Index of courses

The index overleaf gives you a full listing of all our courses.

We suggest that you read through the introduction to the course area first, as this is designed to give you an overview of the subject. More detail is given on the individual course pages. Our entry requirements are summarised on pages 120-123 and pages 118-119 tell you about how to apply.

Visiting SRUC to talk to the Marketing and Student Recruitment Officers, teaching staff and current SRUC students is also an excellent way to find out more, so please come along to one of our Open Days if you can. Finally, make sure you check our website for additional and up-to-date information!

SRUC’s courses organised into general subject areas, are given in the tables overleaf, together with their UCAS codes and campus locations.

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SRUC’s Institution Name is SRUC, and the Institution Code is S01. Further information about how to apply is given on pages 118-119.

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- Access Course
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### Study distance learning
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- ABC Level 2 Certificate – Animal Nursing Assistant
- Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistant
- Level 5 Diploma Veterinary Nursing
- HND Veterinary Nursing
Welcome to SRUC

As Scotland’s national provider of college and university-level education in the land-based sector I am delighted that you are thinking about studying with us. This prospectus will guide you through the areas and levels of courses available.

SRUC offers a wide range of courses in specialist subject areas delivered at campuses located across Scotland. Perhaps you are looking to combine a love of animals and science? Or you want to turn practical experience in agriculture into a qualification. From forestry or vet nursing to rural business studies or greenkeeping, if you are looking for employment in the land-based industries, a qualification from SRUC is a vital step on that career path.

At SRUC we offer you the opportunity to study at a well-recognised institution offering top quality expertise where courses are tailored and shaped to reflect industry needs. We pride ourselves on being able to offer progression through qualifications and at whatever level our students leave, they will have the knowledge and practical skills required to thrive in the workplace.

I hope this prospectus inspires you to join us and our growing student community. We look forward to welcoming you at an open day and hopefully as a student in the near future.

Janet Swadling, Acting Principal
Learning at SRUC

Adding value to your experience

At SRUC, we recognise the responsibility we have in ensuring our students leave us with the knowledge, skills and confidence required to develop their future career. We’re proud of the reputation our courses have, which is one of quality and industrial relevance, taught by recognised and respected educationalists and experts in their field.

“I enjoy the visits. They show you how what you learn in the classroom integrates with the real world.”
Michael Fleming, Agriculture student

It’s not all just sitting in a classroom …

At SRUC you learn in many different ways. Alongside traditional lectures, there may be guest speakers and practical classes and, depending on your course, laboratory work. You will also participate in seminars and tutorials, group presentations, projects and written assignments. To extend the choice of subjects available to students, some teaching is delivered across campuses using video conference technology.

Our goal is to ensure that you develop the necessary academic knowledge in your chosen subject area together with the transferable skills such as independent learning, team working, presentation, communication, numeracy, IT and problem solving that you’ll need for your future. And learning isn’t confined to the classroom! Whatever course you’re studying you’ll find that study tours, field trips, and real-life case studies all feature.

Our smaller teaching groups also mean we are able to arrange regular visits to relevant industry locations and meet with experts working in your field.

Resources

SRUC has all the resources you would expect from a University level College, such as excellent library and IT facilities, and well-equipped teaching classrooms and lecture theatres. Our specialist resources are also substantial. SRUC has farms, advisory offices, and veterinary services located across Scotland. Our science courses are supported by well-equipped teaching laboratories and our strong research base means that students have access to highly specialised laboratories and equipment. We have amenity and commercial horticultural units, design studios, woodlands, gardens and historic buildings.

Equine students can use the first rate facilities of the Scottish National Equestrian Centre at SRUC Oatridge Campus. Elmwood Golf Course offers excellent subject-related learning resources and the Dairy Technology Centre at Barony Campus incorporates the latest animal welfare designs and management systems.

In addition, our strong industry partnerships provide access to learning facilities such as the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, research institutes, and hospitality venues.

“It’s fantastic to have the Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC) at SRUC; an international standard arena to carry out our riding activities. It’s very well maintained and when there are demonstrations, students can benefit from this. All in all a great facility.”
Kirsten McWhinnie, Horse Care student
Employability

Our courses are designed with your future career in mind; vocational in nature, blending the academic with the practical. We regularly invite industry representatives to advise and contribute to our plans for new and existing courses. Where appropriate to your course, you will study for industry recognised training qualifications. Personal Development Planning is important and is considered regularly as part of meetings with your Tutor. You will also be encouraged to enhance your classroom learning through appropriate volunteering and community projects which may contribute to formal assessments.

The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

All our students have a personalised learning area in the SRUC Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which can be accessed on the internet at any time. Material to complement lectures, campus announcements, careers information, job vacancies and College events can all be found here. For students studying by distance learning, ‘virtual’ modules are complemented with online group events can all be found here. For students studying by distance learning, ‘virtual’ modules are complemented with online group events, allowing interaction and the exchange of ideas between learners and student groups.

Quality

In addition to our own internal quality assurance systems, SRUC is regularly reviewed by, and complies with, the quality assurance procedures of:
- Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)
- Education Scotland
- Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

Being inspected by, and complying with, these external agencies guarantees SRUC’s quality of education. Their standards are encompassed within our quality system and associated operating procedures which cover all aspects of the development, delivery and review of courses, including an appeals and complaints procedure.

SRUC is accountable to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) for the quality of our students’ teaching and learning and their overall experience. SRUC sets out our SFC-agreed operational targets within the Outcome Agreement and we participate in SFC quality measures which include the National Student Survey and feedback from students to ensure that they are heard at every level of the College. For more information, please visit our website at www.sruc.ac.uk.
Student Support

Starting a new course is a time when all students will need support in one form or another. You’ll be facing all sorts of new challenges – managing your time and your finances while studying, socialising, and possibly working and juggling family commitments. If you find you need help, you’ll have the reassurance that support is readily available.

"With the support I’ve received at SRUC I can say that learning has changed my life in ways I could not have imagined. It has boosted my belief in my own academic ability.”

Linda MacIver, Countryside Management student

Student Support at SRUC provides an open door service to help all students reach their goals. If you have a disability we can help you to access the support that should assist you to complete your course. If you are looking for advice and help with money matters, personal issues, health care, accommodation, spiritual support, or learning support needs, we are here to help. The Student Support Team supports students with a wide range of temporary or long-term disabilities and additional needs which may impact on their ability to benefit from the course and demonstrate their academic potential. These include Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD); dyslexia; dyspraxia (developmental coordination disorder); the need for audio, visual or mobility support; and mental health issues.

If you have any support needs or questions, it is usually best to contact us as soon as possible, even before you start your course. The easiest way is to email us at studentsupport@sruc.ac.uk

Excellence through diversity

SRUC is committed to creating and sustaining a positive teaching and learning experience for our students, where everyone is equally valued and respected, and students are encouraged to thrive academically. As a provider of education, we value the diversity of our students and are committed to providing a fair, equitable and mutually supportive learning environment.

"Since starting my studies and being diagnosed with dyslexia I have gained confidence through the support of the lectures and staff at SRUC.”

Kirstie Baird, Agriculture student

Academic Support

We are here to help remove any barriers to your learning, and offer a confidential support service tailored to your individual needs – whether or not you have a formal diagnosis. You may have had support previously and wish to continue using what you had before. Maybe you have struggled with academic work in the past, or are struggling now, and would like to talk to someone about it. We work closely with your teachers to regularly review your support. We encourage the use of assistive technology and will help arrange reasonable adjustments to suit your learning needs.

We can offer students:
- specialist help, advice and information on academic support
- regular drop-ins and appointments to discuss support needs and academic progress
- help with arranging non-medical personal helpers
- assistance in accessing specialist funding such as Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)
- diagnostic and DSA Needs Assessments
- arranging reasonable adjustments to aid learning and assessments, such as extra time, scribes, readers, or use of a computer/laptop
- study skills support such as proof reading, help with revision, course work and IT skills
- guidance on assistive software
- library support
- loan equipment

We can also liaise with others on your behalf if you wish, and refer you to additional sources of support to meet your needs.

Disabled People, Reasonable Adjustments and Competence Standards

A person who has a disability is defined as a disabled person for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 if he or she has a physical or mental impairment, and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

SRUC proactively considers barriers which certain groups of students may face, and seeks to eliminate or reduce them as part of our duty to make anticipatory and individual reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities. These barriers could be removed by making changes to provisions, criteria or practices; physical features and auxiliary aids for students.

A competence standard is a particular level of competence or ability that a student must demonstrate to be accepted on to or progress within and successfully complete a course or programme of study.

SRUC has developed justifiable and relevant competence standards and designed study programmes and assessment methods that are non-discriminatory as per the requirements of the Act. We try to anticipate the needs of disabled people and will make reasonable adjustments to the ways that competence standards are assessed so that disabled students are not put at a substantial disadvantage.

Students are encouraged to let SRUC know if they have a disability even if they are not sure so that they can be supported and the required reasonable adjustments made wherever possible. If students do not meet the course competence standards required and the mode of assessment of their course of choice, staff will support them to consider other pathways.

English Language

Students with English as their second language can access a range of ESOL classes (available face-to-face at SRUC’s Elmwood campus and by distance learning for other campuses). These classes will help build your confidence and improve your English, through working in small groups or in individual lessons.

SRUC’s Alumni Community

As a new student your thoughts are probably fixed on getting your course off to a smooth start and enjoying student life. In a few years’ time you will join the successful line of SRUC graduates and will become an alumnus, like thousands before you, from SRUC or one of its predecessor colleges.

You may even receive support for your studies and travel or sports events, funded by donations from SRUC’s alumni community.

Visit our website to see the benefits available to SRUC alumni.

We look forward to welcoming you!

www.sruc.ac.uk/alumni
Locations: your choice of where to study

SRUC has six campuses – you will find our locations and contact details inside the back cover. Some of our courses are offered at a choice of campuses, others at only one – please refer to the index at the front for details.

If you are choosing between SRUC campuses we would advise you to try and visit the campus on an Open Day, so that you can experience the learning environment first hand. Page 15 has more details about Open Days and arranging a visit.

www.sruc.ac.uk/campuses

Options for the future

SRUC is considering a number of future developments for many of our locations across Scotland. These may or may not affect you, depending on your length of course and chosen campus. Please check www.sruc.ac.uk/news for the most up-to-date information. You will also find any confirmed updates on the campus pages of our website.

SRUC Aberdeen is a great place to study with extremely knowledgeable and helpful lecturers, and a beautiful campus that makes you feel like you are way out in the countryside but at the same time being conveniently close to the city. The class sizes are small and due to the campus being relatively small itself you receive a great feeling of community.”

Ryan McCallum, SRUC Aberdeen Campus Officer

SRUC Ayr is a great campus to study at. The campus is modern, close to the town centre and the people at SRUC Ayr make up a tight community of students, lecturers and staff. With heaps of clubs, sports teams and societies to take part in there is plenty of opportunity to take part in something I enjoy and to meet others who enjoy the same things as I do.”

Gemma Jones, SRUC Ayr Campus Officer

SRUC Aberdeen is located in the north-east of Scotland. The SRUC Aberdeen Campus is situated on the Craibstone Estate, approximately 5 miles from Aberdeen city centre. Aberdeen is:

- known as the ‘granite city’ and is the oil capital of Europe
- Scotland’s third largest city and one of the sunniest cities in the UK (yes, really)
- an exciting and vibrant place to study – home to over 18,000 students
- ranked as the happiest city in Britain in 2012
- full of fantastic shops, culture, and a thriving nightlife
- a great city for being outdoors – there is a lovely beach, and the Cairngorm National Park is not too far away
- situated in truly beautiful surrounding countryside.

The campus provides the best of both worlds, offering a peaceful rural location along with excellent transport links and close proximity to the city centre.

SRUC Ayr is a busy seaside town located on the west coast of Scotland and is 30 miles south-west of Glasgow. The SRUC Ayr campus is situated in the state-of-the-art Riverside Campus, overlooking the River Ayr and is a 10 minute walk from Ayr town centre. Ayr is:

- home to Ayr Racecourse and the famous Scottish Grand National
- close to the birthplace of Robert Burns
- a great place to spend time outdoors, with many places of interest including the beautiful Culzean Castle Country Park and the Scottish Dark Sky Observatory
- a busy shopping centre and High Street with lots of venues and nightlife geared towards the growing student population
- a day trip away from fantastic locations such as Arran, Cumbrae and Ireland, with easily accessible ferry ports
- a beautiful beach location with stunning views to Arran and the Mull of Kintyre. Some of Scotland’s best beaches are along the Ayrshire coastline with pretty fishing villages to visit and to sample locally caught produce.

The campus is shared with the University of the West of Scotland which means it benefits from the hustle and bustle of a large student cohort with excellent shared facilities and social calendar but SRUC classes retain a smaller and friendlier feel.

Aberdeen

Ayr
Your choice of where to study

**Barony**

SRUC Barony Campus is set within a working 230 hectare estate, which is situated in the rolling landscape of Dumfries and Galloway, only 10 miles from the town of Dumfries and 12 miles from Moffat which has easy access from the M74.

Barony is:
- a small friendly campus with approximately 250 full time students
- a great place to learn with fantastic practical facilities including:
  - our Dairy Technology Centre which incorporates the latest animal welfare designs and management systems, as well as maximising the use of available technology with the unique feature of a robotic milking system
  - our Scottish Forestry Industry Technology Centre which houses a state of the art forwarder and harvester simulator
  - an Animal Care Training Centre, providing housing and working areas for small animals, and kennels, as well as veterinary nursing training facilities including an operating theatre and x-ray facilities
  - a well equipped engineering workshop and exceptional links with industry that provide up-to-date machinery for students to work on.
- close to the region’s main town, Dumfries, which is situated on the South
- home to the region’s senior league football club “Queen of the South”
- offers access to an additional wide range of student societies and activities.

“Barony provides a unique learning experience through the expertise of its many long-standing lecturers and their unrivalled ability to not only pass on their knowledge but to inspire students to grow above and beyond their academic requirements. Combining this with stunning rural surroundings and rich teaching heritage, Barony continues to be a sublime atmosphere in which to learn.”

Gemma Currie and Lewis Chilvers, SRUC Barony Campus Officers

**Edinburgh**

SRUC Edinburgh is located on the Science Campus (King’s Buildings) of the University of Edinburgh, on the south side of the city. This joint location with the University means that while you study at SRUC and enjoy its friendly atmosphere, you also have access to a wide range of sports, leisure, bar and restaurant facilities on-site, shared with students of the University.

Edinburgh is:
- the capital city of Scotland
- a fairly small city, compact and easy to get around, with around half a million inhabitants
- the first ever city to be designated a UNESCO City of Literature
- vibrant and full of activity – around 10% of the population are students
- historic and beautiful – the ‘old town’ and the ‘new town’ (the entire city centre) are both designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- often voted the best city in the UK
- the festival city - home to the largest arts festival (the Edinburgh International Festival and Fringe Festival) in the world.

As a student at SRUC Edinburgh you are also given the opportunity to join the Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA) which offers access to an additional wide range of student societies and activities.

“SRUC is great because we are situated within Edinburgh University’s King’s Buildings. It gives us many choices of cafes and facilities right here on one campus, with extended use all over the city. We have a free bus into the city right on our doorstep and the city centre is very close. There is a relaxed feel to the campus with great views to the countryside from many rooms. Staff are friendly and eager to help - no two classes are the same! SRUC Edinburgh offers a university environment with the luxury of a college atmosphere.”

Glen Dickson, SRUC Edinburgh Campus Officer

**Elmwood**

The Elmwood Campus is located in the attractive old market town of Cupar in north east Fife. It is set alongside rich rural scenery, farmland and country estates. It is a picturesque town that has retained much of its medieval character.

Elmwood is:
- comprised of two sites. The main location is in Canloge Road, Cupar, the second being the Elmwood Golf Course at Stratheden
- attractive to students world wide, particularly for our golf related courses, where we have an international reputation
- a small, friendly campus with a culturally diverse college community
- well located for travel by road and rail to Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh
- only 9 miles from St Andrews, the Home of Golf
- close to the town centre which offers a variety of places to eat, drink and socialise. The town also has a range of other amenities including library, sports centre and shops.

Fife is a very vibrant region offering lots of activities, events and places of historical and cultural interest. It is home to museums, theatres, leisure complexes and cinemas.

“Elmwood Campus offers students a friendly, supportive environment to grow and learn in. There is a real community feel about the place and a wealth of opportunities available to students. Staff go above and beyond to enhance the learning experience-my class had an amazing study trip to Sweden last year. The campus is well equipped with its own fitness suite and library facilities. Elmwood has a good reputation and links with industry.”

Conor Caldwell, SRUC Elmwood Campus Officer

**Oatridge**

SRUC Oatridge Campus is located in West Lothian, in a beautiful rural setting near Broxburn.

Oatridge is:
- only about 30 minutes from Edinburgh within easy reach of motorways, and less than an hour’s drive from most of Scotland’s major towns and cities
- on a 283 hectare estate with a farm which provides even more learning facilities: units for beef cattle, sheep, pigs, 100 hectares for cereal production and many hectares of grassland
- developing a new state of the art animal care facility which will add to its stables and to the Scottish National Equestrian Centre
- close to extensive leisure facilities, including leisure centres, paintballing, go-karting, a climbing wall and ski slopes
- fun for students, as recreational programmes of activities are arranged and transport is laid on to take groups on organised outings.

“For me, the highlight of studying at Oatridge has to be the practical nature of the courses. The staff are patient and always have time to show you a new skill. The small group sizes also give you a chance to bond with fellow students and learn from each other.

Being part of the wider SRUC group gives you great options for continuing your studies at a higher level if you want to. Also, the growing cross-campus student association helps make sure your voice is heard; as well as offering great opportunities for students to get involved. I’m so glad I started my studies at Oatridge. It gave me the wide range of skills and knowledge I need to progress in my education and the industry.”

Katie Duleberry, SRUC Oatridge Campus Officer
Accommodation

Accommodation provision varies per campus. Some brief information is given below, and you can check our website, visit us, or contact us for more information.

Aberdeen Campus
Self-catering accommodation is available on campus in Sutton, Hunter and Mackie Halls. Sutton Hall provides en-suite accommodation and Mackie Hall is reserved for those who are under 18 on the start date of their course. The halls are wi-fi enabled and close to the main teaching building along with a bar, sports lab, and sauna. Many students also find shared flats to rent privately in the City of Aberdeen and surrounding area.

Ayr Campus
The campus offers student residences (owned and managed by the University of the West of Scotland) which accommodate both SRUC and UWS students in stylish ensuite accommodation, just 5 minutes from the main campus, the library, the Students’ Union and the canteen, and a 10 minute walk to the town centre and train station. The town of Ayr and the villages located in the surrounding countryside provide a range of rental opportunities for students wishing to live off campus.

Barony Campus
The campus has accommodation on-site for up to 70 students, and the well-equipped sports hall, fitness room and licenced bar are the focal point for student social life. Laundry facilities are also available and catering is provided via the dining room.

