The Wildlife and Environmental Conservation programme will provide a comprehensive understanding of the scientific study of wildlife and the diversity of living organisms and protection of wildlife and habitats.

There is opportunity to develop skills and enhance knowledge across a range of environmental based industries, including wildlife conservation, habitat management and ecological consultancy. This two year Foundation degree will cover a range of themes, including wildlife biology; habitat management; evolution and taxonomy; practical field research; current industry techniques and technologies. All aspects have been tailored to provide successful students with the best skill-set for their chosen industry.

**MODULES**

Year 1 (Level 4) Core Modules include

- Academic and Professional Skills
- Diversity of Life
- Introduction to Business
- Conservation and Wildlife Management
- Ecological Conservation Skills
- Environmental Interpretation of Habitats

Year 2 (Level 5) Core Modules include

- Business Enterprise OR Project and Event Management
- Skills for Research
- Conservation Education
- Introduction to GIS
- Management of Habitats in Protected Areas
- Introduction to Conservation Genetics

*Subject to validation*
This programme requires students to undertake 300 hours of work placement, with 150 completed each academic year. Work placement is completed with an external provider which is arranged by the student. All work placements are subject to a health and safety check by the college to ensure that placements are suitable and safe. Support can be made available via the module tutor to help locate a suitable placement.

Assessments will be designed to give students the opportunity of performing tasks that they would be asked to do in employment. There are a range of assessment methods used, including reports, case studies, presentations and exams. Typically each module involves two assessments.

Students will be required to have PPE in the form of overalls, steel toe boots and a white lab coat before starting the course. Also students are typically provided with the opportunity to take part in international study tours to a variety of locations. Previous study tours run by the University Centre include South Africa, Peru, Tenerife, Italy, Paris, London and Scotland.

On successful completion, students may wish to consider progressing onto one of the University Centre’s four top-up courses, allowing students to graduate with a BSc or BSc(Hons) degree. Students alternatively may wish to consider careers in a variety of industries focused on ecological surveying, habitat management, species and environmental conservation as well as conservation planning and policy.

Applicants should have achieved 48 UCAS points plus 5 GCSEs including English, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. In addition applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of one year of Level 3 study and/or have significant industry experience. Equivalent qualifications may be accepted in lieu of GCSEs. An initial assessment process may be used to inform the College of your current status. Some students may be asked to attend an interview.

We welcome external applications with advanced standing and accreditation of prior learning (APEL) which will be discussed upon application.

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