'll get to experience up-to-date laboratory facilities. It also places you in a good position if you should choose to go on study for an undergraduate degree. Another alternative will be for you to top up your degree to a BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Animal Science, Biological Sciences or Ecology.

### What does the course cover?

You can study this Foundation Degree over two years – although a four-year part-time option is available. Exploring core subjects such as anatomy and physiology, animal health and animal husbandry, you'll find the delivery of the course really varied too. A mixture of interesting lectures, group workshops, guest speakers, laboratory-based practicals and site visits make this a really varied course. You'll also be able to choose modules that are of particular interest to your chosen career – either behavioural, ecological or science-based. We've got a great team of staff who all have a wealth of degrees or postgraduate degrees in a variety of animal-based subject areas.

### Talk to me about wildlife conservation

You've also got the exciting opportunity to take part in an optional module at the Mankwe Wildlife Reserve. A real eye-opening experience, you'll get to increase your knowledge and discover breeding, conservation, endangered species, inhabitant animals and wildlife ranching in a totally different culture. In the North West province of South Africa, 150km west of Johannesburg and 20km north of Sun City, its location of the famous South African bushveld on the boundary between the moist Eastern and dry Western regions makes it an ideal habitat for you to meet an incredible variety of wildlife. You'll be able to discover 3000 large mammals on the reserve, which is made up of 42 species plus over 250 types of bird, plus a wide variety of amphibians, invertebrates and reptiles.

Why not take part in this optional module to discover the Mankwe Wildlife Reserve in the North West province of South Africa and increase your knowledge and discover breeding, conservation, endangered species, inhabitant animals and wildlife ranching in this amazing environment.

## What practical application will be involved?

You'll get to spend time in our excellent animal management unit on a weekly basis. This is a fantastic way to study all of the different species in detail; gaining a wide understanding of their health, nutritional and husbandry needs. A fantastic way to apply your knowledge that you've gained during your lectures in a practical situation. You'll be able to see what works by observing the animals' behaviour and evaluating the outcome of animal interactions.

## Student testimonial

"I applied for the Foundation Degree as I was keen to study with a more hands-on approach, and the course at Plumpton certainly provides this. The science modules have broadened my knowledge of how to prevent, diagnose and treat illnesses and diseases. The course has opened my eyes to the vast array of animal-related industries, many of which I had not previously considered.

I am keen to pursue a career as an education officer. Ultimately I would like to educate owners about the importance of providing the correct care for their small animals."

Rosie Payne  
FdSc Animal Science

## BSc (Hons) Animal Science

UCAS Code	DD30
Course Title	BSc (Hons) Animal Science
Course Duration	3 years full-time or 5 years part-time

If you're looking to work with animals or progress into animal research, this will be a really interesting course for you. You'll discover an in-depth knowledge of animal science, conservation, genetics, health and welfare issues. With extensive practical experience to be gained, this thought-provoking course is designed to give you critical understanding of a range of academic and transferable skills related to animal science.

### What does the course cover?

Taken over three years full-time, with part-time options available, you'll have the opportunity to discover key subjects that introduce core scientific principles such as anatomy and physiology, cell biology, molecular biology and nutrition. You'll be encouraged to think independently; critically reviewing published work and carrying out fascinating research at the bench – both in the field and academically. You'll enjoy a great mixed programme of animal handling, conferences, field trips, laboratory investigations, projects and seminars. In your second and third years, you'll get to challenge yourself through the completion of a research project that's of interest to you.

### What career and progression opportunities are there?

You'll have two work placement opportunities which will give you the chance to spend an extended period of time working in an organisation that complements your studies. You'll get to work alongside professionals; completing tasks and taking on responsibility within a work-related context. It also boosts your chances of future employment being offered. You may choose to spend your work experience at rescue and rehabilitation centres or zoological parks.





## What research is involved?

Working under the supervision of a member of academic staff, you'll get to design an original research project. You can choose whether to work closely with animals – either companion, exotic, farm livestock or wild species. Alternatively, you could choose to work in our well-equipped laboratory using our excellent resources.

## FdSc Animal Behaviour and Welfare (subject to validation)

UCAS Code	D329
Course Title	FdSc Animal Behaviour and Welfare (subject to validation)
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

This course focuses on the fundamental scientific aspects of animal behaviour and welfare in addition to the issues relating to their study. You'll be encouraged to develop your analytical and critical skills in order to evaluate animal wellbeing for a wide range of animal species. This will enable you to assess animal welfare and use assessment procedures relating to animal health, welfare physiology and behaviour, in addition to assessing their impact in the animal welfare and management industry.

### What does the course cover?

Through a balanced mix of laboratory and practical field work, lectures, seminars and visits to animal collections in addition to presentations from specialist guest speakers, you can expect a variety of learning styles on this course. You'll get to explore relevant areas of animal science – fundamental to understanding behaviour and welfare. This will include fascinating topics such as anatomy and physiology, behavioural ecology, evolution, welfare and ethics. Through an independently researched project, you'll have further opportunity to develop your critical analysis and interpretation.

### What career and progression links are there?

Through an increased awareness of animal welfare, there are certainly lots of opportunities for a career in welfare organisations and animal collections. You'll also develop further employable skills through two invaluable work placement modules. During this time, you'll have the opportunity to work alongside animal management and welfare specialists; gaining additional first-hand experience.



## BSc (Hons) Top-Up Animal Behaviour and Welfare

UCAS Code	2B7C
Course Title	BSc (Hons) Top-Up Animal Behaviour and Welfare
Course Duration	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

If you're looking to top up your degree to help you on your career journey, this course is ideal for you - especially if you're looking to work within an animal centre, rescue and welfare centre or zoo. You'll gain invaluable knowledge; developing an in-depth understanding of animal behaviour. Designed to give you excellent subject-specific skills, you'll have the equivalent knowledge to that of employees who've had several years' experience.

### What does the course cover?

This fascinating top up extension course can either be taken full-time over a year or part-time in two years, ideal if you're looking to gain a full honours degree in animal behaviour and welfare. You'll get to study compulsory modules which cover the function of animal behaviour as well as how humans influence different species. This will include current welfare implications – designed to encourage debate and discussion. You've also got optional modules which allow you to choose subjects that will help you on your chosen career pathway. You'll study current research and best industry practice, plus enjoy guest speakers and external visits.