Edinburgh Campus
Although SRUC Edinburgh does not have its own dedicated student accommodation, a number of private companies provide high quality student accommodation within the city. Further details can be found on their websites which include:

- www.unite-students.com
- www.iq-student-accommodation.com
- www.mansionstudent.co.uk
- www.zigguratstudents.com
- www.collegiate-ac.com

While this kind of accommodation will be ideal for some students, others will prefer to share privately rented accommodation which is also widely available in Edinburgh.

Elmwood Campus
Elmwood offers on-site accommodation for 79 students in a well equipped hall of residence. The campus is also situated in central Cupar and many students live in the town and surrounding area.

Oatridge Campus
The campus has seven residences with more than 200 rooms, offering a choice of standard and en-suite accommodation. Students under 18 stay in standard, catered rooms in the Tay, Clyde and Forth residences. The Lorne, Solway, Moray and Cromarty residences have 84 en-suite rooms which are divided into 16 self-contained flats, each with a common room/kitchen area. For students with mobility requirements accessible rooms are provided.

Come and see us!
Open Days - www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays

SRUC holds multiple Open Days to give you the best possible opportunity to come and visit us. We tell you as much as we can in this prospectus and on our website, but we encourage you to come and visit the campus(es) to speak to staff about your course, and have a look around.

Open Day dates, for all campuses, can be found on our website:
www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays

If you are unable to attend one of our Open Days, please contact the Marketing and Student Recruitment team and we will try to make alternative arrangements for you to visit us and meet staff.
About our courses

Different ways of studying at SRUC

SRUC offers courses at a wide range of levels, from access courses through to PhDs. Further information about this can be found in the following pages where you can see how our programmes compare to each other, and how progression works from one level to the next.

We try to offer students as much flexibility as possible in their studies. Many of our courses are available part-time as well as full-time, and some by distance learning. If you are not sure which level of course is right for you, please contact us to discuss which is the most appropriate to apply for. Further information about minimum entry requirements and how to apply can be found on pages 120–123.

Progression

At SRUC we are very proud of our internal progression opportunities, which exist for many of our subject areas.

For example, some of our students will always be degree-registered students. These students apply for entry onto a degree course, and will study at SRUC for 3–4 years until they graduate. Other students may also leave us with a degree but via a different route. Some students register initially for an HNC or HND course, and upon successful completion of that course, apply for entry onto a degree. These students will also apply for entry onto the related degree. Some students will always be degree-registered students. These students apply for entry onto the related degree. Some students will also complete their degree in 3–4 years, without any repeated years of study, but will have gained access to the course by a different route.

SRUC has many examples of students who have started at lower level study, and whose initial aspirations were simply to complete that course, but who have progressed on to far exceed their initial expectations.

A flexible approach to study

Studying full-time

Full-time study, as the words imply, means that your studies are expected to take up the full “working week”. Actual contact hours (time you spend in class or undertaking activities with a lecturer) will vary depending on the course and the level. Typically, as you climb higher up the academic levels, the contact hours are reduced and the expectation that you will take control of your own study, research, and workload will increase.

Studying part-time

Most of our HND and degree courses are available to study full-time or part-time. As a part-time student you study alongside full-time students but take fewer modules/classes each year, thereby reducing your learning time and workload to fit in with other things like a job or family commitments. Typically, part-time students study at half the rate of full-time, so an HND course may take 4 years instead of 2. However, we are as flexible as you need us to be and if your personal circumstances change and you want to study more or less, or even suspend your studies for a while, it is possible.

Individual modules

Some learners choose to study just one or two modules with SRUC. A module is our term for the different subjects/components which make up a full-time course. You fit in with our existing timetable, and attend the class along with other students, and at the end you can sit the assessment and gain transferable credit for the module. This is a great way of picking up on a particular subject area you are interested in, either professionally or just for personal interest, and normally involves a commitment of half a day a week for 10 weeks. Distance learning modules can also be studied in this way.

Advanced entry

For many of our courses, it is not always necessary to start in Year 1 for many of our courses – if you have suitable prior qualifications you can apply to join the course in Year 2 or Year 3, to save you repeating what you’ve studied before. You should check your qualifications with the Admissions Office before you apply, but for example: if you have a related HNC qualification from another College, you may be accepted straight into Year 2 of a related HND or degree course. If you have a related HND, or foundation degree, you may be accepted straight into Year 3 of an Honours degree.

Distance learning

SRUC offers a number of distance learning courses which are studied part-time and at home. On some courses, students may be required to attend occasional weekend or one-day study schools throughout the course, when field work, case studies, classes and some assessments can take place. This prospectus contains details of the courses listed opposite which are offered by distance learning.

Returning to learning – being a ‘mature’ student

Whether you are thinking about studying full-time or part-time, taking the decision to return to learning after an absence is admirable. We’re aware that it can be scary. SRUC staff are experienced in guiding you through the practicalities of being a student, and many students find our small class sizes and excellent access to lecturing and support staff really helps the transition. We particularly welcome the diversity of life experiences that older students bring into the learning environment and are delighted with the interaction and group bonding that emerges between those who join SRUC straight from school and those who have taken a break from formal learning.

Work-based learning

SVQs and Modern Apprenticeships can provide those who are in employment with the opportunity to gain vocational qualifications whilst at work. Attendance at College can vary depending on the qualification. In some cases, attendance is not required and you will be assessed in the workplace. In others, you may come to College on a day release or block release basis. Either way, these courses are an exciting and practical way for those already working in an industry to gain skills and qualifications.

Work-based learning requires a three-way agreement, between SRUC, the student, and the employer. In some cases, SRUC has employers with vacancies for apprentices, in some cases, we have employees looking to train and study while at work, in other cases, individuals are seeking apprenticeship opportunities through the College.

SRUC’s work based learning team tie together all these opportunities – take a look at our website for contact details to ask for further information: www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

The HNC is delivered over two years rather than one, so no-one is overwhelmed by College work on top of other commitments. Staff are always happy to have e-mail discussions regarding coursework and concerns, and despite not being on campus I feel part of the SRUC community by receiving College e-mails, attending online meetings with staff and students and by having my student card!”

Linda MacIver
Countrywide Management student

"Deciding to come to SRUC as a mature student is easily the best decision I’ve ever made. The campus offers a unique learning experience and the lecturers are passionate about the subjects they teach. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming. The staff are great and will go out of their way to help you.”

Ashleigh Stephen, Agriculture student
Degree level study

SRUC offers a unique learning environment for university degree study. Awarded by either the University of Glasgow or the University of Edinburgh, our degrees are designed to be academically challenging, vocational and relevant to the 21st century.

As a student at SRUC, particularly at degree level, you will be taught by a team which, depending on your course, may include lecturers, instructors, researchers, vets, and consultants as well as speakers from industry. Knowledge exchange is at the heart of SRUC - passing on experience, industry insight, and expertise, ensuring the commercial environment is part of the classroom.

How our degrees are structured

Years 1 and 2 of the degree are designed to be a broad introduction to the subject giving you a breadth of knowledge, as well as invaluable transferable skills (such as IT, communication, group and independent working) that you will need for your degree study and future employment. This breadth of foundation is extremely beneficial: it gives you flexibility to experience a wide range of subjects in the early years of study, and perhaps to switch course if you decide you are not on quite the right path.

Years 3 and 4 allow you to focus on your chosen subject. Students will study a subject to a greater detail and will be required to undertake more independent study. Many degrees offer a choice of elective modules which allow you to tailor the course to your own interests and career aspirations.

In your 4th year you will also undertake an extensive piece of individual research, investigating a subject of your own choice. This ‘Honours Project’ gives you the opportunity to work with supervisors from across SRUC who are experts in their field and are actively conducting research or providing consultancy. Conducting your own research project allows you to develop a wealth of skills, from research skills to time management, as well as building specialist knowledge, all of which will be relevant to your future employment. Whilst it may appear initially daunting, our students tell us that the sense of achievement on submission is worth the hard work!

What makes an SRUC graduate?

SRUC has developed a set of Graduate Attributes which will shape the content of your degree, the assessments you will undertake and the knowledge and skills you will take with you once you finish. A graduate of SRUC will be able to demonstrate:

- Academic Competence
- Critical Thinking
- A desire for Learning and Professional Development
- Being a responsible member of society
- Employability

"Upon starting my studies at SRUC I quickly realised that it was exactly where I wanted to be. The variety of knowledge on offer, the accessibility of lecturers and the industry opportunities became apparent and I felt a sense of community due to the smaller class group sizes. Now, years into my studies I have met many good people and made good friends at SRUC. Although I still feel like I have only just scratched the surface of the countless interesting and important research and development projects happening on campus."

Adam Forrest, Environmental Resource Management student

University Partners

SRUC works with partner universities to give you access to prestigious university degrees. Depending on the subject our degrees are awarded by either the University of Glasgow or the University of Edinburgh. We are very proud of our close links with these ancient Scottish universities – both of which are among the best in the world, giving you an undergraduate degree with international recognition.
Courses at all College and University levels
The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

When you are choosing a course you want to make sure it’s the right one for you – challenging enough to give you the skills you need but not so tough that you feel out of your depth and discouraged. Getting it right isn’t difficult because at SRUC we have courses to suit every ability.

All our courses have been mapped against the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) to help you to compare the academic level of study. Further information about the SCQF can be found by visiting www.sqa.org.uk/scqf

The level at which you join our courses will depend on your ambitions and on your existing qualifications. Typical entry requirements are given on each course page, and also on page 120-123.

The below framework will also help you to plot a study pathway from one level of course to another, and examples of progression opportunities are also given on each course page.

Access courses and courses at SCQF Level 4 such as National Progression Awards (NPAs) are designed to provide a first step into Further Education. Entrants are always interviewed.

Successful students can progress onto Certificates and National Certificate courses.

You will need some school qualifications in order to demonstrate numeracy, literacy and communication skills.

Successful students will be able to progress to SCQF Level 6 and HNC courses.

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Introduction

Agriculture has the single greatest influence on our landscape. The agricultural industry is primarily concerned with the production of basic foodstuffs on farms, but also includes the supply industry for farming, such as fertilisers, seeds, animal feed and machinery. Agriculture is becoming increasingly integrated with other sectors of the food chain such as processing, distribution and retailing, to form the agri-food industry. Agriculture and poultry courses at SRUC consider the wider agri-food industry, and focus on production agriculture along with related issues such as environmental sustainability and animal welfare.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- Courses designed to meet industry requirements.
- Multiple levels of study, forming a progression pathway from one level to another (p24).
- Significant links with businesses, research institutes and our associated SAC Consulting service.
- Student intern programme, study bursaries and graduate employment opportunities with Aviagen (the global leader in poultry genetics) for poultry students.
- Classroom teaching supported by practical work, field trips and industry visits.
- Access to practical skills training courses in subjects such as crop spraying, livestock husbandry skills and all-terrain vehicle driving.
- At degree level, study tours to other parts of the UK and Europe broaden awareness of the industry beyond Scotland.
- SRUC has 7 diverse farms located across Scotland, providing an outstanding resource for practical tuition and a real-life source of physical, financial and technical data.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, managing and working large and heavy machinery. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

What types of job could you do?

For those with SVQs, NCs and HNs:

- Varied practical knowledge will enable you to work on a crops, livestock or mixed farm.
- Jobs in the industry range from general farm worker, machinery operator and stockperson, to assistant manager and advisor.
- Poultry graduates can work at management or operational level in production, technical or advisory posts in the poultry and wider livestock production industries.

For degree graduates:

- With higher level qualifications comes more managerial responsibility, and roles will include farm management, agronomist, nutritionist, sales specialist and agricultural and business advisor.
- A wide choice of optional modules in 3rd and 4th year allows you to tailor your specialist knowledge to your chosen career.

Learning at SRUC

Under the guidance of expert staff, NC and HNC students carry out practical work on the College farms which provide hands on experience of modern farming methods and practice. Higher National students will also begin to learn some of the management skills required to run elements of a farm themselves.

Students studying at degree level will amass further management skills and have more involvement with the cutting edge research conducted by SRUC’s genetics, crop science, animal health and welfare, and vet research teams as well as the work of our internationally acclaimed Future Farming Systems Group.

At higher levels of study, SRUC regularly enters teams in business competitions such as the Farmers Club Pinnacle Awards. Honours degree students are eligible to apply for a trainee studentship over summer in one of the SAC Consulting offices, providing valuable work experience and a bursary to support final year study.

Agricultural research at SRUC has been ranked as the best in the UK by the Research Excellence Framework.

The agri-food industry is one of the largest in the UK, accounting for over 10% in both employment and Gross Domestic Product.
### National Certificate

**NC Agriculture**

**Campus(es):** Ab Ba Oa  
**SCQF Level:** 6  
**Course Duration:** 1 academic year  
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English, Maths, Geography or a science subject  
**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course provides sound practical experience together with the technical knowledge necessary for a career in agriculture.

In today’s agricultural environment it is more vital than ever that tomorrow’s farmers and their staff have the training to face the future as both food producers and guardians of the countryside. Agriculture remains of enormous importance to the economy, especially in the rural communities of Scotland and as it goes through an exciting period of change it offers a huge variety of career opportunities.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including livestock husbandry, crop and grassland production and machinery operation.

**Academic Progression:** Successful learners may progress onto SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship work-based programmes or HNC/D in Agriculture.

### Higher National Certificate

**HNC Agriculture**

**Campus(es):** Ay Ba Oa  
**SCQF Level:** 7  
**Course Duration:** 1 year if studied full-time  
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE  
**Specific Requirements:** To include a science subject or geography  
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 104D  
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

Throughout the course you will develop:

- the skills and knowledge to pursue a career at supervisory/junior management level within agricultural industries, or for self employment in farming or other land-based sectors.  
- an awareness of how agriculture relates to animal welfare, environmental and conservation issues  
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- an understanding of how agriculture relates to animal welfare, environmental and conservation issues  
- the ability to complete and maintain appropriate records and documents  
- the skills in production agriculture which, along with practical experience, will enable you to undertake the running of a farm enterprise at enterprise manager or assistant farm manager level.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Arable Crop Production, Farm Power, Livestock Breeding, Soils and Crop Establishment and Financial Records for Business.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 2 of the HND Agriculture or the BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture course.

### Higher National Diploma

**HND Agriculture**

**Campus(es):** Ab Ay Ed Oa  
**SCQF Level:** 8  
**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full-time  
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE  
**Specific Requirements:** To include a science subject or geography  
**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification  
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 004D  
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

Throughout the course you will develop:

- an overview of all agricultural systems including livestock, crops and farm buildings and machinery  
- the essential business skills necessary to run a successful farm business  
- an understanding of how agriculture relates to animal welfare, environmental and conservation issues  
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- the ability to complete and maintain appropriate records and documents  
- the skills in production agriculture which, along with practical experience, will enable you to undertake the running of a farm enterprise at enterprise manager or assistant farm manager level.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Arable Crop Production, Farm Power, Livestock Breeding, Soils and Crop Establishment and Financial Records for Business.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 3 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture course.

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"Studying under industry experts and leading researchers in a variety of sectors, whether that be livestock or agronomy, allows for the opportunity to gain knowledge that will help obtain a position within a desired career path.”

Peter Mackie, Agriculture student
### BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture

**Campuses:** Ab Ay Ed  
**SCQF Level:** 9-10  
**Degree Awarded By:** University of Glasgow  
**Course Duration:** 3-4 years if studied full-time  
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: BBCC / BCC  
**Specific Requirements:** To include a science subject or geography  
**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 or 3 is possible with an appropriate HNC/D, foundation degree, or similar qualification  
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS, Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 or 3 is possible with an appropriate HNC/D, foundation degree, or similar qualification  
**Campus(es):**  
**Degree Work-Based Learning**  
**How to Apply:**  
**Course Overview**  
Throughout the course you will develop:  
- an understanding of the entire food chain from plough to plate  
- a good appreciation of the environmental, moral, ethical and legal issues relevant to the agricultural industry today  
- the ability to tackle problems by collecting, analysing and evaluating information and using it to make sound decisions  
- a good appreciation of the environmental, moral, ethical and legal issues relevant to the agricultural industry today  
- an understanding of how agriculture interrelates with society.  
You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Crop Protection, Livestock Production, Animal Welfare, Environmental Awareness, Land Use, Management Skills, Resource Management and Economic Analysis.

**Academic Progression:** Students can progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as SRUC's MSc Agricultural Professional Practice, or into a number of different courses into taught postgraduate courses such as SRUC's MSc Resource Management and Economic Analysis.

### HNC Poultry Production

**Campuses:** DL  
**SCQF Level:** 7  
**Course Duration:** 2 years studied by part-time online distance learning  
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE  
**Specific Requirements:** Entry qualifications also considered include SWAP Access to Science, related NC, appropriate level 2 Vocational Qualification, or poultry industry experience. Applicants with a mature attitude who are seeking a change in career will be assessed individually  
**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/courses  
**Course Overview**  
Throughout the course you will develop:  
- practical poultry production skills and knowledge, and the skills to manage a healthy stock of laying or breeding birds  
- knowledge of control measures and legislative requirements  
- an understanding of biosecurity measures to protect against future disease epidemics  
- an understanding of topics such as commercial egg production, poultry meat production and poultry health.  
**Academic Progression:** Students can progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as SRUC's MSc Agricultural Professional Practice, or into a number of different courses into taught postgraduate courses such as SRUC's MSc Resource Management and Economic Analysis.

### Work-Based Learning

**Campus(es):** Ba Oa  
**SCQF Level:** 5  
**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning  
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them.  
Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required  
**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/WBL  
**Course Overview**  
This is an on-farm work-based programme which develops your agriculture skills and knowledge.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including health and safety, management of soils and crops, monitoring and maintaining the health and welfare of livestock and estate maintenance. Additional specialised units will be on offer at each campus.

A **Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 2 can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards.

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment, to progress onto an SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship programme or undertake the full-time NC Agriculture course.

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### Student Profile

**Thomas Smith**  
National Certificate, Agriculture  

Thomas Smith successfully achieved both his SVQ 2 in Agriculture, National Certificate in Agriculture and has now progressed onto HNC Agriculture at SRUC Barony.

Having entered the agricultural industry with limited experience but a unique opportunity of a small holding, Thomas has a passion for learning and is both highly skilled and academically focused around farm livestock. He carries a large amount of responsibility and pride looking after the running of his very successful small pedigree Texel sheep flock.

"As my parents are not farmers, it was my grandfather when I was as young as 10 years old when I first stepped onto his farm and got the farming bug! He encouraged me around livestock and I was keen to help him look after the livestock and be outdoors. When he retired and sold the farm he retained 10 acres for me as he knew I was keen to farm and keep some livestock of my own.

Through my studies I have become more technically aware of the knowledge and experience required to manage and produce high quality livestock. Livestock breeding, nutrition, growth, health and welfare topics have been particularly beneficial in assisting me to manage my own stock. Other training in cattle foot trimming, sheep shearing and ATV operation has been essential for me to undertake my other employment duties. I will continue to develop myself at every opportunity and plan to become more familiar with farm management skills as well as enhance my understanding of farm animal breeding and genetics."
**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme which enhances your production and management skills to meet industry requirements. Training days will cover both knowledge and practical skills in the areas of health and safety, management of soils and grassland, monitoring and maintaining the health and welfare of livestock and estate maintenance. Additional specialised units will be on offer at each campus.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards (if required).

