

Foundation Degree in Agriculture Part-Time (3 years) Full-Time (2 years)

“This programme provides an in-depth understanding, not only of agricultural production, but of the essential economic, political and environmental issues which are shaping the future of the farming industry.”

What will I study?

Year 1: Crop Production, Livestock Production, Soils and Environment, Work Based Learning, Impacts of Agriculture on the Environment, Academic and Professional Skills and Farm Accounts.

Year 2: Subjects develop on the 1st year becoming more applied and include Livestock Science, Agronomy, Research Skills that includes the production of an investigational Project, Advanced Land Based Business Management, Mechanisation and Sustainable Production.

- ✓ Work Based learning modules are studied throughout the programme ensuring students gain the practical elements enhancing their employability skills. Students will require a minimum of 100 hours.
- ✓ **Work experience** is delivered throughout the programme with a strong emphasis upon employability and the work-based element is highly valued by students and employers. Placement is a key factor in achieving the learning outcomes
- ✓ Each year also includes **business** and **employment elements** to improve transferable skills and enable students to set up their own business.
- ✓ There is a strong emphasis on applying theoretical knowledge to practical situations using our excellent animal facilities.
- ✓ The course content is specifically designed to be appropriate to the needs of the agricultural industry and to enable students to progress to study on the BSc Agricultural Resource Management.
- ✓ Each Module will consist of up to 60 hours of class/contact time with your tutor. In addition to this you will be expected to carry out a minimum of 140 hours of self-directed study which should include further reading, expansion of notes and supporting material, completion of assessments and revision
- ✓ Full time students will be expected to be in college 2 days a week over two years and the part time route one day a week over three years.
- ✓ Time tables will be given at enrolment and for returning students at the end of the academic year

How will I be assessed?

A range of assessment methods will be used in order to show evidence of students' learning. Assessment methods include case studies, presentations, real life management problems, problem-based scenarios and reflective assignments.

What else can I expect?

- ✓ Access to the excellent farm facilities including commercial sheep, beef enterprises, pig and dairy units.
- ✓ Additional facilities include Science Centre, IT suites, Excellent Learning Resources Centre and online access to resources such as Athens.
- ✓ Online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) used to enhance and facilitate teaching and independent learning on all courses.
- ✓ Talks from a range of visiting speakers.
- ✓ Experienced staff with both academic and industrial experience.

What is the contact time?

Approximately 16 hours a week to include lectures, seminars, work experience practicals and tutorials. This may include some evening teaching. Students are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study (approx. 25-30 hours a week) in addition to contact time.

Are there any additional costs?

Students will need to buy a white laboratory coat for lab practicals, overalls and appropriate footwear, waterproof clothing and footwear for outdoor practicals is also required.

Trips and short courses may also be offered at extra cost.

What qualifications do I need?

Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 48 UCAS points at advanced level, a Level Three Extended Diploma at PPP or equivalent qualification.

Life and/or experience of non-traditional students will be taken into account when considering applications. The successful completion of an entry task will be required when considering applications without the required formal entry qualifications.

How do I apply for a place?

Full time applications

Through UCAS: www.ucas.com

College Code: BISH B37

Course Code: D400

Part-time applicants

Please use an internal college application form this can be gained via Student Services (08007318281).

Course fees

For up to date information on course fees please contact Learner Services on (08007318281).