### What study trips are there?

You'll build your knowledge through a variety of excellent study trips. These will include different organisations and zoological institutions. A chance for you to put theory into practice – particularly for accommodation, nutrition and welfare for a variety of species. You'll spend time finding out at first hand from employees what it's like to be in the industry. A great way to develop your skills, you'll also be encouraged to critically evaluate and present your findings and experiences to your fellow students.



## What careers and progression opportunities are there?

You'll be well-skilled for a management role in a number of sectors in the animal industry. This could include animal welfare charities and zoological parks. If you choose to continue your training, you could also look to achieve your Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist accreditation. You will also have achieved the educational requirement for accreditation with industry recognised organisations such as the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors.

### Student testimonial

'I found the course to be not only thought-provoking and intellectually stimulating, but it also nurtured my desire to seek out information and delve deeper into the facts - which I think a Higher Education course should do.'

Andrew Anderson,  
BSc (Hons) Top-Up Animal Behaviour and Welfare

## BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare (subject to validation)

UCAS Code	D328
Course Title	BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare (subject to validation)
Course Duration	3 years full-time or 5 years part-time

During this engaging course, you'll have the opportunity to focus on the fundamental scientific aspects of animal behaviour and welfare plus the issues relating to their study. You'll be encouraged to develop your analytical and critical skills; enabling you to assess animal welfare and to use assessment procedures of animal behaviour to evaluate animal wellbeing. Focusing on issues that relate to animal health, you'll study a wide variety of species and look at the impact on the animal welfare and management industry.

### What does the course cover?

You can look forward a very varied course. This will include laboratory studies and practicals, lectures, seminars and workshops. You'll spend time with our animal collections including aquatic, companion and exotic species as an additional study resource. It's a particularly fascinating course that will see you develop a knowledge and understanding of the neurological and physiological aspects of behaviour and their subsequent impact on animal wellbeing. By carrying out research projects, you'll also be able to develop your skills further; analysing key factors that affect behaviour and welfare.

### What research is involved?

You'll gain invaluable guidance and support from our experienced academic staff who have extensive experience in animal behaviour and research. During your final year research project, you'll have the opportunity to work closely with companion animals, exotics and farm livestock here on site. You'll be able to research animal cognition, aspects of behaviour and behaviour management. This will enable you to present a critical analysis in a thoroughly scientific format. You'll be further encouraged to undertake your research in an industry setting; developing the relevance and application of your findings in respect of animal behaviour and welfare.



# Countryside Management

With over 800 hectares at your disposal, you've got so much space to develop your countryside skills and knowledge here at Plumpton. Our college estate offers you some of the leading land-based facilities in the UK – including ancient semi-natural woodlands, Bronze age and Roman sites, a commercial farm, and a network of small streams. With multiple land uses, our estate provides you with a first class learning resource for your studies.

The estate is entered into agri-environmental stewardship schemes which give you the opportunity to measure their benefits. We're also fortunate to have our superb out centre at the foot of Snowdon where you'll experience an entirely different ecosystem to Sussex.

If you're looking to develop practical estate skills, chainsaw use and woodcraft skills, you'll have access to our well-equipped workshops. We've also got laboratories for experimental work and computer suites equipped with Geographical Information System (GIS) and Computer Assisted Design (CAD) software.





## FdSc Countryside Management

UCAS Code	D440
Course Title	FdSc Countryside Management
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're looking to enter the thriving countryside management industry, there are lots of exciting specialisms for you to consider. This course has been carefully developed in conjunction with a number of Sussex-based countryside organisations in order to meet employment needs both now and in the future. You'll gain invaluable work-focused training here in the perfect countryside environment.

### What does the course cover?

Through a great mix of theory and practical sessions, you'll enjoy site visits and fieldwork as part of this fantastic course. We've got a great network of contacts within the Sussex countryside management industry and you'll enjoy a practical work placement as part of your course. You'll also have the opportunity to run New Leaf – a student-run conservation volunteer group. In your first year, you'll gain a broad background in the principles of countryside management which include botany, ecology and soil science, plus practical skills such as estate and field biology skills. Your second year course will build on the knowledge and skills from your first year, with compulsory modules such as habitat management. You'll also get to choose from an interesting range of vocational modules or choose to develop greater scientific knowledge, particularly in ecology and you will undertake a research project in an area of your choice.



## What career and progression opportunities are there?

Our graduates have gone on to be successful in a range of countryside roles. So you could look to become a conservation officer, education officer, nature reserve/site manager, rights of way officer or wildlife ranger. Alternatively you can go on to study a related honours degree course in subjects such as biological sciences or ecology at the University of Brighton or further afield.

### Student testimonial

'Support and advice is readily available and is always useful and effective. I made the most of my time at Plumpton; gaining invaluable knowledge and experience, and am now successfully pursuing my new career in countryside management.'

Cally Bevis,  
Countryside Management

# Creative Metalworking

We've got the ideal location for you to study creative metalworking here at Plumpton. Just a few miles from the creative hub of Brighton and Hove, the home for many galleries, plus we're only 45 minutes away from the exhibitions and museums of London.

Taught in one of the U.K's largest working forges, with additional specialist jewellery and welding facilities, the degree is set to train a new generation of creative metalworkers.

Our metalworking facilities provide everything you need for your degree level studies.

If you're working with hot metal, we've got 29 forges within our new purpose-built workshop to use and you'll be able to use our comprehensive range of hand tools and anvils alongside power hammers.

You'll be able to use our excellent steel preparation equipment which includes a band saw, CNC plasma cutter and steelworker.

If you're looking to specialise in jewellery, you'll find our workshops fitted out with superb individual workstations. The three jewellery specific workshops include access to enamelling kilns, rolling mills, and a fume cabinet for use with resins and acid etching.

We have extensive welding facilities which include low pressure gas (LPG) soldering and brazing, metal inert gas (MIG) welding, manual metal arc welding [MMA] and tungsten inert gas welding (TIG).

You'll also be able to make use of our metal finishing facilities which include a grinding room with downdraught benches, polishing and sandblasting equipment.

These facilities are coupled with a dedicated workshop area for our degree students with lockers and jewellery benches.