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment or to progress onto the HNC Agriculture course.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ 2 Agriculture or NVQ or equivalent qualifications (if required).

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

- **Campus(es):** Ba, Ca
- **SCQF Level:** 6
- **Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

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**SVQ Level 2 Agriculture (Poultry)**

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 5

**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme and covers areas such as how to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security, communicate in a business environment and maintain and store records within the workplace.

The SVQ also includes optional units, for example how to provide feed and water to livestock, brood and grow young birds and carry out maintenance and repair of equipment and machinery.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment and to progress to SVQ Level 3 Poultry Production or equivalent qualification in an agriculture related subject.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Agriculture (Poultry) or NVQ or equivalent qualifications in an Agriculture related subject.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

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**SVQ Level 3 Poultry Production**

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 6

**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 3 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme which enhances your production and management skills to meet industry requirements. Training days will cover both knowledge and practical skills in the areas of health and safety, management of soils and grassland, monitoring and maintaining the health and welfare of livestock and estate maintenance. Additional specialised units will be on offer at each campus.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards (if required).

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment or to progress onto the HNC Agriculture course.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 3 Poultry Production or equivalent qualification in an agriculture related subject.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

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**SVQ Level 3 Agriculture: Crops or Mixed Farming**

**Campus(es):** Ca

**SCQF Level:** 6

**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards (if required).

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

**Course Overview**

These are on-farm work-based programmes which enhances your production and management skills to meet industry requirements. Crops strand: specialist units will teach you how to prepare planting equipment and plant crop, monitor and maintain the provision of nutrients to crops and plan and manage the harvesting of crops.

Mixed farming strand: the course units will cover both knowledge, and practical skills in the areas of health and safety, management of soils and grassland, monitoring and maintaining the health and welfare of livestock and estate maintenance. Additional specialised units will be on offer at each campus.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards (if required).

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment or to progress onto the HNC Agriculture course.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ 2 Agriculture or NVQ or equivalent qualifications (if required).

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

- **Campus(es):** Ba, Ca
- **SCQF Level:** 6
- **Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

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**SVQ Level 3 Agriculture: Livestock**

**Campus(es):** Ba, Ca

**SCQF Level:** 6

**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ 2 Agriculture or NVQ or equivalent qualifications (if required).

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme which enhances your production and management skills to meet industry requirements. Training days will cover both knowledge and practical skills in the areas of health and safety, management of soils and grassland, monitoring and maintaining the health and welfare of livestock and estate maintenance. Additional specialised units will be on offer at each campus.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards (if required).

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment or to progress onto the HNC Agriculture course.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 3 Livestock can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards (if required).

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

- **Campus(es):** Ba, Ca
- **SCQF Level:** 6
- **Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

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**SVQ Level 2 Agriculture (Poultry)**

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 5

**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme and covers areas such as how to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security, develop an awareness of environmental good practice and agree how to manage and improve own performance in a business environment.

The SVQ also includes optional units, for example how to provide feed and water to livestock, brood and grow young birds and carry out maintenance and repair of equipment and machinery.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment and to progress to SVQ Level 3 Poultry Production or equivalent qualification in an agriculture related subject.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Agriculture (Poultry) or NVQ or equivalent qualifications in an Agriculture related subject.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

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**SVQ Level 3 Poultry Production**

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 6

**Course Duration:** 1 year work-based learning

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 3 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme and covers areas such as how to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security, develop an awareness of environmental good practice and agree how to manage and improve own performance in a business environment.

The SVQ also includes optional units, for example how to provide feed and water to livestock, brood and grow young birds and carry out maintenance and repair of equipment and machinery.

**A Modern Apprenticeship** for SVQ Level 3 Agriculture is also available where unit selection can be targeted towards poultry.

**Academic Progression:** There are opportunities for those who successfully complete the course to remain in employment and to progress onto SRUC’s part-time Distance Learning HNC Poultry Production course.
Introduction

We face critical challenges over the coming decades. How can we use our limited land and resources to provide the growing global population with a sustainable supply of food, energy and raw materials, whilst reducing our impact on the natural environment? How can we develop agricultural systems that are resilient to climate change and disease epidemics and that deliver increased yields of crops and livestock, using less energy and with improved standards of animal welfare?

SRUC graduates with expertise in animal, plant and agricultural sciences are well-equipped to help meet these challenges and can look forward to an exciting and rewarding career.

Additionally, SRUC offers Aquaculture-related courses. Aquaculture is the farming of aquatic organisms including plants, shellfish, fin fish and crustaceans. Fin fish such as salmon and trout and a range of shellfish species are farmed for food production. Fin fish are also bred for angling or for ornamental ponds.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- With the joint academic and business focus of SRUC, your science course will be relevant and current, with SRUC’s researchers and SAC Consultants contributing to its curriculum and teaching.
- SRUC has particular research strengths in animal science, sustainable livestock systems, crops, soils and the environment.
- In addition to its Veterinary Services, our SAC Consultancy activities cover arable, livestock, food chain and environmental issues.
- Strong links to research institutes and land-based industries have ensured that SRUC’s former students have an excellent track record of gaining professional jobs in their chosen subject after graduation.
- A wide choice of optional modules in 3rd and 4th year allows you to tailor your specialist knowledge to your chosen career.

What types of job could you do?

For those studying Applied Animal Science

The livestock sector offers a wealth of career opportunities. Past graduates have gained employment as:

- veterinary research assistants, investigating problems such as lameness in dairy cattle, BSE or the incidence of liver fluke.
- technical representatives for animal health products, joined feed companies as livestock nutritionists, or entered careers in livestock breeding.
- laboratory technicians, animal health officers and animal welfare officers.

For those studying Agricultural Bioscience

This course opens doors to a wide spectrum of career opportunities. Past graduates have:

- gained employment as consultants, researchers and technical representatives in a range of career paths, from laboratory-based positions to jobs involving outdoor field-work and regular site visits.
- entered careers in livestock nutrition, veterinary research, disease diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, poultry breeding and animal health and welfare.
- secured positions in the fields of plant pathology, crop quality, weed control, plant nutrition and biofuels or entered careers as trainee agronomists.

For those studying Applied Bioscience and Agricultural Science

Most students who successfully complete an HND progress to degree.

Those graduating with an HND may find employment as laboratory technicians, field trials assistants, quality control officers or technical representatives in the sectors outlined above.

For those studying Aquaculture

Career options include jobs such as:

- fish farm workers, supervisors, site managers, regional managers and fishery biologists.

Learning at SRUC

Your studies will include relevant visits to research institutes, commercial companies and to local and SRUC-owned farms. These visits, together with a third year study tour, will give you first hand experience of the wider applications and possible career paths in your field.

Students are also encouraged to apply for scholarships and bursaries that provide relevant work experience, such as those offered by SRUC, the British Society for Plant Pathology and Aviagen Ltd. The SRUC Trust Traineeship provides successful applicants with paid summer work experience with an SAC Consultancy Farm Business Services office, together with a bursary towards their Honours year.
# HND Agricultural Science

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 8

**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full time

**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE

**Specific Requirements:** To include Biology, Chemistry or Environmental Science

**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification

**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 007D

Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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# HND Applied Bioscience

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 8

**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full time

**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE

**Specific Requirements:** To include Biology, Chemistry or Environmental Science

**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification

**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 527D

Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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# BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience

**Campus(es):** Ay

**SCQF Level:** 9-10

**Degree Awarded By:** University of Glasgow

**Course Duration:** 3-4 years if studied full time

**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: BBCC / BCC

**Specific Requirements:** To include Biology, Environmental Science or Chemistry

**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 or 3 is possible with an appropriate HNC/D foundation degree, or similar qualification

**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 38Z1

Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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**Course Overview**

Throughout the course you will develop:

- A strong foundation in the biology and biochemistry of animals, plants and microorganisms
- Knowledge and understanding of crop and livestock production and approaches to increase agricultural productivity
- An understanding of approaches to raise standards of animal welfare and protect against livestock disease epidemics
- An understanding of measures to reduce the environmental impact of agricultural systems
- Specialist knowledge of livestock breeding, nutrition and disease control, crop nutrition and protection, soil science and biotechnology
- Skills in the practical, laboratory and research techniques required by the agricultural bioscience sector
- Skills to apply biological knowledge, understanding and analytical techniques to solve problems in the agricultural industry

**Academic Progression**

Upon successful completion of this course students may apply for direct entry into year 3 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience degree.

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**Course Overview**

Throughout the course you will develop:

- A strong foundation in the biology and biochemistry of animals, plants and microorganisms
- Skills in the practical and laboratory techniques of importance to the bioscience sector
- Knowledge of livestock breeding and nutrition and an understanding of measures to raise standards of animal welfare and protect against livestock disease epidemics
- An understanding of approaches to increase the efficiency and reduce the environmental impacts of agricultural systems
- Specialist knowledge, understanding and practical skills in animal and plant cell culture, immunotechnology and DNA molecular techniques
- Skills to plan, conduct and report on practical biological investigations
- Awareness of the many applications of biological sciences in crop and livestock production and the wider food, land and environmental sectors.

**Academic Progression**

Upon successful completion of the HND students may apply to join year 3 of either the BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience or the BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science degree.

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**Student Profile**

Scott Rankin, BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience

“Coming from a farming background and having a keen interest in chemistry and biology from school, a degree in Agricultural Bioscience was the obvious choice for me.

The whole SRUC experience was very educational and I really feel I developed as a person throughout my time as a student. The lecturers opened up a vast range of interesting subject areas to study and the highlights of the course included the farm visits, trips and study tours.

Between my second and third years I had the opportunity to take a year away from my studies to gain valuable work experience with crop protection trials for Eurofins. Then, at the end of my third year I attended the two-week SASA training course, which qualified me to work as a Plant Health Inspector for the Scottish Government that summer, checking seed potato crops in the field to ensure they are uniform, clean and free of disease. These work experience opportunities really enhanced my degree and have stood me in good stead for job interviews and gaining employment after my degree.

When I graduated in 2014, I immediately started work for Girvan Early Growers, a grower co-operative producing potatoes and some carrots.

The Agricultural Bioscience course is a credit to SRUC. It’s interesting and provides students with the skills and knowledge required for working in the modern agricultural industry.”

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**How to Apply - see pages 118-119**
Student Profile

Ailish Ross, BSc Applied Animal Science

With Highers in English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Psychology & French and a keen interest in animals, Ailish originally from Glasgow went to her guidance teacher for advice on science based courses. They found the BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science online and despite a city upbringing and no experience in Agriculture it looked perfect.

Ailish says “I had always wanted to work with animals in some way or another but had never found a course that had really appealed to me. But the mixture of lectures and practical lab work offered with AAS was ideal. They are all so supportive and friendly, no matter what problem you have they are there for you. Support staff need recognition, they do a lot of work that goes unrecognised. You are able to create a bond and friendship with the lecturers due to the smaller classes and this encourages you to work even harder so not to let them down.”

Whilst completing her Honours year Ailish is currently working at Brownhill Dairy Farm feeding the calves, and she also did lambing for the first time in March. She was then asked to work full time over the summer. “I work 13 hour days which are very physical but it’s worth it!”

Course Overview
The first two years of this course follow the HND Applied Bioscience, giving you a broad and varied introduction to biology and biochemistry. Throughout the course you will develop:

• sound knowledge and understanding of animal science and its applications, together with a foundation in biological principles and practical and laboratory skills
• the knowledge needed to improve the productivity and sustainability of livestock production systems, for controlling disease epidemics, for raising standards of animal welfare and for enhancing wildlife biodiversity
• an awareness of the future demands of our growing population in a time of climate change and the role that animal scientists can play in addressing these
• an understanding of the environmental, ethical and economic contexts in which the sector operates.

You will study the growth, nutrition, reproduction, health, welfare and behaviour of animals, with a particular focus on farm livestock.

Academic Progression: Many students progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSci programmes or into a number of different research areas.

Find out more: www.sru.ac.uk/aquaculture www.sru.ac.uk/animalscience
Introduction

Nearly 223,000 people in the UK are in employment involving the care of animals. The ability to care for animals is a skill required in a wide range of organisations and nationally recognised qualifications are now required by the majority of employers.

Careers and Employment

There are numerous opportunities for people with animal care qualifications.

• Boarding kennels and catteries are widely spread throughout the UK and provide opportunities for kennel assistants up to management level.
• The HND programmes will equip students with the knowledge and skills to start their own businesses.
• Many charity organisations have veterinary hospitals and welfare centres that employ inspectors, drivers and other staff dedicated to the care and rescue of animals.
• Local authorities, pet shops, parks and zoos all require trained animal care staff.
• Other career opportunities may be available in the areas of animal science, poultry or agriculture.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

• We have a range of exceptional facilities for practical work, including animal care training centres with housing for many small animals, reptiles and birds.
• Staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise. Qualifications range from RVN to MSc level and all staff undertake continuing professional development to stay up to date with their respective industries. In addition to subject expertise, many of the team have teaching qualifications for further and higher education.
• As part of many courses you have the chance to go on work experience, which enhances your knowledge and learning experience and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
• Visits, study tours and external speakers are an important part of your studies, which are included where appropriate.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

It is expected that by 2020 the animal care industry will need a minimum of 90,000 new entrants.

If you have enrolled on one of the Animal Care courses at Barony Campus you will be able to help out in the South of Scotland Wildlife Hospital which is located on the Barony grounds. Students get hands on experience with wildlife and also help with fundraising and the day to day running of the hospital. The hospital is equipped to house a number of different species from hedgehogs to deer and their aim is to rescue, rehabilitate and release native wildlife back into the wild.

New for our Oatridge Campus – an upgraded animal care centre with grooming parlour, reptiles, aquatics and a collection of small exotic species which is complemented by outdoor facilities for a variety of animals.
Introduction to Animal Care

**Distance Learning**

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**Course Overview**

This course is for anyone who wishes to develop more knowledge of animal care and gain a college qualification. A potential advantage is that learners are not obliged to find a work placement. Our distance learning packs can be completed by anyone, irrespective of circumstances or locality.

**Academic Progression:** Progression to NC Animal Care may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

**Course Overview**

This course is for anyone who wishes to develop more knowledge of animal care and gain a College qualification. Some of the main themes of the course are: Basic care of mammals, horse care, animal husbandry, accommodation and handling of small animals, employability skills, health care, breed identification, basic care of fish.

**Academic Progression:** Progression to NC Animal Care full time or a work-based course may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have Foundation/General Standard Grades, Intermediate 1’s or National 4 qualifications. Some experience of animals, even if this is as a pet owner, is an advantage.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Course Overview**

This course provides sound practical experience and theory in working with a wide range of animals. The course is suitable for anyone wanting to increase their knowledge and develop their practical skills with animals.

The main themes of the course are small animal feeding, health care, safe working practices, anatomy and physiology of mammals, animal accommodation and handling, reptile and amphibian fish care and avian care.

**Academic Progression:** Progression to SRUC’s HNC Animal Care may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s (preferably including English, Maths) plus 1 National 5 (preferably including Science subject), and 1 week work experience. Or, successful completion of Introduction to Animal Care.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

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**Student Profile**

Seonaid Swanney is an Animal Care student at SRUC Elmwood who is enjoying her course so much that she isn’t limiting herself to learning in class time!

Work placements are an invaluable part of the animal care course, with employers increasingly looking for relevant experience. Practical experience in the industry also helps individuals develop their interpersonal skills.

Last year Seonaid’s mother, who is registered blind and is a guide dog owner, was happy to put Seonaid in touch with her contacts at Guide Dogs for the Blind, where Seonaid subsequently secured a 5 day placement during her National Certificate in Animal Care.

“It was an amazing experience. I had the rare opportunity of working with a number of departments within the organisation from the Guide Dog mobility instructors and fundraising section in Edinburgh through to Forfar where their training centre is based. I got to see the dogs at all the different stages, right through to the point where the mobility instructors match up the dogs to their client list,” Seonaid has also been regularly volunteering at the Bird of Prey Centre in Cumbernauld since September. Birds of Prey have fascinated Seonaid since she started a unit on Wildlife Rehabilitation at Elmwood. Seonaid has also been regularly volunteering at the Bird of Prey Centre in Cumbernauld since September. Birds of Prey have fascinated Seonaid since she started a unit on Wildlife Rehabilitation at Elmwood.

Before the course started I always thought I wanted to work with domestic animals. But the animal care course has opened my eyes to a huge variety – including tropical birds and reptiles and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit really struck a chord. I started volunteering at a centre in Kirkcaldy, who had heard about the Animal Care courses run at Elmwood and contacted the college seeking volunteers. The centre helps rehabilitate Birds of Prey, which I loved, but I now have the opportunity to educate the public about these amazing birds at the Cumbernauld Centre.”

As well as flying the birds and informing the visitors about the different species, Seonaid is also responsible for the day to day cleaning and feeding of falcons, eagles and owls. She manages to fit a day of volunteering around her studies every week.

“I would thoroughly recommend this course to others. No matter what career you want to pursue you should get out there and experience as much as you can. Decisions you make now will shape your future – volunteering opened my eyes to opportunities I had not even considered.”

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“I’m really enjoying the Animal Care course and the variety of subjects it covers. I feel that I benefited from starting at the NC level as the practical skills I developed have helped me to progress well into the HNC.”

“Our lecturers all have good industry backgrounds and are approachable and happy to share their experiences. I feel I have really expanded my knowledge and understanding and have gained the confidence to progress either onto future studies or employment.”

*Julie Hodge, Animal Care student*
Animal Care

How to Apply - Work-Based Learning

Animal Care

Throughout the course you will develop:

- an understanding and knowledge of the husbandry, housing and welfare needs of animals
- the skills required to undertake a supervisory level job related to the animal care industry
- the confidence and ability to be able to work with others in the industry and provide the highest standards of care and welfare for animals you may be responsible for.


Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course, students can apply to progress onto HND Animal Care.

Find out more: www.sruc.ac.uk/animalcare

Higher National Certificate

HNC Animal Care

Campus(es): Ba El Oa
SCQF Level: 7
Course Duration: 1 year if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / C
Specific Requirements: Preferably to include a science subject, Maths or English. If Science is not offered at Higher/A-level, it is a requirement at Standard/N5/GCSE level. Minimum of 1 week of work experience in the industry. Or, successful completion of NC Animal Care

How to Apply: via UCAS using code 4J25

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:

- the confidence and ability to be able to work with others in the industry and provide the highest standards of care and welfare for animals you may be responsible for.


Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course, students can apply to progress onto HND Animal Care.

Higher National Diploma

HND Animal Care

Campus(es): Ab Ba El Oa
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / C
Specific Requirements: Preferably to include a science subject, Maths or English. If Science is not offered at Higher/A-level, it is a requirement at Standard/N5/GCSE level. Minimum of 1 week of work experience in the industry.

Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 is possible with an HNC Animal Care

How to Apply: via UCAS using code 1V63

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:

- an understanding and knowledge of the husbandry, housing care and welfare needs of animals
- the skills required to undertake a supervisory level job related to the animal care industry
- the confidence and ability to work with others in the industry and provide the highest standards of care and welfare for animals you may be responsible for.

