**Foundation Degree in Equine Studies (2 years, full-time)**

The FdSc in Equine Studies will develop student’s understanding of a wide range of practical and theoretical aspects of equine science and management. Transferable skills, such as research and professional attributes are embedded throughout the course, and work-based learning is an integral part of the qualification. Key employability skills are promoted throughout the programme, with the aim of helping graduates stand out from others in their search for employment after completion.

Delivered at Level 4 (Year One) and Level 5 (Year Two), modules include Equine Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Yard Management, Event Management & Business, plus Riding and Training horses. Study Skills are developed throughout the programme to help students improve their academic writing and scientific communication techniques. Project work allows students to actively cultivate research skills and investigate areas of interest in the equestrian industry.

A wide range of delivery methods are used, including visiting professional coaches, visits and trips, guest speakers, scientific conferences, individual and group study, practical hands-on yard management, plus more traditional lectures, workshops and laboratory work.

Ultimately the programme is designed for students to progress into further education, e.g. the BSc Top-Up year, into relevant employment in the equestrian industry or into further research. Please see the ‘How to Apply’ section for further details.

**BSc (Hons) Equine Studies - Top Up (1 year, full-time)**

This programme is available for students progressing internally from FdSc Equine Studies or for external applicants wishing to build on previous education and industry experience. The top-up year develops Level 6 academic and research skills, professional attributes applicable to those wishing to work at graduate level in the equestrian industry, together with higher level skills in riding and training horses.

A wide range of delivery methods are used, with key emphasis on independent learning and autonomy. The aims of the qualification are to promote investigative study, to promote professional practice and prepare students for employment in the equestrian industry.

Please see the ‘How to Apply’ section for further details.
Life as an HE student at Derby College Equestrian Centre

Life for HE Equine students here at Derby College Equestrian Centre is busy! The programme is delivered by enthusiastic and motivated members of staff who strive to develop resources, teaching methods and industry links to provide students with the best possible experience while studying for their degree.

Weekly activities range from riding lessons with our Chief Instructor, classroom-based lessons, tutorials, study skills sessions, laboratory investigations and managing our yard of 45 horses. All students are actively supported in their professional and academic development; we have extremely high standards and expectations! We offer numerous opportunities for active engagement with the local and national equine community, and firmly believe in both students and staff ‘going above and beyond’.

We pride ourselves on our ability to know, teach and develop all students according to their individual circumstances. Unlike some colleges and universities, students are not “just a number”! As a student at Derby College Equestrian Centre, you will have access to innovative, creative and engaging teaching in an outstanding department.

How to Apply

For either the FdSc or BSc (Hons) in Equine Studies, applications can be made through the Derby College website; click HERE for course information, entry requirements and to apply. Alternatively, applications can be made through the UCAS website www.ucas.com.

Please note that applications can be made through the Derby College website at any point in the year, and are not restricted by UCAS deadlines.

On receipt of an application. Individuals will then be invited for an interview, where specific details of the course will be discussed, and their suitability assessed. Please note that any offer of a place for either course will need to be approved by the University of Derby, prior to commencement of the course. Further, external applicants will be required to undertake a riding assessment at Derby College Equestrian Centre. A yard induction session, again held at the equestrian centre, will also be required prior to the start of the course.

Please contact alison.buttery@derby-college.ac.uk if you have any queries or would like to discuss the HE courses that we offer.