## FdA Creative Metalworking

UCAS Code	37VK
Course Title	FdA Creative Metalworking
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're interested in undertaking a thorough investigation of working metal – both small and large scale, this is definitely the course for you. Unique to the UK, you'll soon develop a wide range of complementary forging and jewellery-making techniques that influence each other. You'll also get to study a variety of visual and contextual studies which underpin the design and fabrication process; enabling you to form a body of work from which to base future projects.

This creative course is designed to encourage your development of individual bodies of work. You'll enjoy specialist tuition in technique plus positive guidance throughout the design and fabrication journey. Enthusiasm and delight in the potential of self-expression through metal is an absolute must on this course; experimentation and innovation are expected too.

### What does the course cover?

During your first year, you'll discover techniques in forging and jewellery making alongside workshop skills such as welding. You'll be given live briefs enabling you to create small projects. Plus you'll also work towards an end of year, self-directed project, which will explore individual approaches to the design and fabrication process. In your second year, you'll work on self-directed projects – including batch. You'll also enjoy a practical placement where you'll be able to put your knowledge and skills to work. In addition to your practical skills, you'll study modules that investigate contextual and historical studies.

## What career and progression opportunities are there?

We're very fortunate to have built strong links to the blacksmithing and jewellery world. This means that our students enjoy regular placements and employment with artists at the top of their field. The course is focused on enabling you to be confident in your skills so that you can choose whether to start your self-employment journey, or if you'd prefer, to go into employment. Alternatively, you can choose to top up your studies to a full degree level.

## Additional Entry Requirements

You'll need to show a portfolio of work at interview and meet the following criteria:

- Completion of a full Level 3 qualification (120 UCAS points), for example: A Levels, BTEC Diploma or Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. In certain circumstances you may be considered if you can provide evidence of prior learning.
- International students will be requested to provide a digital portfolio, evidence of IELTS 6.5 and 6 in writing, and equivalent Level 3 qualifications.

## Student testimonial

'The course has given me the chance to appreciate traditional craft, creative flair, broader thinking within art, expression, the ability to create opportunity, and above all else, a reminder that the more effort you apply, the better the reward.'

Rachel Bray,  
FdA Creative Metalworking Student 2014 - 2016

# Equine

We've got fantastic equine facilities here on-site at Plumpton – an excellent learning and practical environment for you to enjoy. You'll be able to make use of our extensive facilities including:

- Horse walker
- Show jump field and cross country course
- Stabling for over 50 horses
- Stocks
- Treadmill
- Two large indoor schools with galleries, plus a 30m x 60m outdoor school
- Weigh bridge

You'll also benefit from the use of an equine gait analysis system, a mechanical horse, plus a range of therapy resources including magnotherapy and equilibrium massage equipment, and fully-equipped laboratory facilities.

We have a superb range of horses for you to work with, ranging from youngsters being backed to ex-competition horses. Our three shire horses will also enable you to gain key practical skills in both harness horse work and stud work. We're proud to be an approved BHS 'Where to Train' centre.

You can look forward to lots of support from our highly qualified and experienced staff. With extensive specialist knowledge in all aspects of equine science and management, you'll find our staff dedicated to supporting your career journey.







## FdSc Equine Studies

UCAS Code	D422
Course Title	FdSc Equine Studies
Course Duration	2 years full time 4 years part time

If you're looking to create a successful career in the performance and leisure horse industry and services related to it, this course will definitely provide you with an excellent in-depth grounding. Your Foundation Degree will see you studying all of the scientific principles required for the management and training of horses. Highly vocational, you can look forward to gaining lots of practical skills; enjoying time at our fantastic equine facilities. You'll also gain invaluable experience during your industry-based work placement.

After you've successfully completed your course, you can choose to gain a full honours degree by moving on to take your BSc Equine Sports Performance final year top-up.

### What does the course cover?

This is a really broad course that will give you an excellent knowledge of the equine industry and provide you with all the practical skills you'll need for a career. Through a variety of academic and practical modules, you'll get to study a wide range of subjects including anatomy and physiology, breeding, equine science and nutrition. You'll be able to develop advanced equine practical management skills which will provide you with sound expertise for your future role. Your practical modules will also be mapped against the internationally recognised BHS Stage exams, enabling you to take these alongside your course should you wish.

You'll find the programme really varied. It's a mix of lectures, seminars, industry visits, practical sessions and tutorials. Plus, you'll also be able to develop strong research skills as you complete an interesting research project on a subject of interest to you.

## What career and progression opportunities are there?

This course provides you with lots of opportunities for potential employment. Certainly we've seen our students go on to succeed in a number of roles within the equine industry. You may choose to follow the direction of breeding and stud farm management, equine coaching, equine nutrition, equine rehabilitation or yard management. Through our close working relationship with employers, you'll also be able to benefit from excellent employment rates that our Plumpton graduates enjoy.

## What study trips are there?

You'll get to enjoy lots of off-site visits throughout your course. These might include equine studs, equine feed mills, sport horse auctions and veterinary centres. There's also an optional study trip to Newmarket where you'll be able to experience all the excitement of the racing industry plus a day trip to see the superb work of the Kings Troop in London.

### Student testimonial

'I couldn't be happier with the course – my practical and theoretical knowledge of the horse industry has grown massively, and thanks to the experiences I have gained, I have now secured a job working with the event planning team at Hickstead.'

Megan Ross,  
FdSc Equine Studies

## BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Performance

UCAS Code	DC46
Course Title	BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Performance (also available as a one-year top up from Foundation Degree)
Course Duration	3 years full-time or 5 years part-time

This is a fascinating course, focusing on the performance, management and welfare of the equine athlete and the skill development of the rider. Ideal if you're looking for an exciting career within the equine industry, you'll get to explore and apply the scientific principles which underpin the improvement of athletic performance. Developing a host of invaluable practical skills required within the equine sports industry, you'll be well-equipped for a career in equestrian performance, equine biomechanics, equine nutrition, equine sports coaching, research and stud management.

### What does the course cover?

Predominantly based on equine science, you'll also get to study specialist areas relating to the assessment and improvement of the performance of both horse and rider. During your first year, you can look forward to a grounding in all areas of sports performance. In your following two years, you'll get to study subjects in more depth, such as nutrition and the rider through modules including sports psychology. You'll also explore the unique partnership between horse and rider plus fascinating topics including biomechanics.