You will study a wide range of subjects including Animals in Society, Work Experience, Applied Companion Animal Behaviour, Animal Care Drugs and Medicines, Animal Care Diagnostic Techniques, Getting Started in Business.

Academic Progression: Completion of the HND can provide direct entry into a variety of animal related degree programmes.

Student Profile

Emma Krieger, HND Animal Care

Before attending College Emma was having a year out as a single parent following her first year at university on a subject area she didn’t enjoy. She used the year out to think about what she would like to do instead.

“I chose Barony as it was the closest establishment to my home and having two children to look after, it was important that I stayed local to avoid too much disruption to my family. Working with animals is something I’ve always wanted to do since I was a child, however being brought up in a big city there were never many opportunities to gain qualifications in this field. When I moved to Dumfries and embarked on a career that really wasn’t for me it relit the flame for my passion for animal care.

Animal Care Courses at Barony is delivered at an excellent standard and also in a way that you can understand. I’ve always found all the tutors are easy to approach and willing to help with problem areas. Throughout the course you are encouraged to excel and feel empowered at every stage of your learning - all the staff truly believe in your abilities and actively encourage them. As a mature student and a single parent I have never felt excluded or different in my college life, this extends over to fellow students too, all students respect and help each other.

I will be taking another gap year after my HND and hope after that to apply for a degree in Animal Conservation Science.”

Work-Based Learning

SVQ Level 2 Animal Care

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 12 months Work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required

How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview
This qualification is a work-based qualification for those employed in an animal care industry such as a boarding kennel, cattery, dog grooming parlour or animal welfare centre. It is aimed at those who are new to the industry.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including providing feed and water to animals, exercise opportunities for animals, preparing and bathing dogs, establishing and maintaining welfare requirements of a wide variety of species.

Academic Progression: In some cases progression to an HNC depending on existing qualifications may be possible.
Introduction

Rural Business Management courses at SRUC cover businesses related to agriculture, estate and land management, food production and marketing, equine management and industries supporting the animal sector, such as rural veterinary practices.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- Innovative course content, designed to meet the needs of both students and prospective employers.
- Excellent graduate employment prospects.
- Teaching includes core business modules of entrepreneurship, marketing, management, economics, finance, IT and human resources.
- Courses offer a well-rounded business education along with specialist knowledge for your chosen sector.
- Teams entered for the New Shoots Challenge and the Pinnacle Business Awards in London.
- Access to industrial management placement opportunities and the opportunity to apply for placement with SAC Consultancy offices.
- SRUC has a wealth of experienced teaching, research and consultancy staff to provide you with specialist lectures, up-to-date knowledge and dissertation supervision.

What types of job could you do?

Those who choose to supplement their core business subjects with agriculturally-focused modules will be well prepared for a career in this diverse sector. Previous graduates have developed successful businesses based on family farms or gone on to such career areas as grain traders, Government officers or auctioneers.

Some students choose an animal-related focus to their studies and these students will prepare themselves for careers in horse business management, veterinary practice management and the animal-related supply sector. Graduates in this area combine practical animal skills with specialist business knowledge and industry experience.

RICS Accreditation

Given the strong demand in the estate and land management industries for graduates with training in rural surveying, SRUC has developed an accreditation with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). This qualification does not just appeal to those focussed on estate management, but to those in the agriculture, utilities, environmental, planning, legal, surveying and valuation sectors.

By studying a suite of specialist modules, as part of a rural surveying pathway, graduates will gain a RICS accredited degree that enables them, once they have work experience as a rural surveyor, to progress to the RICS APC (Assessment of Professional Competence) rural pathway. The award of the APC leads to Chartered Surveyor status. Practitioners from industry make a strong input to the teaching of this pathway which also benefits from the support of the RICS Scottish Rural Surveying Professional Group.

Distance Learning

The HNC Rural Business Management is studied by part-time online distance learning. You study part-time over two years, mainly at home by using course materials provided by SRUC. Two or three times per year you will attend a study weekend, which not only gives you the opportunity to meet your fellow students, but allows SRUC to organise visits and case studies which bring real-life examples and practical application to the theory you have studied. Successful completion of the HNC will allow you to apply to progress onto the Rural Business Management HND or degree course offered by SRUC.

Frequent site visits and business case studies mean that your theoretical knowledge will be complemented with practical skills.

As a degree graduate, you will be eligible for professional membership of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), at either Associate or Member level.

 accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

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As a degree graduate, you will be eligible for professional membership of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), at either Associate or Member level.
**Higher National Certificate**

**HNC Rural Business Management**

**Campuses:** DL
**SCQF Level:** 7
**Course Duration:** 2 years studied by part-time distance learning

**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE

**Specific Requirements:** No specific subjects are required

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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**HND Rural Business Management**

**Campuses:** DL
**SCQF Level:** 8
**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full-time

**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE

**Specific Requirements:** No specific subjects are required

**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification

**How to Apply:**
- Full-time study: via UCAS using code 654D
- Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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**Degree**

**BA/BA (Hons) Rural Business Management**

**Campuses:** DL
**SCQF Level:** 9-10
**Degree Awarded By:** University of Glasgow
**Course Duration:** 3-4 years if studied full-time

**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: EBCC / BCC

**Specific Requirements:** No specific subjects are required

**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 or 3 is possible with an appropriate HNC/D, foundation degree, or similar qualification

**How to Apply:**
- Full-time study: via UCAS using code D0N0
- Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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**Course Overview**

Throughout the course you will develop:

- the skills you need to make a valuable contribution to rural industries.

You will undertake learning online supplemented by on-campus study weekends which allow opportunities for group work and visits to relevant industries. You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Business Management: An Introduction, Economic Issues, Financial Records for Small Businesses, Human Resource Management and Marketing.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 2 of the HND or BA/BA (Hons) Rural Business Management.

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**Academic Progression**

Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 2 or 3 of the BA/BA (Hons) Rural Business Management.

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_xlabel_ I would thoroughly recommend the Rural Business Management programme to anyone who has an interest in the land-based industries, as the qualification lends itself to a very broad range of career options upon graduation._

Sarah Reid, Rural Business Management student

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**Student Profile**

Calum Johnston, BA (Hons) Rural Business Management

Calum is currently a 4th year student at SRUC’s Aberdeen Campus.

“Throughout my 4 years here the Rural Business Management programme has greatly developed my interpersonal and academic skills, which can be applied into the agriculture and rural business sectors. The course has an excellent variety of modules on offer to suit individual career paths, and is tailored to compliment student interests.”

“Within a tight-knit community at SRUC Aberdeen, students learn directly from leading industry experts and professionals before completing coursework, group tasks, presentations and seminars all designed to develop personal attributes which can be applied into the working environment. The 3rd year ‘Industrial Management Placement’ module encourages students to undertake summer employment within the agriculture and rural business sectors to gain practical industry experience leading to greater employment prospects on completion of their course.”

“During my placement I completed an 8 week seasonal job as a ‘fields person’ for Branston Ltd, one of the UK’s largest potato companies growing, sourcing, packing and distributing potatoes for major supermarket retailers. My role involved field work on farms across Tayside, Fife and East Lothian assessing quality and yield before reporting information back to farmers, senior buyers and production managers within the company. My course has enabled me to develop communication, numeracy and liaising skills, essential to fulfill my role working independently and in a small team. Following a successful work placement in 2014, I secured the seasonal job again for the 2015 season and have recently been offered graduate trainee opportunities within the company on completion of my honours degree in 2016.”

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Find out more: www.sruc.ac.uk/ruralbusiness
Introduction

Our Countryside Management courses aim to prepare students for immediate entry to the workplace, through constant contact with industry and development of core skills alongside appropriate knowledge and experiences.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- Studying at SRUC is not about what you learn in a lecture theatre, it’s about putting that knowledge into an applied context.
- We undertake frequent practical and study visits, whatever the course, to ensure you have exposure to a wide range of practical examples as well as contact with industry. Residential field trips are also used on some courses, to allow students to see the practical application of their skills in different situations.
- SRUC has particular strengths in environmental consultancy and research – these provide us with a wide range of experts to call on who are employed in the sector, as well as links with other external bodies and organisations.

What types of job could you do?

- NC or SVQ will enable entry to this sector.
- HNC/HND will lead to an entry level job with some responsibility.
- Degree allows career entry at a higher level. However, employers in this field also look for additional experience, so it is useful to gain work experience through volunteering or summer work.

Gamekeeping

- Graduates may find employment as an under ‘keeper, gamekeeper or head ‘keeper.

Countryside Management

- Recent graduates have gained employment with a wide range of organisations such as Ranger Services, Forestry Commission, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), RSPB, Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) and the National Trust for Scotland (NTS).
- They have been employed in posts such as ranging, ecological surveying, habitat management, waste reduction and community projects. Such expertise is needed in both the private and the public sector.

There are many good sources of information, and a useful website for reference is the Countryside Jobs Service.


Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, working outdoors, building and other manual activities, as well as walking medium-long distances. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

Distance Learning

The HNC Countryside and Environmental Management (p48) is studied by part-time online distance learning. You study part-time over two years, mainly at home by using course materials provided by SRUC. Occasional study weekends may give you the opportunity to meet your fellow students and allow SRUC to organise visits and case studies which bring real-life examples and practical application to the theory you have studied.

“The field trips are plentiful on the course and by asking questions I can further my own knowledge in the field which would not be possible in the classroom. The lecturers are brilliant too - the fact that they have previous experience in the industry as rangers is a big help in furthering students’ knowledge.”

James Young, NC Countryside Management student

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www.sruc.ac.uk/education
0800 269 453
NC Countryside Management

Campus(es): Ab Ay Oa
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 academic year
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English
How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
Delivery of this course involves a wide range of practical and field based studies and visits to nature reserves and recreational sites run by Ranger Services and organisations such as RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage and the National Trust for Scotland.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including countryside recreation and access, geodiversity and landscape in Scotland, practical conservation: habitat management, ecology and wildlife identification, principles of biodiversity conservation, rural land use, communications, first aid, and work experience.

Academic Progression: Successful learners may apply to progress to higher education in HNC Countryside Management or HND Environmental Resource Management.

HNC Countryside and Environmental Management

Campus(es): Ab Ay Oa Oa DL
SCQF Level: 7
Course Duration: 1 year if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: C / E
Specific Requirements: Scottish Higher or A-level in a related subject. Alternative entry qualifications, such as a related National Certificate, are also accepted. Applicants with a mature attitude who are seeking a change in career will be assessed individually
How to Apply: Full-time study: via UCAS using code 057F
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
- an understanding of Scotland's rural landscape and how it's managed
- the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects including biodiversity conservation, classification and identification skills; conservation skills and countryside recreation and access
- all underpinning knowledge is reinforced through extensive use of site visits and field work. This gives you a real sense of how your learning relates to the practicalities of managing the natural heritage and enhances your employability.

You will study a number of introductory modules including:
- Interpretation: An Introduction, Leadership for Countryside Interpretation: An Introduction, Leadership for Countryside
- Interpretation skills through visits to reserves, country parks and wildlife sites. Visits and residential trips are an integral part of the course.
- You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Habitat Management, Ecological Surveying, Terrestrial Ecosystems and Conservation Skills.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 2 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Countryside Management or BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management course.

HND Countryside Management

Campus(es): Ab Ay Oa
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
Specific Requirements: No specific subjects are required
Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC
How to Apply: Full-time study: via UCAS using code 157F
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
- an in-depth grounding in both the practice and the theory of countryside management which will enable you to deal effectively with current and future issues in the industry
- an overview of all aspects of the countryside: nature conservation, wildlife, ecology, recreation, access and visitor management
- interpretation skills through visits to reserves, country parks and wildlife sites. Visits and residential trips are an integral part of the course.
- You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Habitat Management, Ecological Surveying, Terrestrial Ecosystems and Conservation Skills.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 3 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Countryside Management or BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management course.

Student Profile
David Allison, BSc Countryside Management

David Allison has a very keen interest in countryside matters. When he came to College he had very little knowledge of the subject, but threw himself into it and soaked up the knowledge and put it to good use.

He was top HNC Countryside and Environmental Management student at SRUC Oatridge Campus the previous year and also top HND student last year, not only at Oatridge, but throughout SRUC. Now David has gone on to study to degree level at SRUC Ay.

Outwith the College David has always been exceptionally eager to work in the countryside management field, over the past few years he has worked as a Voluntary Ranger with National Trust Scotland and as a Seasonal Ranger with West Lothian Council. This experience has seen him lead educational walks for the public as well as all the other normal ranger duties. We have seen him grow in confidence and subject knowledge leading him in the pursuit of his career goals, emitting his passion for the subject infectiously to all around.

Find out more:
www.sruc.ac.uk/gamekeeping
www.sruc.ac.uk/countrysidemanagement

How to Apply - see pages 118-119
NC Gamekeeping

Campus(es): El
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 academic year
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English
How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
This course provides the ideal mix of practical skills training and background knowledge. Elmwood keepers two estates in Fife and this is where your practical training will take place. You will also experience residential visits to upland estates for red deer and grouse management. You will be involved in all aspects of the provision and management of field sports. Your practical skills will be further enhanced on two work placements totalling a month – the perfect chance to show a potential employer what you’re made of. You will also take industry certificates such as the Deer Management Qualification Level 1.

The areas covered on this course include deer stalking, use of shotguns and rifles, pest and predator control, shoot day skills, grouse management and the production, rearing and release of gamebirds.

Academic Progression: Successful learners may apply to progress onto higher education courses in gamekeeping.

Academic Progression:
Many students progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSc programmes or into a number of different research areas. SRUC also offers an MSc Countryside Management course by part-time online distance learning.
Introduction

Land-based engineering is a career for anyone with an interest in machines and how they work, a desire to learn practical skills and a fascination with new technology. Today’s engineer has to be self-motivated and highly trained in order to meet the demands of working with modern tractors, machines and equipment and must have strong analytical skills and an innovative approach to problem solving.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:
- Our engineering workshops, which include welding and fabrication areas, provide our students with an optimum learning environment.
- We have a variety of machinery on which our students can hone their skills and increase their technical knowledge for fault finding, diagnostics, repair and maintenance.
- SRUC has close working relationships with a range of machinery manufacturers which provides students with access to ‘high tech’ equipment.
- Staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise.
- As part of your course you may have the chance to undertake work experience, which enhances your knowledge and learning and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
- Visits, study tours and external speakers are also an important part of your studies, which are included where appropriate.
- Barony Campus run the CLAAS UK Apprenticeship scheme for students in Scotland, the North of England and Ireland. CLAAS provide up to date equipment and machines for all students to work on.

Careers and Employment

There are numerous opportunities for people with land-based engineering qualifications.
- Sales people work to establish good relationships with customers and sell new machinery, while often buying and selling second hand machinery.
- Many people start as a demonstrator, working with the sales team to provide demonstrations of equipment to potential customers.
- Service Technicians repair, maintain and test a wide range of mobile and static land-based equipment and machinery.
- Some technicians specialise in a certain field, which could be groundcare, tractors, combine or forest harvesting. A Technician would be employed by a manufacturer and main dealers or could be independent and self employed.
- An experienced Technician can work towards being a Diagnostic Technician, Master Technician, Workshop Foreman, Service Manager or move into sales.
- Other careers include parts people, contractors and some people may move into supervisory positions.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, managing and working large and heavy machinery. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

It is estimated that there are currently in excess of 25,000 people working in agricultural machinery dealerships in the UK plus independent service engineers.

It is expected that a further 4,000 people will be required in this industry by 2020 to meet increased demand.

www.sruc.ac.uk/education 0800 269 453
**Access Course**

**NC Land-based Engineering: An Introduction**

| Campus(es): | Ba Oa |
| Course Duration: | 1 academic year |
| Entry Requirements: | Applicants ideally would have Maths and English at National 4 or equivalent; however this is not a mandatory requirement. All previous skills and qualifications will be considered. Entry by interview. Desire to commit to the course. Students must be 16 years of age or older |

**How to Apply:**
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course gives a general introduction to engineering principles, as well as tractor and machinery operation and maintenance. A range of topics will be covered during the course including fabrication and welding, all terrain vehicles (ATV), tractor maintenance and operation, machinery maintenance and operation, servicing engines and transmissions, vehicle electrics and hydraulics, health and safety and work experience.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course, you may apply to progress to the NC Land-based Engineering course, other related National Certificate courses or an SVQ Level 2 Land-based Engineering.

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**National Certificate**

**NC Land-based Engineering (Agriculture)**

| Campus(es): | Ba Oa |
| SCQF Level: | 6 |
| Course Duration: | 1 academic year |
| Entry Requirements: | Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English and Maths, or have successfully completed the NC Land-Based Engineering: An Introduction. |

**How to Apply:**
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course gives a general introduction to engineering principles, as well as tractor and machinery operation and maintenance. A range of topics will be covered during the course including fabrication and welding, all terrain vehicles (ATV), tractor maintenance and operation, machinery maintenance and operation, servicing engines and transmissions, vehicle electrics and hydraulics, health and safety and work experience.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course, you may apply to progress to the NC Land-based Engineering: An Introduction, workshop processes, welding, mechanical transmission, hydraulic systems, brakes, steering and traction, agricultural machinery – cultivation and plant establishment machinery, crop harvesting machinery, health & safety and the environment, mathematics: craft 1, communications and work experience.

**Academic Progression:** Successful learners may progress onto the SVQ Level 2 or SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship programmes in land-based engineering related subjects. This is dependant on the learner securing a suitable work placement.

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**NC Land-based Engineering (Forestry)**

| Campus(es): | Oa |
| SCQF Level: | 6 |
| Course Duration: | 1 academic year |
| Entry Requirements: | Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English and Maths, or have successfully completed the NC Land-Based Engineering: An Introduction |

**How to Apply:**
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course is suitable for those who wish to gain employment as engineers in forestry/arborealicultural machines and equipment. Land-based engineering is a career for anyone with an interest in machines and how they work, an urge to learn practical skills and increasingly, a fascination with new technology.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including engine repair, service and maintenance, hydraulic systems, welding and fabrication, forest harvesting, arborealicultural machines and harvester heads.

**Academic Progression:** Successful learners may progress onto the SVQ Level 2 or SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship programmes in land-based engineering related subjects. This is dependant on the learner securing a suitable work placement.

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**NC Land-based Engineering (Ground Care)**

| Campus(es): | Oa |
| SCQF Level: | 6 |
| Course Duration: | 1 academic year |
| Entry Requirements: | Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English and Maths, or have successfully completed the NC Land-Based Engineering: An Introduction |

**How to Apply:**
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course is suitable for those who wish to gain employment as engineers with a ground care machinery dealership or in a golf course workshop. The course is a balanced mixture of theory and practical tasks which include carrying out servicing and maintenance tasks on a range of equipment that require real fault finding and repairs – this approach adds realism to the course and prepares the individual to gain employment or to progress to an HN programme.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including engine repair, service and maintenance, hydraulic systems, welding and fabrication, forest harvesting, arborealicultural machines and harvester heads.

**Academic Progression:** Successful learners may progress onto the SVQ Level 2 or SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship programmes in land-based engineering related subjects. This is dependant on the learner securing a suitable work placement.