Through a mix of industry visits, lectures, practical sessions, seminars and tutorials, you can look forward to gaining in-depth theoretical knowledge and being able to integrate scientific principles within equine management practice during an exciting industry-based work placement. You'll be assessed via a combination of assignments (including case studies, essays, presentations and reports), plus examinations and practical assessments.



## What research is involved?

An important part of your course will be developing strong research skills. You'll have the opportunity to attend a number of key research conferences throughout your course. Your final year will see you complete your dissertation, and you'll also be encouraged to present your work at academic conferences. Many of our students have been involved in collaborative research projects with the AESE (Advancing Equine Scientific Excellence, a Committee of the British Equestrian Federation) and the British Horse Society.

## Student testimonial

'The knowledge and experiences that I have gained on this course have been eye-opening and inspiring, and the lecturers have provided motivation to develop and pursue my own individual interests and goals throughout the course.'

Michelle McCalum,  
BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Performance

# Forestry and Arboriculture

Plumpton College is the absolute perfect place to study for your degree in forestry and woodland management or arboriculture. With our extensive 800-hectare estate offering farmed land, hedgerows, pond and streams plus woodland, you'll be able to gain hands-on experience in a fantastic environment. Fully equipped with a range of the latest technology, you'll be taught to use our excellent equipment including saw mills, tractors, wood chippers and work platforms. You'll also be able to access and receive training in the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Computer Assisted Design (CAD) in our computer suites.

You can look forward to lots of support from our expert staff who have extensive experience in both the commercial aspects of forestry and arboriculture plus engage in industry research. We also have a site at Flimwell boasting a working commercial woodland and an up-to-date modern workshop.





## FdSc Arboriculture

UCAS Code	D510
Course Title	FdSc Arboriculture
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're looking for a successful career in the leading environmental sector of arboriculture, this is definitely the course for you. Developed in conjunction with the industry, this course will give you the skills and training you'll need to succeed. You'll get to study current tree management practice, with emphasis on a holistic approach to tree care. You'll also look at tree selection and the prominence on the environmental importance of trees in the urban environment.

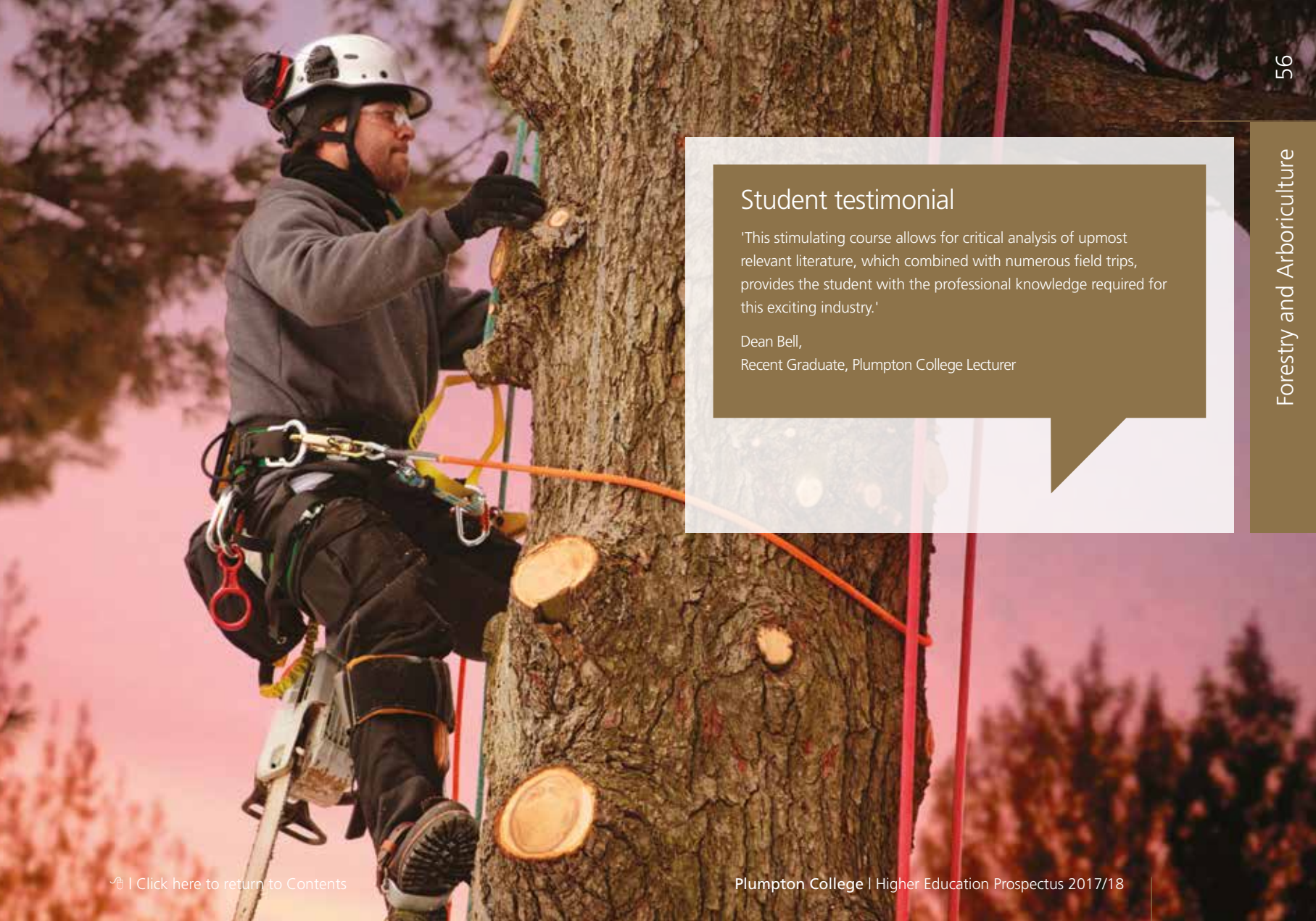
### What does the course cover?

Designed to meet your needs, whether you're new to the industry or you're looking to gain further accreditation. During your first year, you'll gain a broad-based knowledge of related science and course-specific subjects. You'll also enjoy practical training which will enable you to gain industry-related certificates of competence in chainsaw use and modern tree climbing techniques. (Additional fees for assessment apply). In your second year, you'll focus on industry standard tree management and related scientific research. You can also look forward to hands-on industry involvement and networking as part of your work experience placement.

### What career progression opportunities are there?

Our graduates have an excellent reputation for being well-prepared for a career in arboriculture at either a technical or supervisory level. You can certainly look forward to a role such as in arboricultural consultancy, business management in arboriculture, as a local authority tree officer, practical arborist, or roles within scientific research. You've also got the option to use your accreditation towards Chartered Arborist status if required. If you decide to continue your studies, you can choose to progress onto continued study to BSc (Hons) either at the University of Brighton or further afield.





## Student testimonial

'This stimulating course allows for critical analysis of upmost relevant literature, which combined with numerous field trips, provides the student with the professional knowledge required for this exciting industry.'

Dean Bell,  
Recent Graduate, Plumpton College Lecturer

## FdSc Forestry and Woodland Management

UCAS Code	D500
Course Title	FdSc Forestry and Woodland Management
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

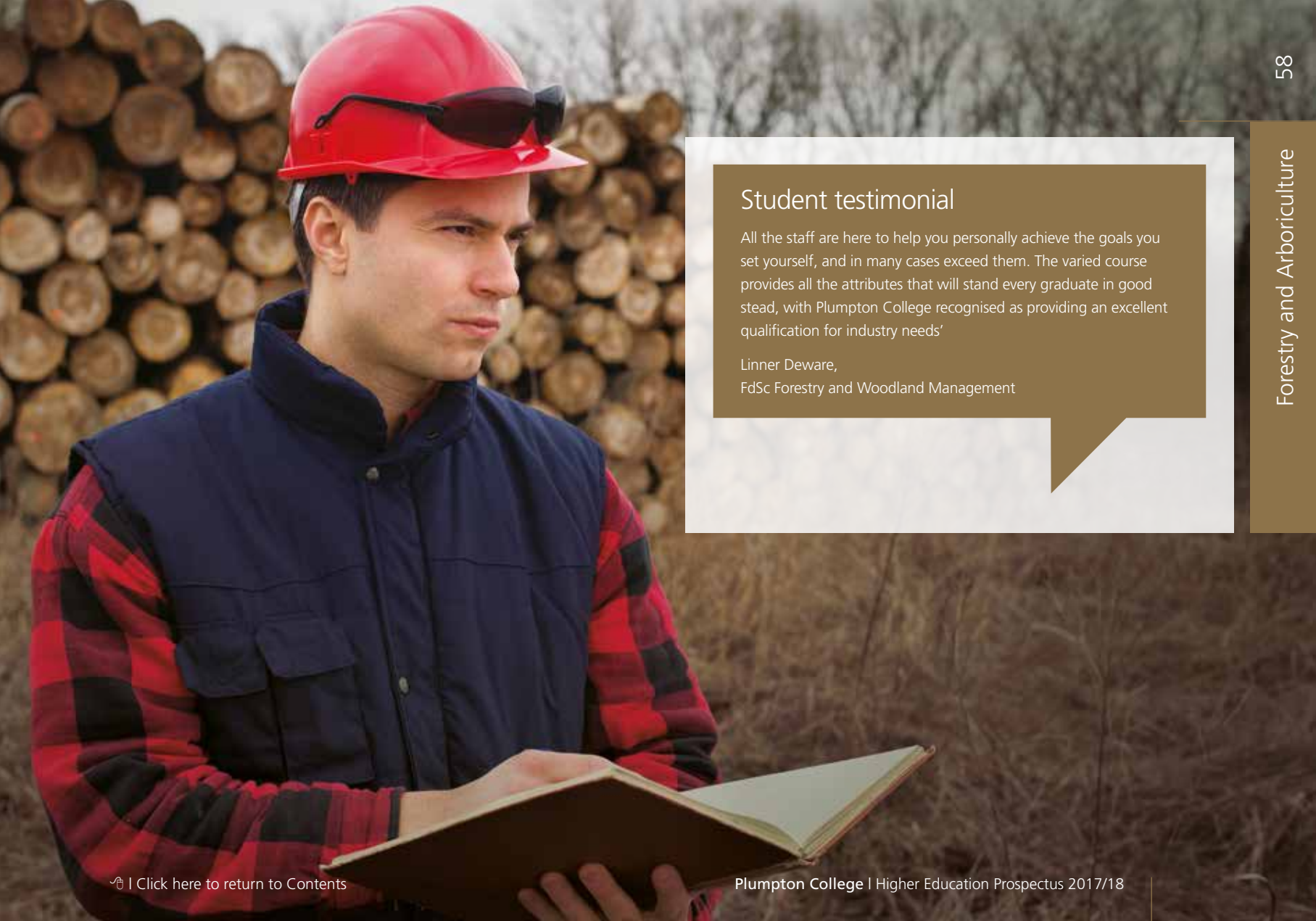
If you're looking for a successful career in this leading land-based environmental sector, this is a great course for you. Developed with the employment needs of the industry in mind, it's a highly popular course. An opportunity for you to gain an understanding of current forest management practice both nationally and internationally, you'll also focus on the ecological and environmental factors that influence forestry and woodland management in Lowland England.

### What does the course cover?

It's a great course whether you're new to the industry or if you're an industry professional looking to gain accreditation and upskill. During your first year, you'll study a range of modules giving you a thorough grounding in both the scientific principles and course-specific subjects. You'll also get to gain supplementary qualifications through practical training for industry-related certificates of competence in chainsaw use, practical forest management and tree felling. (Additional fees for assessment will apply). In your second year you'll get the opportunity to study areas of specific interest to you through specialist modules and undertaking a research project. You'll also complete a work placement which will develop your practical hands-on and networking skills.

### What career progression opportunities are there?

We've got great rates for graduate employment from this course. On completion, you'll be exceptionally well-prepared for a career in forestry and woodland management at either a technical or supervisory level. You can look forward to a role in business management in forestry, as a commercial forester, conservation work, sustainability management, or roles in consultancy or scientific research. If you choose to go on to further your studies, you'll have the chance to gain your BSc (Hons) either at the University of Brighton or further afield.