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**How to Apply - see pages 118-119**
Extended Diploma in Land-based Technology

Course Overview
This programme is designed to provide the knowledge required for a land-based engineering apprenticeship and would normally be delivered across three years on a block release basis.

The balance of time would be spent working in an engineering dealership where you can gain credits toward your qualification and importantly “earn as you learn”.

The course focuses on the technology found on modern land-based equipment and would cover the following topics:

- Along with some traditional engineering such as machining, bench work and welding and fabrication. Much of the course is practical and involves carrying out “real repairs” on a range of specialist land-based equipment.
- A range of topics will be covered during the course including engine technology, transmission systems, chassis systems, hydraulic systems, pneumatic systems, electrical / electronic systems, welding and fabrication, cultivation / harvesting and processing machinery, diagnostics, power shift / hydrostatic and CVT transmissions, electronic control and monitoring systems and computer application and control.

Academic Progression:
Successful students may progress onto further professional development courses or higher education programmes in land-based engineering.

SVQ Level 2 Land-based Engineering (Agriculture)

Course Overview
This course can be undertaken as a stand alone course or as a progression from the National Certificate Land-based Engineering by gaining extra practical experience at a dealership or repair workshop.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including:

- Monitoring and maintaining health, safety and security, mechanical principles, tools and equipment, material preparation, shaping and assembling, servicing and maintenance, thermal joining processes, cooling and lubrication, servicing and repairing electrical systems on forestry/arboricultural equipment and establishing and maintaining working relationships with others.
- A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 2 can be achieved by completing this course plus an Emergency First Aid at Work qualification and an Abrasive Wheels course.

Academic Progression:
Successful learners may progress to the SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship Level 3 in related subjects.

Work-Based Learning

Entry Requirements:
Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. National 4 or above or successful completion of a relevant National Certificate course.

How to Apply:
Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

SVQ Level 2 Land-based Engineering (Forestry)

Course Overview
This course can be undertaken as a progression from the National Certificate Land-based Engineering by gaining extra practical experience at a dealership or repair workshop.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including:

- Monitoring and maintaining health, safety and security, mechanical principles, tools and equipment, material preparation, shaping and assembling, servicing and maintenance, thermal joining processes, cooling and lubrication, servicing and repairing electrical systems on forestry/arboricultural equipment and establishing and maintaining working relationships with others.
- A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 2 can be achieved by completing this course plus an Emergency First Aid at Work qualification and an Abrasive Wheels course.

Academic Progression:
Successful learners may progress to the SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship Level 3 in related subjects.

Work-Based Learning

Entry Requirements:
Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. National 4 or above or successful completion of a relevant National Certificate course.

How to Apply:
Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

SVQ Level 2 Land-based Engineering (Ground Care)

Course Overview
This course can be undertaken as a stand alone course or as a progression from the National Certificate Land-based Engineering by gaining extra practical experience at a dealership or repair workshop.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including:

- Monitoring and maintaining health, safety and security, mechanical principles, tools and equipment, material preparation, shaping and assembling, servicing and maintenance, thermal joining processes, cooling and lubrication, servicing and repairing electrical systems on land-based equipment, braking systems, steering systems, transmission systems, cutting and mowing equipment, general ground care equipment and establishing and maintaining working relationships with others.
- A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 2 can be achieved by completing this course plus an Emergency First Aid at Work qualification and an Abrasive Wheels course.

Academic Progression:
Successful learners may progress to the SVQ Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship Level 3 in related subjects.

Work-Based Learning

Entry Requirements:
Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. National 4 or above or successful completion of a relevant National Certificate course.

How to Apply:
Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.
SVQ Level 3 Land-based Engineering Operations (Agriculture)

Campus(es): Ba Oa
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 1 academic year. Block release
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. SVQ Level 2. NC Land-based Engineering may be considered

How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview
Level 3 is for those with practical experience within the land-based industry.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including agreeing how to manage and improve your own performance in a business environment, recognising and reducing hazards in the land-based engineering work area, organisational procedures in land-based engineering, customer care in land-based engineering, engineering principles: calculations, electronic control and monitoring systems on land-based equipment, hydraulic systems and components, inspecting and testing land-based equipment, service and repair powershift, hydrostatic, CVT transmissions on land-based equipment, refrigerant handling, service and repairing engines on land-based equipment.

A Modern Apprenticeship for Level 3 can be achieved by learners completing SVQ Level 2 and 3 qualifications plus Industry recognised material handling/fork lift truck certificate or Industry recognised trailer towing certificate and refrigerant handling course which is legislative or nationally recognised or Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) course which is legislative or nationally recognised or Industry recognised installation course e.g. Manufacturer’s course.

Academic Progression: On successful completion of this course, students can progress within their existing place of employment or onto the Land-based Technician Accreditation (LTA) scheme.

Find out more: www.sruc.ac.uk/engineering
Environmental Management

HNC Countryside and Environmental Management
HND Environmental Resource Management*
BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management
HND Green Technology
BSc/BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology
SVQ Level 2 Environmental Conservation
SVQ Level 3 Environmental Conservation

*subject to validation

Introduction

The courses in this section share a common goal of the responsible management of our natural resources and environment. The importance of the environment is increasingly recognised in society and includes issues such as conservation, climate change, land management, habitat loss, pollution control, sustainable development and energy conservation. Public awareness of environmental issues is greater than ever before.

Organisations are increasingly required by legislation to formally address environmental issues and impacts. The environmental employment sector is therefore one that is expanding and will continue to do so in the future.

All of our courses work towards enabling you to apply appropriate solutions to environmental problems, based on sound knowledge and practical understanding.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

• Studying at SRUC is not about what you learn in a lecture theatre, it’s about putting that knowledge into an applied context.
• We undertake frequent practical and study visits, whatever the course, to ensure you have exposure to a wide range of practical examples as well as contact with industry. Residential field trips are also used on some courses, to allow students to see the practical application of their skills in different situations.
• SRUC has particular strengths in environmental consultancy and research – these provide us with a wide range of experts to call on who are employed in the sector, as well as links with other external bodies and organisations.

What types of job could you do?

The nature and level of your job will depend on your qualifications and experience. In general:
• SVQ will enable entry to this sector.
• HNC/HND will lead to an entry level job with some responsibility.
• Degree allows career entry at a higher level.

However, employers in this field also look for additional experience, so it is useful to gain work experience through volunteering or summer work.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, working outdoors, building and other manual activities, as well as walking medium-long distances. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

Distance Learning

The HNC Countryside and Environmental Management (p62) is studied by part-time online distance learning. You study part-time over two years, mainly at home by using course materials provided by SRUC. Occasional study weekends may give you the opportunity to meet your fellow students and allow SRUC to organise visits and case studies which bring real-life examples and practical application to the theory you have studied.

Renewables and Environmental Technology

• Career opportunities can be found as consultants, researchers, project managers or energy advisers in the renewable energy, sustainable building and environmental sectors.

• Employment could involve the planning and deployment of renewable energy schemes, the production of bio-based chemicals, or work in the fields of energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation, building performance analysis, insulation and lowcarbon construction materials. Such expertise is needed in both the private and the public sector.

There are many good sources of information, and three useful websites for reference are the Countryside Jobs Service www.countryside-jobs.com, the ENDS environmental website www.endsjobsearch.co.uk, and Green Energy Jobs www.greenenergyjobs.com.

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Open Days - Come and see us www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays
Throughout the course you will develop:

Course Overview

- an understanding of Scotland’s rural landscape and how it’s managed
- the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects including biodiversity conservation, classification and identification skills, conservation skills and countryside recreation and access.
- all underpinning knowledge is reinforced through extensive use of site visits and field work. This gives you a real sense of how your learning relates to the practicalities of managing the natural heritage and enhances your employability.

You will study a number of introductory modules including: Ecology and Ecosystems, Environmental Awareness, and Pollution and Waste Management.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 2 of the HND Countryside Management or HND Environmental Resource Management or year 2 the BSc/BSc (Hons) Countryside Management or BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management course.

Specific Requirements: Scottish Higher or A-level in a related subject. Alternative entry qualifications, such as a related National Certificate, are also accepted. Applicants with a mature attitude who are seeking a change in career will be assessed individually.

To include a science subject or Geography.

Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification.

How to Apply: Full-time study: via UCAS using code 4R5Y
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop:

- a grounding in both the theory and practice of environmental resource management which will enable you to deal effectively with current and future issues
- an overview of this complex subject area, including environmental science, energy, waste management and resource economics
- an overview of wider issues through modules such as The Global Environment and Terrestrial Ecosystems
- specific industry required knowledge such as Environmental Management Systems.

You will have a wide choice of elective subjects in order to choose your own area of specialism, including sustainability, marine environments, tourism, environmental policy and regulation, rural business diversification and ecological surveying.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 3 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management or BSc/BSc (Hons) Countryside Management course.

*To be validated

How to Apply: Full-time study: via UCAS using code BM011
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop:

- an understanding of sustainability and our natural environment within an applied context
- a cross-disciplinary approach to problem solving but always within the context of managing the environment, natural resources and relevant human impacts
- a sound grasp of underlying theory (scientific, social, economic) and the knowledge of how to apply practical solutions in management.

You will study a number of core subjects such as Rural Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment, Climate Change and Pollution Control, ensuring a thorough grounding in essential knowledge.

Regular site visits and field trips will allow you to broaden your experiences and place your studies within an applied and real-world context.

A wide choice of elective subjects will enable you to choose your own area of specialism. These include: Rural Development, Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology, Ecology: Management and Impacts, Conservation Management Planning, Land and Habitat Restoration, Environmental Policy Analysis, Waste Reduction and Recycling and Carbon Management.

Academic Progression: Many students progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSc programmes or into a number of different research areas. SRUC, in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh, runs a number of related MSc programmes.
HND Green Technology

Campus(es): Ay
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
Specific Requirements: To include a science subject or Geography
Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification
How to Apply: Full-time study: via UCAS using code B9FC
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
• a strong foundation in scientific principles and environmental issues
• practical and technical skills through engineering workshops and laboratory classes, as well as skills in landscape surveying
• knowledge and understanding of small-scale renewable energy systems (e.g. wind, solar, hydro and biomass), the energy efficiency of buildings, transport and agriculture and the sustainable production and processing of crops, algae and wastes for bioenergy and bioproducts
• knowledge and understanding of pollution control and waste management
• skills in your own areas of interest by studying elective subjects such as low environmental impact construction or environmental auditing of buildings
• first-hand understanding of the applications of renewable technologies and environmental measures from visits to companies and development sites
• the ability to use scientific and technical knowledge and understanding to investigate a site and recommend measures to improve the site’s environmental performance in a case study report.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of the HND students may apply to join year 3 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology degree.

“I’ve just been offered a job! It seems that the course had the right fit of skills and subject to ensure success.”
Robin Talbot, Renewables and Environmental Technology student

BSc/BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology

Campus(es): Ay
SCQF Level: 9-10
Degree Awarded By: University of Glasgow
Course Duration: 3-4 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: BBCC / BCC
Specific Requirements: To include a science subject or Geography
Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 or 3 is possible with an appropriate HNC/D, foundation degree, or similar qualification
How to Apply: Full-time study: via UCAS using code OFSB
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
• technical and scientific skills, together with an understanding of environmental issues and land-based industries, so that you can contribute to the development of renewable resources in rural areas
• knowledge and understanding of renewable energy (e.g. wind, solar, hydro and biomass), low carbon building technologies and the sustainable production and processing of crops, algae and wastes for bioenergy and bioproducts
• an understanding of how to improve energy efficiency and to implement renewable energy and other environmental technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help combat climate change and accelerate the move to a low carbon, green economy
• an understanding of how to better manage waste, control pollution and increase recycling
• practical and technical skills through engineering workshops and laboratory classes
• skills in landscape surveying, rural planning and environmental impact assessment
• the ability to evaluate new and emerging technologies and explore innovative possibilities for renewable energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution

Academic Progression: Many students progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSc programmes or into a number of different research areas.

Student Profile

Andrew Fibby, BSc Renewables and Environmental Technology formerly BSc Green Technology.

“After leaving school, I worked in the catering and hospitality industry, but the long hours didn’t fit in with my lifestyle and so I sought a career change.

Renewables and Environmental Technology sparked an immediate interest for me, as it is a very diverse course, delivering a wealth of knowledge in the energy/environmental sector.

Towards the end of the course I signed up as a Zero Waste volunteer to gain some experience. This led to an interview with the Energy Agency to assist with administrative work and four months later they offered me a position as a Domestic Energy Advisor. After only three months in that role I was promoted to Community Liaison Officer, with a varied role including outreach work, events, presentations and domestic home energy visits. This work focused on fuel poverty, domestic energy efficiency, domestic renewable technology systems and sustainable transport, and required me to have an up to date knowledge of Scotland’s energy efficiency programmes. Fourteen months later I was again promoted to Project Co-Ordinator and I am now responsible for the local authority’s solid wall insulation programme, improving the energy efficiency of non-traditional, hard-to-treat domestic properties. This role involves engaging with households, managing contractors, managing budgets and reporting back to the Scottish Government and elected member enquiries.

I thoroughly enjoy my work and I am extremely pleased with my decision for a career move and my choice of SRUC Ayr.”

Higher National Diploma

SVQ Level 2 Environmental Conservation

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 12 months work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required. Level 3 can be accessed through successful completion of Level 2 or NC Countryside Management or equivalent
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview
The course provides the opportunity to obtain recognition of the skills essential for the Countryside Management industry.

A range of topics will be covered including how to monitor and maintain health, safety and security, establish and maintain working relationships with others and develop awareness of environmental good practice.

Academic Progression: On successful completion of the SVQ Level 2 students may apply to progress onto the SVQ Level 3 Environmental Conservation.

Course Overview
The course provides the opportunity to obtain recognition of the skills essential for the Countryside Management industry.

Level 3 reinforces the management skills needed to meet industry requirements. Some of the topics will consult and work with the local community in organising and co-ordinating events.

Academic Progression: On successful completion of SVQ Level 3 there are opportunities to remain in employment or apply to progress to SRUC’s HNC Countryside and Environmental Management or HNC Environmental Resource Management course.

SVQ Level 3 Environmental Conservation

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 12-18 months work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required. Level 3 can be accessed through successful completion of Level 2 or NC Countryside Management or equivalent
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL
Forestry and Arboriculture

Certificate in Forestry
Advanced Certificate in Forestry (Arboriculture or Forest Mechanisation)
SVQ Level 2 General Woodland and Forestry Treework (Modern Apprenticeship)
SVQ Level 3 Arboriculture (Modern Apprenticeship)

Introduction

The study of forestry involves managing trees and woodlands in rural areas for commercial, social or other benefits. The study of arboriculture is more usually associated with the management of single or groups of trees, in more urban areas. Expansion of private and public forest estates, combined with major investment in the wood processing sector has created a demand for trained people to fill forestry related jobs. In towns and cities skilled people are needed to manage vegetation in urban areas and along road and rail transportation corridors. Forests also provide job opportunities in areas such as recreation, adventure tourism and health and wellness.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

• SRUC offers excellent opportunities to study forestry with a range of practical facilities to complement your classroom work.
• Excellent facilities and equipment (Scottish Forestry Technology Centre, forestry engineering workshop, forestry tractors and forwarders, climbing equipment, simulators, etc.) to help you develop your skills and knowledge for your future career.
• Staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise.
• As part of your course you will be encouraged to go on work experience which enhances your knowledge and learning experience and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
• Visits, study tours and external speakers are also an important part of your studies, which are included where appropriate.

Careers and Employment

A forestry or arboricultural qualification has opened doors for many students to develop wide ranging and interesting careers such as:

• skilled forest craftsmen
• technically proficient arborists
• ground workers
• team leaders
• tree surgeons
• forest machine operators
• forestry managers.

There are currently over 4,500 arboriculture businesses across the UK employing around 24,000 people and over 3,000 forestry businesses employing nearly 20,000 people.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, managing and working large and heavy machinery.

If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

Around 12% of our entire country is made up of trees.

Student Profile

Derek Jordan, Advanced Certificate in Forestry (Arboriculture)

Before coming to Barony, Derek was in full time employment. He had worked as an arborist for his local authority for over 14 years. Previous to that he had attended Kilmarnock College which is now part of Ayrshire College and completed a National Certificate in Tree Management.

Derek decided to return to education as a mature student to refresh and reaffirm his knowledge in arboriculture and forestry. He was a little apprehensive about returning to education after so long, but after speaking to various staff at the college, who helped him sort out his funding and logistics, he realised it was an easy decision.

Derek said “I chose Barony because of its excellent reputation in the arboriculture world, and after doing some research I decided that Barony would be the best place for me to go. Everyone in my class is very eager to learn, and the lecturers and instructors make it interesting and are so knowledgeable in their subjects.

Since I have been at Barony, I now realise that there are more options open to me in either education or the workplace. Once I have finished the Advanced Certificate I may think about continuing my education by doing a University course, or maybe work for myself. Looking ahead to the future I would like to look into the possibility of doing some consultancy work in arboriculture."

www.sru.ac.uk/education
0800 269 453
**Certificate in Forestry**

**Campus(es):** Ba
**SCQF Level:** 5
**Course Duration:** 1 year

**Entry Requirements:** Ideally 3 National 4s, preferably includes English, Maths + 1 National 5 in a Science subject. Alternatively, relevant college or work experience may be considered. You will be expected to demonstrate your desire to commit to the course at interview.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Course Overview**
This course is for those interested in working in forestry and arboriculture (tree surgery). The course provides an introduction to a broad range of forestry and arboriculture topics, and is a balanced programme with a strong practical content. Some of the topics include chainsaw work and tree felling, tree planting, fencing and estate work, as well as tractor and spraying operations. You will be introduced to technical subjects such as forest soils, tree identification, pests and diseases and timber produce.

You will gain experience working on college grounds and on public and private forest estates. We have very strong links with industry and this has enabled students to obtain work experience and in some cases employment.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course, students may progress to the Advanced Certificate in Forestry or onto other courses.

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**Advanced Certificate in Forestry (Arboriculture or Forest Mechanisation)**

**Campus(es):** Ba
**SCQF Level:** 6
**Course Duration:** 1 year

**Entry Requirements:** Progression to this course is either through the satisfactory completion of the Certificate in Forestry or via direct entry with appropriate experience in other employment sectors. Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 5s including English, Maths, Geography or a science subject. You should be 17 years of age or older to start this course. Mature students considering a career change are encouraged to apply.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Course Overview**
This course offers the opportunity to specialise in General Woodland, Forest Harvesting or Arboriculture. Some of the topics include tree identification, planting and care of trees, practical tree climbing, principles of tree science, tree survey and inspection, tree measurement, silviculture, woodland sampling, woodland management, forest machine service and repair and specialist forestry machinery operations and use of geographical information systems.

**Academic Progression:** Following successful completion of the course, progression opportunities exist onto other SRUC land-based courses at SCQF level 7, for example Countryside Management or Horticulture or onto courses offered at other national centres.

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**SVQ Level 2 General Woodland and Forestry Treework**

**SVQ Level 3 Arboriculture**

**Campus(es):** Ba
**SCQF Level:** 5/6
**Course Duration:** 12-18 months block release

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them.