## Student testimonial

All the staff are here to help you personally achieve the goals you set yourself, and in many cases exceed them. The varied course provides all the attributes that will stand every graduate in good stead, with Plumpton College recognised as providing an excellent qualification for industry needs'

Linner Deware,  
FdSc Forestry and Woodland Management



# Horticulture

The horticulture industry employs 300,000 people in the UK and contributes £9billion to the UK's economy. Here at Plumpton, our excellent estate provides the perfect natural environment for your horticulture studies to prepare you for a career in this sector.

With a superb variety of facilities, we've got extensively planted areas which will ensure you receive a broad experience in plant identification and plant maintenance. You'll get to discover our endangered plant collections of Black Poplars and National Collection of Hebes. These give us links with Kew Gardens plus the endangered plant network. You'll have the opportunity to intensively grow edible and ornamental plants under our large glass area. This also includes our aquaponics unit; designed to grow crops for fish production – an example of sustainable food production in an urban environment. If you're looking to develop your practical brickwork and paving skills, you'll also enjoy our large landscaping centre. Plus we've got great design facilities with the latest Vectorworks software.



## FdSc Urban Horticulture

UCAS Code	K340
Course Title	FdSc Urban Horticulture
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

Urban horticulture is certainly a relevant topic at the moment. As the health benefits of urban green spaces are being acknowledged and understood, there's been a global push to invest in the improvement of urban areas through the use of plants. Equally, with the population rapidly growing, it's becoming more important to be able to sustainably produce food at a local level. Consequently, a large number of organisations across local, national and international levels are looking for individuals who are well-skilled in this demanding area.

### What does the course cover?

Unique to the UK, this course is set to train future managers and technicians in the practice of horticulture in urban areas. You'll develop a strong awareness of the scientific basis of horticulture. Plus you'll gain essential practical experience; invaluable to your future career. You'll have two main options to study, depending on your preference – either urban garden design or urban crop production, which can both be easily transferred to any horticultural setting.

### What career progression opportunities are there?

Horticulturalists are massively in demand - at a local, national and international level. So you'll have the enviable position of having a wide range of rewarding opportunities when you graduate. You could choose to work within the edible production industry, as an estate garden manager, horticultural advisor in the private or public sector, or in the ornamental production industry.



## Links to industry

We've developed strong links with Kew at Wakehurst Place, the Royal Horticultural Society, regional growers who can demonstrate multi-million pound growing technology, local authority horticulture departments plus an extensive range of small, high quality businesses who successfully operate in the region as well.



# Veterinary Nursing

If you're looking to join us in veterinary nursing, you'll find our extensive Animal Management Unit an outstanding place for you to study.

You'll have access to an extensive range of domestic, exotic and 'small holding' animals where you will learn the husbandry and health requirements in preparation for clinical work.

We've also got superb equine facilities, where you'll be able to spend time at our purpose-built Clinical Veterinary Nursing Training Suite, developing your clinical nursing skills.

Here you'll discover our excellent modern equipment which ranges from advanced diagnostic, anaesthetic, laboratory and surgical equipment to a comprehensive range of anatomical models. This includes a life-size model horse plus a full range of equine veterinary and husbandry equipment.



## FdSc Veterinary Nursing

UCAS Code	D310
Course Title	FdSc Veterinary Nursing
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're looking to train while gaining invaluable experience as a student veterinary nurse in a placement, this three-year Foundation Degree is the ideal course for you. You'll spend your first and third year in both college and veterinary practice; gaining practical and theoretical experience. During your second year you'll complete a year voluntary work placement – apart from a one-week module which is taught in college.

### What does the course cover?

This course is delivered through an interesting mix of group workshops, guest visits from industrial experts and veterinary surgeons, laboratory-based practicals, lectures, practical sessions and work-related activities. You'll need to complete a voluntary placement for the duration of your course; completing 1800 working hours over the three-year period. Plus you'll need to complete a nursing progress log as part of your overall qualification. You'll also enjoy visits to a variety of veterinary organisations including referral and equine practices.

### What professional qualifications can I study?

On graduation, you'll receive professional accreditation as a veterinary nurse from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and will be eligible to enter the professional register as a registered veterinary nurse (RVN).

## Student testimonial

'I thoroughly enjoyed the course, I built great friendships with both staff and peers. I found that by being at Plumpton I grew as a person, and became more confident. I would strongly recommend the FdSc Veterinary Nursing course as I had the best three years.'

Shannon Desmond,  
FdSc Veterinary Nursing

## What career and progression opportunities are there?

We work closely with many veterinary practices within Sussex and surrounding counties. You'll be allocated a work placement practice in your first year – most students will stay with the same practice throughout their training. This is an opportunity for you to become fully integrated within a multidisciplinary team. We've found that many of our students have gone on to be employed at their placement practice after they've successfully completed their Foundation Degree.

## Additional entry requirements

You'll need at least 5 GCSEs (minimum grade C) including English Language, Maths and a Science plus either:

- A Levels to include at least one science, preferably Biology (Grade C)
- Advanced GNVQ or BTEC Extended Diploma in a relevant subject (MMP)
- Level 3 Key Skills, but not General Studies

If you're a mature student who has appropriate GCSEs but not A Levels or an Extended Diploma, you may be eligible for entry if you have a Level 3 science-based qualification. A QAA-approved Access to Science course is also acceptable.

You will also need to have completed at least four weeks' work experience in an animal-related industry. A minimum of two weeks should be in a veterinary practice working as a Student Veterinary Nurse – four weeks is preferred.

In addition to our academic entry criteria, you'll need to demonstrate your fitness to practice according to RCVS guidelines. You'll be required to disclose any convictions, including drugs offences, before you start your course. The RCVS may, depending on the offence, refuse to allow professional registration on graduation.



# Wine

If you're looking for a career in wine, you've come to the right place. In fact, as the UK's centre of excellence for education, training and research, we're actually the only Higher Education facility in Europe that offers you a broad range of university degrees in wine business and production taught in English.

You can be assured that in choosing Plumpton, you'll be studying in the heart of the South East of England's dynamic wine production industry and benefiting from our close proximity to the London wine trade. We manage 10 hectares of vineyards here – producing about 40,000 bottles of award-winning still and sparkling wine each year.

At our Plumpton Wine Centre, you'll discover our outstanding purpose-built facility consisting of a commercial winery, laboratories, research winery plus a wine sensory evaluation room for you to use throughout your studies.

In addition to our superb facilities, you'll receive first-class tuition from our team of specialist lecturers and instructors. All of our team have international experience and you'll enjoy both the theoretical and practical elements; combining best practice from both the 'Old' and 'New' world. You'll also build your contacts within the industry; forging links with the UK wine trade and wine producers across Europe.

Since 1988, our Plumpton Wine programmes have been enabling our graduates to become:

- Vineyard managers and winemakers (UK and abroad including Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain and the USA)
- Wine buyers, importers, brand managers and sales account managers
- Winemaking consultants and research scientists
- Wine tourism operators, journalists and educators

The Wine division at Plumpton College is particularly welcoming to international students. Over the last few years, we have hosted people from Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Venezuela.

### What study trips are there?

During your course you'll have the opportunity to join our annual five-day study trip to France which alternates between Bordeaux and Montpellier. You'll visit a number of wineries plus a large grape-growing and winemaking exhibition. In the second year, the best tasters will be invited to join a judging team at the prestigious Effervescents du Monde competition in Dijon (Burgundy). Other recent trips have also included Catalonia, Mosel Valley and northern Italy. You'll also have the opportunity to visit English wine producers, local distilleries and breweries. Plus, with London close by you'll be able to keep up with the latest developments within the trade.

### Additional Entry Requirements

Added to our normal entry requirements, you'll need to have successfully completed the Wine and Spirits Education Trust (WSET) Level 2 award (see [www.wset.co.uk](http://www.wset.co.uk) for further details) - this course is available twice yearly.

## FdA Wine Business

UCAS Code	D690
Course Title	FdA Wine Business
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

If you're looking to work in the wine trade or start your own wine-related business, this programme is ideal for you. Covering a practical and theoretical understanding of wine and the wine industry, it's an excellent combination of lectures, practical wine tasting, work experience, an independent project and the opportunity to visit European vineyards. You'll explore the wine trade; focusing on business planning, development and marketing, plus modules that link to the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Level 3 and Level 4 qualifications. You'll also have the opportunity to study for your WSET Diploma as an additional qualification (the cost of exam entry is additional to fees).

### What does the course cover?

You'll gain a strong academic framework for business management in the wine industry. In your first year, you'll cover food and wine matching, principles of grape-growing and winemaking, and business modules including data management, finance, marketing, an overview of the wine trade, and people management. In your second year you'll get to study the world's key still, sparkling and fortified wine-producing regions in greater depth. This will be backed up with business-related modules including wine communications, wine marketing and strategy, and wine sales. You'll also complete compulsory project and work placement modules.

### What career and progression opportunities are there?

With the UK being seen as the most dynamic of world wine markets, UK wine qualifications are certainly held in high regard. You'll have many opportunities to network directly in the wine industry throughout your course – opening up job opportunities for you after graduation. Many of our successful graduates have gone on to very rewarding careers: business development manager, global wine buyer, independent retailer or sommelier. You can also choose to continue your studies and top up to your BA (Hons) Wine Business qualification.

## Student testimonial

'Plumpton is an ideal learning environment; classes are varied and stimulating, and the student body is really diverse in age and background.'

Daria Ershova,  
Current BA student



## BA (Hons) Wine Business

UCAS Code	D635
Course Title	BA (Hons) Wine Business
Course Duration	3 years full-time or 5 years part-time

If you're looking to gain a high-level career in the wine trade, this unique course will develop a strong framework for business management in this exciting industry. Normally studied over three academic years, you can also choose to complete it on a part-time basis.

### What does the course cover?

You'll cover three academic strands in this fascinating course programme: general business management, the wine trade and wines of the world. You'll get to cover interesting modules including contemporary issues in alcohol, new beverage development and launch, wine classification and wine distribution channels. On the business side, you'll study economics and data management, finance, marketing and people management. In the wines of the world modules, you'll have the chance to undertake in-depth research into the world's key still, sparkling and fortified wine regions.

### What about industry links?

Being so close to London, one of the world's key marketplaces for wine provides a great opportunity for keeping up to speed with the latest developments in the wine trade. You'll get to benefit from presentations delivered by wine trade professionals, such as managers of wine tourism companies and sales directors from nationwide on-trade specialists. During your work placement, you'll get to develop links with industry, plus our students are regularly asked to assist at trade tastings. You'll have several opportunities to attend fantastic study trips to European wine-producing regions. Additionally, you'll be able to take the WSET Diploma as an additional qualification, as a number of first and second year modules correspond to the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Level 3 and Level 4 qualifications (please note that the cost of the WSET exams are additional to fees).

## What career and progression opportunities are there?

With the UK seen as the most dynamic of world wine markets, our UK wine qualifications are held in high regard. You'll have lots of opportunities to network directly in the wine industry; creating job opportunities for you after graduation. You can look at potential careers such as a business development manager, independent retailer, logistics officer or sommelier either in the UK or abroad. After graduation you can choose to continue your studies at higher levels, including with the Institute of Masters of Wine.

### Student testimonial

'The BA (Hons) Wine Business degree is exciting, challenging and unique as it offers a broad spectrum of modules where the element of theory and practice come together.'

Stefanos Xinaris,  
Recent BA (Hons) Wine Business graduate

## FdSc Wine Production

UCAS Code	D630
Course Title	FdSc Wine Production
Course Duration	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

Unique to the UK, you'll gain key management, scientific and technical skills you'll need to become a professional vinegrower and winemaker on this excellent course. With a strong practical emphasis, you'll be very much involved in the production of the college's award-winning wine in our well-equipped commercial vineyards and winery.

### What does the course cover?

In your first year, you'll focus on vinegrowing, with modules such as grapevine biology, vineyard establishment and maintenance, and vineyard practical skills. In your second semester, you'll enjoy spending a day a week in the vineyard, gaining practical experience in tasks such tractor driving, trellis repairs, and winter pruning. Your first year will also give you the chance to discover the foundations of winemaking, with modules in chemistry, grape processing, and wine analysis. In your second year, you'll focus on winemaking, working in the College winery for the harvest. You can look forward to completing a work placement in industry plus a research project, in addition to optional modules in business and wine science. If you get sufficiently high grades in key modules, you'll be invited to transfer to the BSc (Hons) Viticulture & Oenology at the end of your first or second year.