**How to Apply:** Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL)

**Course Overview**
The Level 2 qualification is a work-based course designed to equip trainees with the basic skills of a craftsman forestry worker. A learner’s competence is assessed by gathering evidence of their work in a portfolio, with assessment taking place either at the campus or in their work placement. Students will demonstrate competence in chainsaw maintenance and operations, use of chippers, tree identification, health and safety and team working in the workplace. The learner’s training needs are assessed and units selected to cover the requirements of both the employer and student. Visiting assessors work with students to assess competence and provide training and support in the workplace. A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 2 and/or Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course plus an Emergency First Aid course and another industry specific award.

**Academic Progression:** On successful completion of the SVQ Level 2, students may be able to progress to the SVQ Level 3. The SVQ Level 3 builds on the practical work of the SVQ Level 2 by developing higher order skills and competencies required to develop squad / team leaders and supervisors. These include more technical training with an emphasis on developing leadership and management skills.
Golf Management and Greenkeeping

Introduction to Greenkeeping
NC Greenkeeping
PDA Golf Course Management
PDA Golf Club Management
HNC Golf Course Management
HND Golf Management (Course)
HNC Golf Club Management
HND Golf Management (Club)
SVQ Level 2 Sports Turf Greenkeeping (Modern Apprenticeship)
SVQ Level 3 Sports Turf (Modern Apprenticeship)

Introduction
Golf is a huge global game played all year round. The demands on today’s turf and Golf Managers to produce high quality golf courses and facilities are immense, but so too are the career opportunities. The industry is constantly striving to improve the quality of the player, the quality of the sports turf and the quality of the managers required for the successful future of the precision sport.

In the last 30 years golf has had a huge effect on the tourism industry and is one of the five most practised sport activities worldwide.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:
- Courses designed to meet industry requirements.
- Significant links with industry
- Internationally recognised golf and greenkeeping programmes
- Integral work placements enhance the student experience
- Classroom teaching supported by practical work, field trips and industry visits. Part time staff members who currently manage some of the most prestigious golf courses in Scotland ensure industry relevant training and education
- Access to practical skills training courses in subjects such as pesticide spraying and tractor driving
- SRUC Elmwood is well equipped to support the practical hands-on experience required to put theory into practice with fully qualified instructors on hand to ensure quality and breadth of knowledge. Visit our website to see what Elmwood Golf has to offer www.elmwoodgolf.co.uk

What types of job could you do?
The nature and level of your job will depend on your qualifications and experience. For example:

For those with SVQs, NCs and HNs:
- Varied practical knowledge will enable you to work as a greenkeeper on a variety of different types of golf course.
- Jobs in the industry range from assistant greenkeeper to supervisory roles. With higher level qualifications comes more managerial responsibility and roles will include Golf Course Manager and Golf Club Manager.
- Roles for Golf Managers include Clubhouse services and maintenance, event management, facility management, course management, course design and construction.
- Students have also found positions with golf tour operators and golf tourism companies.

Physical Requirements
The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, you may need to be able to walk long distances or manage heavy machinery. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

Distance Learning
The HNC/HND Golf Management can be studied full-time or by part-time online distance learning. You study part-time over a 3 year period (for the HNC), mainly at home by using course materials provided by SRUC. Tutor support is available two evenings per week by telephone or e-mail. Those who have completed the HNC in this way (which is also year 1 of the HND) can continue to study the HND Year 2 in the same way, to complete the HND qualification.

Learning at SRUC
Under the guidance of expert staff, students carry out practical work on the College 18 Hole Parkland Golf Course. The well equipped campus includes a flood lit driving range with 15 grass tees, 6 indoor bays, 3 target greens and a short game practice facility. The college prides itself on offering hands-on experience of modern greenkeeping methods and practice. Our academic staff have years of experience, from being Golf Course Managers, to having worked in Europe and the US. We employ part-time staff members who currently manage some of the most prestigious golf courses in Scotland to ensure the topics being covered are meeting with modern technology and trends. Higher National students will also begin to learn some of the management skills required to run elements of a Golf Course themselves.

HNC Golf Course Management students are eligible to apply for the R&A Bursary. The programme is designed to support students enrolled in turf management higher education, with funds provided by The R&A Foundation. Working closely with selected education providers, The R&A identifies the most deserving students to receive scholarships each year.

As well as the direct financial assistance which is available to appointed scholars, those selected also gain access to a number of exclusive networking and continuing professional development opportunities enhancing industry exposure and employability.

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### Introduction to Greenkeeping

**Campus(es):** El
**SCQF Level:** 4
**Course Duration:** 6 months full-time study, January start
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English. An interest in Golf and working outdoors
Applicants with a mature attitude who are seeking a change in career will be assessed individually.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
The course is designed for people who wish to acquire the practical skills and knowledge of golf course maintenance. The course is a combination of both theoretical and practical subjects.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including a range of practical tasks on the golf course, grass identification, correctly using golf machinery, learn to play golf and health and safety on the golf course.

**Academic Progression:** On successful completion students can apply to progress to the NC Greenkeeping.

### NC Greenkeeping

**Campus(es):** El
**SCQF Level:** 5
**Course Duration:** 1 academic year
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English
Applicants with a mature attitude who are seeking a change in career will be assessed individually.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
The course provides students with the recognised skills and knowledge to develop a career in the industry.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including golf course construction, turf grass identification and production, soils and root zones and golf course tournament preparation. The course is a combination of both theoretical and practical subjects using the extensive resources at Elmwood, including an 18-hole golf course.

**Academic Progression:** Successful learners may progress onto SVQ Level 2/3 Sports Turf course, the HNC Golf Course Management or HND Golf Facility Management.

### PDA Golf Course Management

**Campus(es):** El
**SCQF Level:** 7
**Course Duration:** 6 months of full-time study
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have successfully completed a recognised Greenkeeping or other related qualification, or have relevant industrial experience

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
The Professional Development Award is designed for those who wish to take up managerial positions within the golf industry.

Areas covered in the course include golf club operations, golf tourism, golf course and facility development and management of turf areas on golf courses, soil science and turf grass ecology.

**Academic Progression:** On successful completion students can apply to progress on to the HNC Golf Course Management or HND Golf Management (Course).

### PDA Golf Club Management

**Campus(es):** El
**SCQF Level:** 7
**Course Duration:** 6 months of full-time study
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have successfully achieved a recognised management qualification or have relevant industrial experience.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
This course is designed for people who wish to take up managerial positions within the golf industry. Areas covered in the course include golf club operations, golf tourism, golf course and facility development and management of turf areas on golf courses, soil science and turf grass ecology.

**Academic Progression:** On successful completion students can apply to progress to the HNC Golf Club Management course or HND Golf Management (Club).
### HNC Golf Course Management

**Campus(es):** EI DL  
**SCQF Level:** 7  
**Course Duration:** 1 year if studied full time.  
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE  
**Specific Requirements:** National Certificate in a relevant subject/SVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping qualification or equivalent are also appropriate entry qualifications.  
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 4W67  
**Distance Learning:** Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

#### Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
- the competencies required by a Golf Course Manager
- a sound knowledge of greenkeeping practice complemented by the knowledge, skill and understanding needed for the effective administration of human, physical, biological and financial resources in the golf course environment.
- You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Managing Turf Areas on a Golf Course, Design and Construction of Golf Course Features, Preparation and Management of Golf Course Budgets and Supervision and Management and History and Development of Golf.

#### Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join Year 2 of the HND Golf Management (Course).

### HND Golf Management (Course)

**Campus(es):** EI DL  
**SCQF Level:** 8  
**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full-time.  
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE  
**Specific Requirements:** National Certificate in a relevant subject/SVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping qualification or equivalent are also appropriate entry qualifications.  
**Advanced Entry:** Entry into Year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification.  
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 1J41  
**Distance Learning:** Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

#### Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
- the competencies required by a Golf Course Manager
- a sound knowledge of greenkeeping practice
- a knowledge of human and financial resource management
- a sound base of managerial skills relevant to the management of golf facilities, such as IT and marketing
- specialist knowledge relevant to the biological management of a golf course such as soil science and plant protection.
- You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as understanding Golf Tourism, Managing Structures and Non-Turf Areas on the Golf Course, International Turf Grass Management, Managing Turf Playing Performance and Human Resource Management.

#### Academic Progression: On successful completion of the course students can articulate on to other recognised degree courses including BA Golf Tourism at the University of Abertay, Dundee. The award can lead to management opportunities on golf courses both at home and abroad.

### Student Profile

**Gary Sharman, HNC Golf Course Management**

Gary Sharman is currently on the HNC Golf Course Management programme at SRUC Elmwood.

Gary first heard about the Golf and Greenkeeping courses from a friend’s brother who was working as a Golf Course Manager in Sweden, who recommended Elmwood as the place to study the Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management. Gary who enjoys golf and the outdoors liked the idea of working abroad and enrolled onto the NC Greenkeeping course.

“I didn’t enjoy school or working in a classroom environment, but my tutors at college are very approachable and motivating and because the subject interests me even the theory keeps my attention! They are so knowledgeable and enthusiastic and have great contacts in the industry. I would definitely recommend studying at Elmwood to others”.

During his time on the National Certificate course Gary volunteered one day a week at the Municipal course in Troon so that he could gain additional experience and was presented with the SRUC Elmwood Award of Merit, in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the subject.

After he completed the NC Greenkeeping, Gary received four job offers through his Tutor’s contacts including Norway and Loch Lomond but accepted a six month contract at Le Golf National, the host of the French European Tour. During his time at the golf course, just outside Paris, Gary was responsible for the front nine tees, all very visible on Sky Sports! Gary declined the opportunity to stay on at the club and help with preparations for the construction of the Ryder Cup, as he wanted to return to Elmwood to further his education and undertake the HNC Golf Management course.

Gary was successful in his bid for an R&A Scholarship, funding which is only available to one other college in the UK. Gary has also taken advantage of the opportunity to apply for the Ohio Greenkeeping programme, which offers a year long work placement in the US. If successful, Gary will get to work alongside like-minded students, gaining experience of working in different climates and different cultures.

When asked about his long-term plans, Gary said, “There are so many opportunities open to me now. I hope to get accepted onto the Ohio Programme and then I will be looking at a possible move to Sweden!”
HND Golf Management (Club)

Campus(es): EI DL
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
Specific Requirements: Alternative entry qualifications, such as a related National Certificate, are also accepted
Advanced Entry: Entry into Year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification
How to Apply: via UCAS using code 4Z36

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:

- the skills and knowledge required to manage and develop golf-related businesses
- transferable business and management skills such as human resources management, strategy, business law and managing financial resources, business culture and golf tourism
- specialist knowledge of the golf industry.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Managing Retail Operations, Contemporary Golf Industry, Market Research and Project Management.

Academic Progression: Successful completion of the HND may allow you to apply for entry into a number of business management or sports management degree courses.

Work-Based Learning

SVQ Level 2 Sports Turf Greenkeeping

Campus(es): EI
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 year full time, 2 years block release / work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview
The course provides the opportunity to obtain recognition of the skills essential for the greenkeeping and sports turf industry.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including how to monitor and maintain health, safety and security, establish and maintain effective working relationships with others, agree how to manage and improve your own performance in the business environment; establish crops or plants, prepare and use equipment and machines, maintain the health of sports turf, maintain the condition of sport turf surfaces, renovate and repair sport turf surfaces plus the required optional units.

A Modern Apprenticeship can be achieved by learners completing the Level 2 qualification plus additional industry specific certificates.

Academic Progression: On successful completion students can apply to progress to the SVQ Level 3 Sports Turf Maintenance course or the HNC Golf Course Management.

SVQ Level 3 Sports Turf Greenkeeping

Campus(es): EI
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 2 years block release /1 year work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping or NC or equivalent qualifications. Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview
The course provides the opportunity to develop skills in the golf industry and progress to employment in managerial posts.

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HND Golf Management (Club)

Campus(es): EI DL
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
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Horse Care and Forgework

Introduction

Working with Horses
There is a rapidly increasing interest in working with horses. A career, in competition, or in associated activities. A career with horses can be very rewarding with a broad variety of jobs open to you. As the industry is so diverse, experience gained in one area may provide the opportunity to move into a different one.

Forgework
Forgework could involve Farriery or Blacksmithing work. Farriery craft refers to the skills to make, shape and fit horseshoes. It involves handling horses and recognising health and fitness problems. Blacksmiths produce items using metal, principally employing forging techniques.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:
- Exceptional facilities for practical work including our flagship facility, the Scottish National Equestrian Centre.
- State of the art stables.
- SRUC Oatridge’s forge is fitted with double coke forges and gas forges and has a specially designed shoeing area.
- Staff are highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise.
- In addition to subject expertise, many of the staff have teaching qualifications for further and higher education.
- As part of your course you may have the chance to go on work experience, which enhances your knowledge and learning experience and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
- Visits, study tours and external speakers are also an important part of the Horse Care courses, which are included where appropriate.

Careers and Employment
Thousands of people work with horses, either directly or indirectly, in a diverse range of roles. Opportunities within the industry include:
- riding instructors
- grooms and stud assistants
- working in racing yards, trekking centres and livery stables
- Working in HM Forces and the Police Force
- The Forgework course at SRUC could provide a route to start a career in farriery or blacksmithing.

Physical Requirements
The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example you may also a competent rider and also physically able to control and care for the horses and facilities. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities. It is advised that all students undertake as much horse related practical activities as possible before starting the course.

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SRUC Oatridge Campus is home to the Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC) – a state of the art £3.5 million national equestrian facility.

Open Days - Come and see us
www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays
**City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Forgework**

**Campus(es):** Oa
**SCQF Level:** 5
**Course Duration:** 16 weeks with starts in August and January
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s (preferably including English and Maths) plus 2 weeks of practical work experience. Recorded evidence of your riding ability, to include a minimum of walk, trot, canter, should be submitted along with your application.
**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
The course has a high practical content and develops basic skills relevant to farriery and related subjects. It is designed to prepare students for an apprenticeship in the farriery industry or an alternative career as a blacksmith.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including basic maintenance, operation and control of forge hearths and gas furnaces, safe working practices: forging, forming, cutting and joining. Students will also learn about using, maintaining and making Blacksmiths’ tools, and will produce a portfolio of forging exercises.

Over the 16 weeks the students are expected to make a portfolio of pieces. This should include all of the mandatory test pieces from the Qualification Handbook and will be examined at the end of the course by an external examiner.

Students will undertake early morning and weekend yard duties as part of their course. An acceptable level of fitness is required to enable students to ride effectively and carry out these duties.

**Academic Progression:** Students who have secured an apprenticeship can progress onto a 4 year 3 month Advanced Apprenticeship in Farriery or a Diploma / BA (Hons) Artist Blacksmithing. There is also the possibility for Blacksmithing Apprenticeships and further study on Engineering and Welding courses.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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**National Certificate**

**NC Horse Care**

**Campus(es):** Oa
**SCQF Level:** 5
**Course Duration:** 1 academic year
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**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course provides the first step on the ladder of equine qualifications offered at SRUC. It is designed to give a practical foundation in horse care and equitation, combined with the core skills required for employment in the horse industry.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including Safe Horse Handling, Horse Health, Watering and Feeding, Stable Routine, Care of the Horse at Grass and Preparation for Ridden Work. Students will undertake early morning and weekend yard duties as part of their course. An acceptable level of fitness is required to enable students to ride effectively and carry out these duties.

**Academic Progression:** Progression to the Advanced Certificate Horse Care or HNC Equine Studies may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

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**Advanced Certificate Horse Care**

**Campus(es):** Oa
**SCQF Level:** 5/6
**Course Duration:** 1 academic year
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English and Maths plus 2 weeks of practical work experience. Recorded evidence of your riding ability, to include a minimum of walk, trot, canter and jumping should be submitted along with your application.
**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

It is designed to give students further practical experience and knowledge of horse care and equitation.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including Watering and Feeding, Horse Transportation, Horse Health, Work Experience and Horse Fitness. Students will also undertake early morning and weekend yard duties as part of the course. An acceptable level of fitness is required to enable students to ride effectively and carry out these duties.

**Academic Progression:** Progression onto HNC Equine Studies may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

**Higher National Certificate**

**HNC Equine Studies**

**Campus(es):** Oa
**SCQF Level:** 7
**Course Duration:** 1 academic year
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / C
**Specific Requirements:** Preferably to include a science subject or English. Recorded evidence of your riding ability, to include a minimum of walk, trot, canter and jumping should be submitted along with your application. It would be advantageous if candidates held BHS Stage 1 and 2, or the Pony Club B test. Alternative entry qualifications, such as the National Certificate or Advanced Certificate in Horse Care may also be accepted

**How to Apply:** via UCAS using code 1168

**Course Overview**

Throughout the course you will develop:
- the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills required to equip you for a variety of roles in the equine industry
- knowledge of nutrition, fitness, anatomy and physiology, equine selection and preparation of horses for competitions
- practical business skills through modules such as Equine Facility Management and Yard Management
- transferable skills such as IT skills and teamwork. Students will also undertake early morning and weekend yard duties as part of the course.

An acceptable level of fitness is required to enable students to ride effectively and carry out early morning and weekend yard duties.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join Year 2 of HND Equine Studies.

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**“I started studying an NC in Horse Care, went on to the Advanced Certificate and I’m doing an HNC in Equine Studies now. Starting with an NC has helped me to get into Higher Education and it has been a great experience to meet new people and being taught at a very high standard.”**

Kirsty Jackson, Equine Studies student
Higher National Diploma

HND Equine Studies

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / C
Specific Requirements: Preferably to include a science subject or English. If science is not offered at Higher/A-level, it is a requirement at Standard/Higher level. It would be advantageous if candidates held BHS Stage 1 and 2, or the Pony Club B test
Advanced Entry: Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC
How to Apply: via UCAS using code 4Q46

Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop:

- the practical skills you will need for your future career through work place, including assisting with cleaning and grooming horses, feeding and watering horses, cleaning stables and yard, putting on and taking off horse tack and horse rugs, cleaning tack and horse clothing, leading horses, maintaining the safety of self and others within the work place, accepting instructions to manage and improve own performance in the business environment.
- the knowledge required to work in a variety of roles in the equine industry through modules such as Equine Grassland Management, Breeding, Mare, The Stallion, Equitation and Instructional Techniques.
- the practical skills you will need for your future career through modules such as Planning Equine Facilities, Managing an Event, Practical Stable Management and Introduction to Marketing.

Academic Progression: Progression to SVQ Level 2 Horse Care may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course, students may progress to related degree level courses.

SVQ Level 1 Horse Care

Campus(es): El Oa
SCQF Level: 4
Course Duration: 12 months work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the horse care industry. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview

This qualification is a work-based qualification for those employed in horse care. It is aimed at those who are new to the industry. A range of topics will be covered during the course including:

- cleaning, preparing and maintaining stables for horses.
- providing feed and water to horses.
- carrying out routine care.
- delivering basic health care treatment to horses.
- planning diets and feeding regimes for horses.
- restraining horses using specified methods.
- fitting and removing horse clothing.
- plaiting and trimming horses’ manes and trimming tails.

A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 2 can be achieved by completing this course plus a short Emergency First Aid course and one other industry specific award (if required).

Academic Progression: Progression to SVQ Level 3 Horse Care may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

SVQ Level 2 Horse Care

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 12 months work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the horse care industry. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required, or successful completion of SVQ Level 1 Horse Care
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview

This qualification is a work-based qualification for those employed in horse care. It is aimed at those who are new to the industry. A range of topics will be covered during the course including:

- leading horses, maintaining the safety of self and others within the work place.
- cleaning tack and horse clothing.
- health and welfare of horses.
- tacking up horses for specialist work.
- putting on and taking off horse tack and horse rugs.
- providing feed and water to horses.
- carrying out routine care.
- monitoring the health and welfare of horses.
- restraining horses using specified methods.
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Academic Progression: Progression to HNC Equine studies may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

SVQ Level 3 Horse Care

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 12-18 months work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the horse care industry. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 or NC Horse Care
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Course Overview

This qualification is a work-based course designed to equip trainees with the skills and knowledge in horse care. A range of topics will be covered during the course including:

- delivering basic health care treatment to horses.
- planning diets and feed and water regimes for horses.
- restraining horses using specified methods.
- cleaning tack and horse clothing.
- plaiting and trimming horses’ manes and trimming tails.
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Academic Progression: Progression to HNC Equine studies may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

Student Profile

Lorna MacBrine
HNC Equine Studies

Lorna has always loved animals and she especially had a soft spot for horses.

At the age of 8 Lorna started taking riding lessons. She didn’t grow up in an equine environment and didn’t own a horse. However, she was so interested in having the opportunity to ride more that she persevered by asking friends and acquaintances to put her in touch with people with horses.

At age 14 Lorna managed to loan her first horse. She thinks that she has been lucky with owners as they had allowed her to take the horses to pony clubs and small shows, but, the reality is that Lorna looks after them so well that the owners have full trust in her.

She says: “I knew I wanted to work with horses and the NC Horse Care course was a start. It has given me a lot of experience helping me to find out more about looking after horses. I love learning about how the feed affects the horse and how to take care of them.”

Her course tutor Liz Nairn says: “Lorna never hesitates to do anything that is required around the yard. She is attentive and with an incredible interest for learning. Her commitment and genuine interest in animal welfare will make her an outstanding professional in her chosen field.”
Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Design

Introduction

Horticulture, Landscape Management, and Garden Design are subjects which are integral to creating and managing sustainable environments. They also allow us to improve the health and well-being of our population through growing healthy food, providing green space for exercise and improving our environment, the production and establishment of plants for gardens and for restoring our ecosystem. These are practical and scientific subjects, and with a qualification in these areas you will be able to contribute to the well-being of the human race and the health of the planet.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- SRUC has its own practical horticulture facilities comprising greenhouses, gardens, workshops, design studios and landscaped areas.
- SRUC has arrangements with both the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) who provide garden resources for practical garden maintenance classes and work experience, and with local councils who provide additional nursery facilities and parks for practical work and projects.
- Practical skills are embedded in all courses.
- SRUC has good links with the many facets of the horticulture and landscape industry, and also with scientific institutes and SRUC’s own researchers, and you will find that classes at all levels involve these professional experts.
- Depending on the subject you may be involved in a variety of additional activities such as designing show gardens or helping with community projects.
- Many courses include study tours, both at home and abroad, which will broaden your horticultural horizons.
- Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, bending, digging, carrying and construction activities. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

UK qualifications in this sector are highly regarded throughout the world, and interesting and rewarding employment opportunities are available both in the UK and abroad.

What type of job could you do?

In all cases, there are career opportunities at all levels in each sector – from maintenance workers, gardeners and technicians, to designers, managers, head gardeners and scientists. Take a look at the www.growcareers.info website for some example career options.

Horticulture

A qualification in Horticulture, or the more specialist Horticulture with Plantmanship, can open up a wide range of career possibilities. Some students will work in the maintenance and management of public and private green spaces such as parks, gardens, national trust properties, botanical gardens and community gardens. Others will work in horticultural retail and garden centres, in fruit and crop production, or in production horticulture and nurseries. Other opportunities include journalism, television, teaching, school gardening, scientific research, advisory work, conservation, restoration of historic gardens, landscape reclamation, marketing, and horticultural therapy.

Landscape

Landscape includes hard landscaping which is all about paths, paved areas, walls and water features, and soft landscaping, which is about the creation of planted areas. Jobs in the landscape industry include landscape manager, interior landscaper, contract’s manager, landscape operative and machine plant operator.

Garden Design

Garden designers are often self-employed or employed by local councils, garden centres or landscape consortia as designers or landscape design technicians, where strong plant knowledge and attention to detail in design will be valued. Alternatively, some students move towards landscape management or horticulture and gain positions within private or historic gardens.

Physical Requirements

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Entry Requirements
Students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview. No formal qualifications are required. Desire to commit to the course

How to Apply
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
This entry level course will provide students with the opportunity to study and develop a wide range of horticultural skills and knowledge, which will enable them to develop a career in the horticultural industry. A range of topics will be covered during the course including plant propagation, rural estate management, horticulture and greenkeeping tools and machinery and preparing an area for landscaping.

Academic Progression
On successful completion students may progress to the NC Horticulture or SVQ Level 2 Horticulture.

Key
NC: National Certificate
HNC: Higher National Certificate
HND: Higher National Diploma
MA: Modern Apprenticeship
SVQ: Scottish Vocational Qualification

National Certificate
NC Horticulture
Campus(es): E1 Oa
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 academic year
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English
How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
The course content reflects current trends in the industry and provides students with the recognised skills and knowledge to develop their careers. This course is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are looking to further develop their careers in the horticulture industry.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including soft landscaping: general and specialist planting, trees and shrubs, basic botany and plant identification.

Academic Progression
On successful completion students may progress to the HNC Horticulture or HNC Landscape Management.

Student Profile
Duncan Young, HND with Plantsmanship

Duncan Young didn’t know what to do when he finished school but he came to the conclusion that he wanted to work outdoors.

After completing a National Certificate in Horticulture at SRUC (Oatridge Campus) and jumping at the opportunity to complete an apprenticeship at the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh, he was determined to continue with his education being as hands-on as possible, so he is now attending the Higher National Diploma with Plantsmanship. “I suppose from a young age I really enjoyed working in my garden with my dad and that sort of got me interested in plants and horticulture in general.” Now I have completed my SVQ level 3 Modern Apprenticeship in Horticulture, I have become practically experienced in many areas of horticulture such as propagating, cutting back, pruning, hedge cutting, weeding, planting, stemming, potting on, and turfing. “I would now like to learn more of the theory and science behind plants and horticulture. “I think the College courses that I have attended throughout my horticultural career have definitely enhanced my knowledge in the workplace explaining and helping me understand things you see working outside.” “It has made it easier for me to identify plants, know what methods to use with certain jobs such as potting mixes, types of cuttings and maintenance jobs.” “College has also helped me in developing my skills as they offer great support and good resources for learning.” “The most satisfying thing that I find about horticulture is when you are growing or propagating plants. It is always satisfying when a seed germinates or a cutting manages to root because you have created a brand new plant from something so small. “The Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh is a wonderful place to work as the staff are so knowledgeable the course offers a chance to work with one of the richest plant collections in the world.” “At the end of the course I will have the skills and knowledge to make a good start in my career hopefully ending up in me managing and working in some wonderful gardens.”
National Certificate

**NC Horticulture with Landscape Construction**

**Campus(es):** Oa
**SCQF Level:** 5
**Course Duration:** 1 academic year
**Entry Requirements:** Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English
**How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
The course provides sound practical experience in a wide range of landscaping skills together with the knowledge of construction principles and their application.

It is ideal for anyone with some industry experience wishing to broaden their experience or for those planning a career change.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including soils, plants husbandry, common disorders, tree and shrub planting, propagation and the growing on of plants and garden maintenance. You will learn about Plant Identification, Plant Uses, Soil Management, Business Management, Nursery Production and Plant Physiology. Practical work will include horticultural techniques for plant propagation and the growing on of plants and garden maintenance.

**Academic Progression:** On successful completion, students may apply to progress to HNC Horticulture or HNC Landscape Management.

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**HNC Landscape Management**

**Campus(es):** Oa
**SCQF Level:** 7
**Course Duration:** 1 year if studied full-time
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
**Specific Requirements:** To include a science subject.
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 2J5K Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop:
- your landscaping, construction or horticultural experience and will increase your practical, design and scientific skills
- your transferable business skills through the study of modules such as Supervision and Management
- practical skills and knowledge for the landscape industry through the study of specialist modules in hard landscaping and surveying.


**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course, students may apply to join Year 2 of the HND Horticulture or HND Garden Design.

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**HNC Horticulture**

**Campus(es):** Ay El Oa
**SCQF Level:** 7
**Course Duration:** 1 year if studied full-time
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
**Specific Requirements:** To include a science subject.
**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 914D Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop:
- knowledge of the fundamentals of horticulture
- your practical skills and your underpinning knowledge of plants and their cultivation
- an awareness of the different sectors of the industry including nursery production, maintenance of gardens and green-space and plant retailing.


Practical work will include horticultural techniques for plant propagation and the growing on of plants and garden maintenance.

At the Ay Campus, the HNC Horticulture course offers a Garden Design stream with elective modules in Garden Design offering progression to SRUC’s Garden Design HND and degree courses.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course, students may apply to join Year 2 of the HND Horticulture, HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship, or HND Garden Design.

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**HND Horticulture**

**Campus(es):** Ay Ed
**SCQF Level:** 8
**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full-time
**Entry Requirements:** Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
**Specific Requirements:** To include a science subject
**Advanced Entry:** Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC or similar qualification
**How to Apply:** Full-time study: via UCAS using code 914D Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop:
- a sound practical base of knowledge in horticulture and an understanding of the theory behind the practice
- practical and real-life skills and knowledge gained through visits to nurseries, gardens and landscapes and also scientific organisations to see how they conduct tests such as seed viability
- specialist skills in the area that interests you through a choice of elective modules focusing on either Gardens and Greenspace or Production Horticulture. Gardens and Greenspace elective modules provide the competencies to work in the parks, gardens and landscape sector at a professional level; Production Horticulture modules prepare you for employment in fruit or vegetable production, greenhouse protected edible crop production or ornamental plant production.

You will study a range of subjects including modules such as Advanced Plant Propagation, Hardy Ornamental Nursery Stock Production, Landscape Management & Maintenance and Integrated Approaches to Plant Protection.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course, students may apply to join year 3 of SRUC’s BSc/ BSc (Hons) Horticulture or BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantsmanship course.
Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Design

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) is world-renowned for its rich collection of plant species and conservation work. The landscaped gardens, botanical collections and expertise of RBGE staff offer a unique learning resource unparalleled in Scotland. The Horticulture with Plantmanship courses are taught jointly by SRUC and RBGE and as a student you have direct access to the vast resources of both institutions.

For Horticulture with Plantmanship students an additional fee is payable to RBGE at the start of each academic year to cover visits, study tours and specialist course materials. As a guide, costs for 2015 were £250 per year in the first and second years, £125 in the third year and £50 in the fourth year.

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:

• an understanding of the horticultural industry, encompassing the commercial production of fruit, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants
• the knowledge to address the design, establishment and maintenance of our parks and gardens, open spaces and managed landscapes
• a broad horticultural base of knowledge in order to equip you with the ability to work in any area of this diverse and dynamic industry
• capability in horticultural science, experimentation in plant physiology and advances in horticultural technology
• the skills to evaluate production methods and management requirements during visits to growers and landscapes.

You will study a wide range of subjects, including specialisation in either Production Horticulture or Gardens and Green Space Horticulture during your studies.

Specialist modules available include Vegetable and Fruit Production, Global Horticulture, Horticultural Plant Physiology, Landscape Horticulture and Multipurpose Woodland Management.

Academic Progression: Many students progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSc programmes or into a number of different research areas.
Work-Based Learning

Student Profile

Simon Garnett, pictured on the right, joined the Garden and Greenspace Design course after a career in horticulture and more recently as a development manager in the retail sector. Simon wanted to equip himself with the skills required to begin his own independent garden design practice, which he did upon completing the first two years of the Garden and Greenspace Design degree. Simon says:

“Currently I am completing my 4th and final year, which broadens the scope of design to a landscape level, preparing students to work on larger scale projects which provide practical and theoretical experience. Through SRUC’s links with industry, students are afforded many opportunities to engage with potential employers and suppliers, as well as developing a wide understanding of the realities of the industry and where it is going. During my time on the course, I have gained the opportunity to exhibit at show garden events such as the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show, as well as designing a community garden which has been featured on the Beechgrove Garden TV show.”

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www.sru.ac.uk/opendays
SVQ Level 2 Production Horticulture

Campus(es): El
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 2 years block release, work-based learning
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview: The SVQ course is designed to assess the student’s competence in a work situation. This course is designed to equip trainees with the basic skills in the production horticulture industry. A range of topics will be covered during the course including how to monitor and maintain health, safety and security, establish and maintain effective working relationships with others, agree how to manage and improve own performance in the business environment, establish crops or plants, prepare growing media, assist with the control of pest, diseases and disorders. Additional specific optional units will also be on offer.

Academic Progression: On successful completion of the SVQ Level 2, you may progress to the SVQ Level 3 Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces.

SVQ Level 3 Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces

Campus(es): El Oa
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 1 year full-time, else 2 years. El: Full-time or day/block release, work-based learning Oa: Day/block release
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Horticulture, SVQ Level 2 Production Horticulture or NC or equivalent qualifications

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview: This qualification is designed to provide you with the knowledge and practical skills to become a technician or supervisor within the horticulture sector. A range of topics will be covered during the course including how to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security, estimate resource requirements and programme work, manage your own resources, coordinate the planting of crops and plants, identify and name plants using their botanical names and coordinate the control of pests, diseases and disorders. Additional specific units will be on offer at each campus.

Modern Apprenticeships can be achieved by learners completing the Level 3 qualification plus a one day Emergency First Aid course (if required) and one other industry specific certificate.

Academic Progression: Students may apply to progress to the HNC Horticulture or the HNC Landscape Management.

SVQ Level 2 Landscaping

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 2 years. Day release
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview: This course allows learners to further their education while continuing to gain experience in the workplace. A range of topics will be covered during the course including how to manage and improve own performance in the business environment, establish crops or plants, prepare growing media, assist with the control of pest, diseases and disorders. Additional optional units will be on offer.

A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 2 can now be achieved by completing this course plus a one day Emergency First Aid course and one other industry specific certificate.

Academic Progression: On successful completion of the SVQ Level 2, students may progress to the SVQ Level 3 Landscaping.

SVQ Level 3 Landscaping

Campus(es): Oa
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 2 academic years. Day/block release
Entry Requirements: Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ Level 2 Horticulture or NC or equivalent qualifications

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview: This course is aimed at those already in employment, probably in a supervisory role. A range of topics will be covered during the course including how to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security, establish and maintain effective working relationships with others, agree how to manage and improve your own performance in the business environment, establish crops or plants, prepare growing media, manage and improve your own performance in the business environment, establish crops or plants, prepare growing media, assist with the control of pest, diseases and disorders. Additional optional units will be on offer.

Modern Apprenticeships for SVQ Level 3 can be achieved by completing this course plus a one day Emergency First Aid course (if required) and one other industry specific certificate.

Academic Progression: Students may apply to progress to HNC courses such as the HNC Horticulture or Landscape Management.
Hospitality

Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery
Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery
HNC Professional Cookery
HND Professional Cookery*
SVQ Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery
SVQ Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery
*subject to validation

Introduction

Hospitality is among the growth industries across the world. Those with an interest in hospitality, catering and professional cookery will find the HNC/HND have great industry recognition.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- Professional Cookery students benefit from a balanced mixture of practical and theoretical study.
- The training kitchens, bakery and restaurant, which is open to the public, provide a great learning environment.

What types of job could you do?

- Successful Professional Cookery students can find employment in a variety of positions ranging from Commis Chef to Head Chef and careers opportunities include food and beverage operations, event coordination, product development, food manufacturing and food safety.
- Former students have secured employment at a large number of restaurants, hotels and contract catering companies across Scotland.

Learning at SRUC

- Professional Cookery students are encouraged to arrange an international study tour which provides them with the chance to explore the cuisine and the cultural influences of that country.
- A two week work placement is also a valuable optional part of the course.
- SRUC Elmwood cookery students use their culinary skills to support a number of local external events including seasonal market stalls and cooking demonstrations at high profile events.
- They also compete in cookery competitions at national level which enhances their learning experience.

Practical Requirements

The Professional Cookery course is intended for those who already have some basic industry knowledge and experience. Those with a mature attitude but without recognised qualifications should contact us for further advice prior to application.
Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery

Campus(es): Ei
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s including English and Maths, or have completed the Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview
This programme is designed for those who wish to gain practical experience of food preparation and cooking. The qualifications are gained in the College’s realistic work environment.

Our facilities include a training kitchen, restaurant and bakery. The realistic working environment, combined with working with a range of external companies, enables students to learn to work to the high standards required in industry. The hospitality department has excellent links with the industry, which allows students to visit large hotels to see professional kitchens in action.

A range of topics and practical skills will be covered during the course including introduction to kitchen equipment, healthier food and special diets and the catering and hospitality industry. Many of our students have gone on to find employment in prestigious hotels and restaurants, while others now run their own establishments.

Academic Progression: On successful completion students may progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery.

Entry Requirements:
- Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s including English and Maths, or have completed the Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery.
- Relevant skills in the areas of cookery processes, food preparation, food hygiene and food service.
- Excellent culinary skills. Students participate in a range of internal and external catering events to allow them to perform in a real working situation.
- A period of work experience is an integral part of the course.
- Graduates from this course invariably go on to find employment, several work in Michelin standard restaurants.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Food Classification and Purchase, Hospitality Supervision, Hospitality Financial and Control Systems, Production Cookery: Cold Kitchen, Hot Kitchen, Sweets and Desserts.

Academic Progression: On successful completion students can progress to the HND in Professional Cookery or degree programmes at other organisations.

HNC Professional Cookery

Campus(es): Ei
SCQF Level: 7
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
Specific Requirements: Preferably you will hold City and Guilds 7100/01 and 7100/02
Advanced Entry: Entry into Year 2 is possible with an HNC Professional Cookery

How to Apply: Via UCAS using code DH2K

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop:
- Your culinary skills to an advanced level and provide the knowledge you will need for a supervisory role.
- In second year you will combine culinary expertise and managerial skills. The course contains practical and theory units which also cover event organisation.
- Experience in the hospitality industry is an integral part of the course and you will work towards the Industry Experience Unit.
- During your study of this HND you will be given the opportunity to participate in a one week placement at The Peat Inn Michelin star restaurant with Geoffrey Smeddle the proprietor and owner of the Restaurant.
- You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Professional Cookery Graded Unit 2, Management of Food and Beverage Operations, Kitchen Planning and Design, Patisserie, Hospitality Financial Accounting, Alcoholic Beverages, Food Production Processes, Gastronomy, Integrated Production Cookery, Hospitality Industry and Scottish Licensing Law.
- Academic Progression: On successful completion students can apply to progress to the second year of the BSc (Hons) Food and Consumer Science or BSc (Hons) Food, Nutrition and Health at the University of Abertay Dundee.