### What careers and progression opportunities are there?

You will develop valuable vocational skills during this programme. Gaining a good depth of knowledge combined with strong practical vineyard and winery skills, you'll have lots of opportunities to choose from after graduating. You could become a vineyard manager or winemaker either in the UK or in one of the other wine-producing countries across the globe or establish your own vineyard or winery. Plumpton graduates are now actively involved in the wine industry throughout Europe and in Australasia, South Africa, Canada and the USA.



# Plumpton College Wine Centre

## Student testimonial

'My dream was to become an independent wine-grower in southern France. Plumpton has not only equipped me with the knowledge to do that, it has also given me the conviction and self-belief to make it a reality.'

Amanda Thompson,  
Recent FdSc Wine Production graduate



## BSc (Hons) Viticulture and Oenology

UCAS Code	D636
Course Title	BSc (Hons) Viticulture and Oenology
Course Duration	3 years full-time or 5 years part-time

If you're looking to explore the science of grape growing and winemaking, and gain the knowledge and skills to pursue a career in wine production, this is the perfect course for you. Unique to Plumpton College, you will be offered a world-class education in wine - based in Europe and delivered in English.

### What does the course cover?

Normally studied full-time over three academic years, you can also choose to study part-time. You'll get to actively participate in the maintenance of our 10-hectare vineyards and in the production of our award-winning wine. During your course, you'll cover all aspects of wine production and related biological sciences, including practical vinegrowing and winemaking, viticulture and oenology theory, wine sensory evaluation and wine analysis. In your final stage of your degree, you'll also get to carry out an independent research project.

### What placement is involved?

In order to develop your winemaking skills and gain a deeper understanding of the factors that affect the quality of wine production, you'll get to select a placement in a commercial winery for the vintage period in your final year of study. This could take place in the UK, Europe or further afield. Many of our students complete their vintage placement in California, where we have developed strong contacts.

## What career and progression opportunities are there?

This course opens up a wealth of opportunities for you within the industry. You could choose to become a cellar manager, oenologist, research scientist, vineyard manager, wine educator or winemaker. Alternatively, you could choose to continue your studies to a higher level in Oenology and Viticulture related fields. You'll be joining our excellent alumni who have gone on to succeed in the growing UK wine industry and across the globe in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, New Zealand, Portugal or USA.

### Student testimonial

'This is the ideal degree for anyone who wishes to develop an interest in wine and make a career in this field.'

Will Smithers,  
Recent BSc (Hons) Viticulture and Oenology graduate

# MSc Viticulture and Oenology

UCAS Code	Apply directly via Plumpton College
Course Title	MSc Viticulture and Oenology
Course Duration	1 year full-time (14 months) or 2 years part-time (26 months)

This challenging programme is designed to enable you to develop a deep and systematic understanding of wine science and related disciplines, with a view to applying this knowledge to make complex viticultural and oenological decisions. The course covers key areas such as sparkling wine production, climate change, and sustainability. You'll have opportunities to visit other wine-producing areas in Europe throughout your course. Supported by our friendly wine department staff, you'll be able to benefit from their considerable international expertise and research experience in addition to our outstanding wine centre facilities; enabling you to access an outstanding master's level education.

## What does the course cover?

At the beginning of your course, you'll be required to attend a two-week intensive course in vinegrowing and winemaking. During your first semester, you'll study three modules which will enable you to gain and apply your knowledge and understanding of current research in biochemistry, grapevine physiology, microbiology and wine chemistry. The second semester will focus on climate, sparkling wine and sustainability. If you're looking to complete your postgraduate diploma in viticulture and oenology, you can choose to write an independent study and end your studies at this point. Alternatively, if you'd like to study for your full master's degree, you'll normally take an in-depth research methods module before starting your master's project. During your third semester, you'll complete your master's project, which can be taken either in the UK Wine Research Centre, or in another suitable location.

## What study trips are there?

In your second semester, you'll have the exciting opportunity to visit a classic European wine region as part of the two compulsory modules in the programme. You'll also have the chance to join study tours organised by Plumpton College which have previously included Bordeaux, Montpellier, Dijon, North-East Italy, Barcelona and the Mosel Valley.



## Talk to me about research

In your final semester, you'll be able to take part in an in-depth investigative research project into a specialist topic in viticulture and oenology. You'll have the possibility to conduct these projects in partnership with industry and in other European countries; providing you with a broad range of real-life professional experience.

## What career and progression opportunities are there?

This course gives you the opportunity to develop advanced skills in vinegrowing and winemaking; making you highly employable in senior roles requiring a high technical knowledge and considerable degree of responsibility. Ideally, this qualification will enable you to apply the knowledge and understanding gained through your previous qualification, within a wine industry context, at a high level. You could go on to choose a role as a vineyard manager, viticultural consultant, winemaker or winemaking consultant either in the wine trade, or wine production, anywhere in the world where wine is produced or sold. Alternatively, you may choose to continue your studies to achieve a PhD qualification in a related subject.

## Student testimonial

'The course is extremely varied, with a good balance of practical skills and research-based theory, staff are supportive and I feel I am learning a huge amount every day'

Mark Crumpton,  
Recent MSc graduate



## Getting to College

We're easy to get to. We've got a dedicated bus service, which covers most parts of East Sussex and West Sussex. You'll find a full timetable on our college website [www.plumpton.ac.uk](http://www.plumpton.ac.uk) and a map is pictured opposite. Local bus services also run to the college, and run past local train stations if you're arriving by rail. There is also a large student car park, offering free parking on-site for all students.



# Course Information & Experience Days

We'd love to welcome you to one of our events – come and discover what we have to offer!

Saturday 5th November 2016	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 7th January 2017	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 4th March 2017	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 13th May 2017	Open Day	10am – 5pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 20th May 2017	Horse Show	10am – 5pm	Plumpton College site
Thursday 29th June 2017	Information Evening	3pm – 7pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 26th August 2017	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site

## Experience Days

A brilliant way for you to find out exactly what it's like to study your chosen course at Plumpton. You'll get to spend a day at the College; discovering new experiences and trying out new activities. Come and check out all of our facilities and ask lots of questions! Our team will be here to help you with any queries you may have about your course and career choices. You can also talk to our Admissions team on 01273 892082/892080 for more information and a copy of our Experience Day booklet.






# Get in touch

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If you have any questions about studying here at Plumpton College do get in touch. Either pop in and see us or call us on 01273 890 454.

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