*To be validated
SRUC Elmwood Hospitality student James Finlayson has, as a result of his recent culinary success, cooked alongside Chef Willie Pike MBE.

James joined SRUC Elmwood three years ago in 2012, when he enrolled onto the Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery, before progressing onto the Level 2 Diploma and HNC Professional Cookery course.

James said he could name a number of highlights since he joined the hospitality team, but to date the Chef’s Conference held at the Thistle Hotel in Glasgow has to be among the best.

Ten college hospitality students were chosen from various colleges across Scotland to take part in the 10th Anniversary Chef’s conference, one of the leading events in the hospitality industry calendar. The specially selected students were then paired up with some of the country’s top chefs when they worked on creating one of the courses for the luxury ten course dinner.

James had the incredible experience of helping Willie Pike MBE, prepare Slow Braised Pig Cheek for 450 guests. Willie Pike has cooked for many distinguished guests and dignitaries, including the Royal Family.

James said: “This experience has been the most inspirational, inspiring, motivational weekend of my career to date. It was very hard work during the preparation of the menu over the three intense days but I loved it as it was a real life experience. It was fantastic to be part of Willie Pike’s team and help him prepare his 10th anniversary dinner, which would also be his last supper for the Chefs conference. The whole experience is one that will stay with me forever as I was working with real experienced Michelin star chefs from industry and working to their very high standard, which at times was very tough, especially at service as we were all responsible for each of our dishes on the pass. I also had the opportunity to work with students from nine other colleges, working with other colleges has made me appreciate all we do at Elmwood within our Hospitality Department and I am so appreciative of the opportunities we are given here at Elmwood.”

Once he completes his studies James would like to experience working in the industry in London with longer term plans of managing a seaside restaurant in warmer climates.
Introduction

The Rural Skills, Access and Continuing Education courses in this prospectus help our students reach their full potential. They are specially designed to provide an entry route to further study and offer a “first step on the ladder” opportunity for students who are not yet ready for our higher level courses. These are introductory qualifications that develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for work in the land-based industries.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

• SRUC offers excellent opportunities to study land-based related courses with a range of exceptional facilities for practical work, including farms, gardens and well-equipped workshops.
• The Rural Skills course allows students to begin to develop some of the basic practical skills necessary to work in most of the land-based disciplines — areas such as agricultural livestock, equine industries, horticulture, landscaping and agricultural crops.
• The Course also provides the opportunity to explore the very diverse employment prospects that exist in land-based industries.
• Students will develop some of the basic and transferable skills that will allow them to progress into further education or enter the world of work.
• Our Activity Tourism courses draw on our location and access to outdoor space to enable our students to equip themselves with the skills needed to work in this sector.

What types of job could you do?

• These courses provide a hands-on, practical experience of a range of different land-based and service industries. They place strong emphasis on gaining and building employability skills which would be suitable for any land-based or outdoor/activity-based employment.
• Work placements are a strong component of some of the courses and provide excellent leverage to find employment at the end of the course.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature, for example, walking long distances, bending, digging, carrying, building, active outdoor pursuits and construction activities. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

A significant number of students progress into further education after completing an access course.

Student Profile

Curtis Owen decided he wanted a career in agriculture after spending time working with sheep at his Uncle’s croft near Gairloch. He knew it might be difficult to get a place on an agriculture course because of his limited practical agricultural experience; however, he didn’t let that put him off. He began looking at options for developing his knowledge and skills.

After attending an Open Day at SRUC Oatridge Campus, he realised it would be possible to spend the Spring learning a range of different land-based skills in agriculture, horticulture, conservation, animal care and more on a 10 week Rural Skills course. After successfully completing the Rural Skills course, Curtis was able to progress onto a full-time Land-based Studies course at Oatridge.

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to build my knowledge and practical skills in animal handling, tractor driving and game keeping.”

Following on from his success on the Land-based studies course, Curtis made the decision to continue at Oatridge and enrolled on a full-time NC Agriculture course. He is currently increasing his practical and theoretical knowledge on a wide range of agricultural subjects including livestock husbandry, crop and grassland production and machinery operation, and is expected to successfully complete his NC course later this year.

“Looking back, I’m really glad that there were courses available at SRUC to help me achieve my goal of studying and working in agriculture.”

In the future Curtis is planning to work on a hill farm in Gairloch.
SRUC offers a range of Access Courses which are not listed in this section. Information about these courses can be found on the following pages:
- Introduction to Animal Care - p.38
- NC Land-based Engineering: An Introduction - p.54
- Introduction to Gardening - p.72
- NC Horticulture - p.87
- NC Rural Skills - p.106

If you don’t see a course that meets your needs here, please also take a look at those offered through the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP): www.scottishwideraccess.org

SRUC is proud to support SWAP, and SWAP access courses are accepted as appropriate entry qualifications to many of our courses.

Access Course

Skills for Work: Rural Skills

| Campus(es): | Oa |
| SCQF Level: | 4 |
| Course Duration: | 11 weeks, start in March |
| Entry Requirements: | Students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview, no formal qualifications required. Desire to commit to the course |
| How to Apply: | Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses |

Course Overview
This course offers the opportunity to explore the work involved in the land-based industries.

It’s an ideal route for people who are out of work and would potentially like to access land-based employment such as landscaping, conservation or horticulture.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including employability skills for the land-based industries, an introduction to estate maintenance, crop production and soft landscaping.

Academic Progression: On successful completion students may progress to the Certificate in Land-based Studies.

Find out more about this course by getting in touch with the course tutor by phone 01506 864800 or email to access@sruc.ac.uk

Access Course

Certificate in Land-based Studies

| Campus(es): | Oa |
| SCQF Level: | 4 |
| Course Duration: | 1 academic year |
| Entry Requirements: | Students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview, no formal qualifications required. Desire to commit to the course |
| How to Apply: | Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses |

Course Overview
This course is designed to attract school leavers or people who are out of work, who enjoy and have an interest in hands-on land-based subjects and would like to develop their knowledge in this area.

This course will cover a number of subjects that will give the student a taste of what the land-based sector is all about including: agriculture, environment, horticulture, landscaping, equine and engineering. The course comprises essential skills subjects such as: communications, numeracy, IT, enterprise and employability skills.

Academic Progression: On successful completion students may progress to specialist SCQF Level 5 National Certificate courses or to SVQs at Level 2.

Find out more about this course by getting in touch with the course tutor by phone 01506 864800 or email to access@sruc.ac.uk

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**Access Course**

**NC Rural Skills**

- **Campus(es):** El
- **SCQF Level:** 4
- **Course Duration:** 1 academic year
- **Entry Requirements:** Students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview, and successful completion of a short pre-entry land-based course. No formal qualifications are required. Desire to commit to the course.
- **How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/courses

**National Progression Award**

**NPA Activity Tourism**

- **Campus(es):** Oa
- **SCQF Level:** 4
- **Course Duration:** 11 weeks, Starts in March, 2 days a week
- **Entry Requirements:** Students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview. No formal qualifications are required. Desire to commit to the course.
- **How to Apply:** Direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/courses

**Course Overview**

This course provides you with a route to explore and gain employment in the exciting world of Activity Tourism. It has been specifically designed to provide you with an understanding of the range of opportunities and skills required for this fast-growing industry.

Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to visit employers such as outdoor pursuit providers/centres and providers of other special interest activities such as wildlife watching and traditional crafts.

As part of the course, students will participate in activities such as abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing and hill-walking, as well as less active special interest pursuits/activities.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including employability skills for the activity tourism industries, assisting with an event, local tourism product knowledge and basic customer care service skills.

**Academic Progression:** Upon successful completion of this course students may progress to the NC Activity Tourism.

**Academic Progression:** Students may progress to the NC Activity Tourism, National Certificate, or Higher Education courses in this and related fields.

**How to Apply:**

- Direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/courses

**Student Profile**

Kyle Hind, NC Activity Tourism

Kyle decided to apply for the Activity Tourism course at SRUC Oatridge because he enjoys outdoor activities such as canoeing and rock climbing and wanted to learn more about how to successfully run an activity tourism business or how to gain employment as an instructor.

On the course he learnt about how businesses affect local communities and the environment, and organised an activity for the public in the same way that a business would organise it.

His course also included visits to outdoor centres in which students experienced activities such as canoeing, abseiling and map reading and navigation.

He said: “I love attending Oatridge because the lecturers are friendly, respectful and give good advice. The College also has an overall good vibe, the other students are friendly and the facilities are good. The course is also very enjoyable as there is a good mix of written work and site visits in which we get to try activity tourism activities.”

Kyle has now completed an HNC in Countryside and Environmental Management and is currently studying an HND in Countryside Management.
Sports and Professional Golf

NC Sport and Fitness
HNC Coaching and Developing Sport
HND Coaching and Developing Sport
BA/BA (Hons) Sports Coaching and Development
Certificate Professional Golf
HNC Professional Golf
HND Professional Golf

Introduction

With an ever increasing interest in health and wellbeing, sport and fitness is a growing industry, and one that is of huge economic value to the UK. Government initiatives to promote healthier lifestyles, along with the recent hosting of large scale sporting events such as the Commonwealth Games and The Rugby World Cup, have also led to greater demands on existing facilities and on the creativity of professional staff to develop activities that interest individuals and encourage involvement.

The sports industry supports 450,000 jobs in the UK. It is a £20 Billion per year industry and is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the UK.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:
• Courses designed to meet industry requirements.
• Integral work placements and study trips enhance the student experience.
• Access to practical skills training courses in industry recognised awards such as Gym Instructor Qualification, and for Sports coaching students, first aid certificate and NGB Coaching awards.

Professional Golf:
• Significant links with industry.
• Internationally recognised golf programmes, with excellent facilities.
• Access to Golf Scholarships in the USA via www.collegiategolfusa.com. Successful candidates can qualify to compete in the Collegiate Golf Tour in the USA, developing their game at the same time as working towards a higher level of academic qualification.

Physical Requirements

These courses are truly vocational with particular emphasis on physical activities. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake some of these or similar activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

Certain modules involve a degree of pre-skill and performance competence from students. Some optional sports coaching modules include practical sessions in hill-walking, kayaking or climbing which require a level of fitness, stamina and physical endurance. Sports coaching students will be expected to demonstrate some skill and enthusiasm for sport.

Certificate Professional golf students will require to hold an official handicap of 12 or below while HNC and HND Professional Golf Students are required to be working towards an official category 1 handicap of 5.4 or better and be able to demonstrate an active involvement in golf.

What type of job could you do?

The nature and level of your job will depend on your qualifications and experience. Recent examples of graduate’s career destinations include:

Sports Coaching

Professional Golf
PGA Assistant, Golf Retail Management Club Fitting, while working many also enrol in PGA Training to work towards becoming a PGA Professional.

Learning at SRUC

SRUC Ayr and Elmwood campuses have indoor games halls, both equipped for a range of activities such as basketball, volleyball and badminton and both used mainly as a teaching resource for student-practical activities.

In additional the Ayr Campus sports hall, in conjunction with the University of West of Scotland, has a fitness and conditioning suite with a range of cardiovascular and resistance machines.

The Elmwood Campus’ Fitness Suite is utilised by both Sport and Professional Golf Students and is used as a teaching room by both disciplines. It is a fully equipped facility with a range of cardio machines, free weights and machine weights. This facility is also used for resistance training, fitness conditioning and fitness training.

SRUC Elmwood’s 18 Hole Parkland Golf Course is also home to the SRUC Golf Coaching Academy where our HND Professional Golf Students offer lessons to golfers of all ages and abilities.

The venue has fantastic facilities including a floodlit driving range with 15 grass tees, 6 indoor bays, 3 target greens and a short game practice facility. Elmwood is the proud holder of the Golf Environment Organisation (GEO) certificate. The Golf Course is also a Scottish Golf Development Centre.
Give us some feedback, and be entered into our prize draw!

We are always looking for feedback about our prospectus, and to encourage you to get in touch with us, we will be making a prize draw for a £30 Amazon Voucher on the 30th September 2016 – any feedback received by email before that date will be entered into the draw.

So – please get in touch and let us have any comments. For example:

- What do you like about the prospectus? Are there things we could have done better?
- Is the information easy to find? Did you find everything you were looking for?
- Would you like the prospectus in a different format, or do you like having it as a book?
- How does it compare with others you have been looking at (give us some examples of others you really like!)

Email sruccstudents@sru.ac.uk with your feedback, before the end of September!

Enter to win!

Prospectus Addendum

SRUC 2017 Prospectus

We’ve made changes to some of our courses since our prospectus went to print.

Apologies for any confusion caused by these changes – the most up-to-date information will always be available on our website: www.sru.ac.uk/education

Page 111 and page 109: BA/BA (Hons) Sports Coaching and Development

The Sports Coaching and Development degree course is no longer offered at SRUC’s Ayr Campus. This course has transferred to the University of the West of Scotland who are running the course at the Ayr campus, and all enquiries should be made direct to them via www.uws.ac.uk.
Gary enrolled on the first year of the Sports Coaching and Development degree in 2012 and graduated in July 2015. He has recently been successful in securing the full time paid position of SRUCSA Student Vice President. "I have always been involved in sport and thought that this time I would follow my interests, which is why I choose to do a Degree in Sports Coaching and Development. The reason I knew about and chose to do the course at SRUC is that several of my friends had previously completed the course at the former SAC Auchincruive campus and thoroughly enjoyed their time there."

Gary came back to full time education after a number of years away, as he wanted to provide himself with a sport focus and better opportunities for career development.
Jordan Fraser knew from an early age that he wanted to pursue a career in golf and that Elmwood was definitely the place to go. Jordan has completed the Certificate in Professional Golf and is currently working on the HNC Professional Golf programme.

Jordan is also a very active competitor and recently won the County Boys Ayrshire Champion of Champions, and has since gone on to compete in the Junior Scottish Champions of Champions where he secured a very impressive fourth place.

Jordan left school at the end of fifth year and discovered that college suited him a lot more.

“I feel a lot more motivated and independent. The lecturers and study support staff are really approachable and have a lot of time for students.”

The facilities at Elmwood golf course were also a big factor when it came to selecting a place to study.

“Elmwood Golf Course is fantastic. The range is open every night to practice on – so there’s no excuse! The facility really helped me to improve my golf.”

During his two years at Elmwood Jordan has enjoyed a variety of work placements including a week at the Royal Troon, where he assisted Kieron Stevenson, Head Professional. “I got a real flavour of the key skills required to be an assistant pro. I really enjoyed it.”

Jordan also organised his own placement between college courses when he worked at the Turnberry Ladies Open, helping with the scoreboard and providing information to the public.

Jordan has now secured a position at Drumoig Hotel & Golf Course where he will be working alongside the PGA professional, as a new assistant pro. His job involves children’s coaching, retail and customer service and product advice.

“My long term ambition is to become PGA myself, and Elmwood has been the perfect platform for this.”

Jordan Fraser, Certificate in Professional Golf

Student Profile

Certificate Professional Golf

Campus(es): El
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 year full-time. 2 years part-time
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English. Additionally you must hold an official handicap of 12 or below
How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview

SRUC Elmwood’s unique facilities, including an 18 hole golf course and state of the art practice facility provide an excellent learning environment for our professional golf students. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive introduction to the golf industry with specific focus on playing and coaching the game.

A range of topics will be covered including analysis and development of performance, anatomy, physiology, marketing, officiating and organising, caddying, fitness and core skills.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion students can apply to progress to the HNC Professional Golf.

Find out more: www.sruc.ac.uk/golf

National Certificate

Higher Certificate

Higher National Certificate

HNC Professional Golf

Campus(es): El
SCQF Level: 7
Course Duration: 1 year if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: Scottish Highers/A-Levels: CC / DE
Specific Requirements: No specific subjects are required. Alternative entry qualifications, such as a related National Certificate, are also accepted. Working towards an official category 1 handicap of 5.4 or better
How to Apply: Via UCAS using code 4T80

Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop:
- knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of golf coaching and the sports science which supports performance in golf,
- skills, knowledge and understanding of working with beginner and improver performers in golf and how to analyse and develop performance using a range of coaching methods and equipment including video and performance analysis software,
- knowledge and experience of retail and working in a golf facility.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Golf Coaching: Advanced Performance Skills, Improving Performance in More Demanding Competitive Situations, and the Theory and Practice, Anatomy, Physiology, Energy Systems, Principles of Fitness Training, Golf Operation and Equipment Technology.

Academic Progression: Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join Year 2 of the HND Professional Golf.

How to Apply - see pages 118-119

How to Apply - see pages 118-119

Sports and Professional Golf
Veterinary Nursing

Introduction

Veterinary Nursing is a career that involves caring for a wide variety of animals; mainly dogs, cats, rabbits and other small mammals, as well as birds, reptiles and horses. Some nurses may also be involved in dealing with farm animals.

Animal Nursing/Care Assistants provide a valuable contribution to the veterinary team by supporting qualified vets and veterinary nurses in the care and treatment of patients.

Top reasons to choose SRUC:

- A range of exceptional facilities for practical work including a fully equipped operating theatre and diagnostic imaging. New veterinary nursing facilities at Oatridge Campus include a designated theatre suite with preparation, operating and recovery rooms.
- Animal Care Training Centres, with housing for many small animals, reptiles and birds, and horses on site. HND Veterinary Nursing also utilises Barony’s dairy, beef and sheep farm.
- Staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise. Qualifications range from RVN to MSc level and all staff undertake continuing professional development. In addition to subject expertise, many of the team have teaching qualifications for further and higher education.
- As part of the Animal Nursing Assistant course and Level 2 Diploma you have the chance to take part in work experience which enhances your knowledge and learning experience and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
- Visits, study tours and external speakers are also an important part of your studies which are included where appropriate.

Careers and Employment

There are many opportunities to develop your career in this field:

- RVNs with a particular interest may concentrate on the area that interests them and specialise in their subject (e.g. feline, equine, reptile or large animal), emergency vet practice, referral practices or veterinary/university hospitals.
- Many veterinary nurses follow a career pathway that may take them to senior nurse level, head nurse leading a team of vet nurses and even practice management.
- Often experienced nurses are involved in training student nurses in vet practice by becoming a Clinical Coach.

Physical Requirements

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature. If you have any disability or health condition which may impact on your ability to undertake activities, please contact the department in advance of your application so that we can investigate any adjustments it would be reasonable for us to make to course content, assessment or facilities.

In order to legally practice as a Veterinary Nurse, a person must be registered with the RCVS. All SRUC courses lead to registration as a veterinary nurse (RVN), though at different academic levels. The level 3 diploma is awarded at SCQF level 6 and the HND at level 8. Animal Nursing and Veterinary Care Assistant courses provide the knowledge and skills required to work in veterinary practices as an animal nursing/care assistant. These courses will assist where a student progresses onto a veterinary nursing course, though this progression is dependant on other qualifications.
Veterinary Terminology

Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistant

Campus(es): DL
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 1 academic year
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 5 National 5s (preferably English, Maths and Science – required to progress to a veterinary nursing course but will consider others) plus 1 National 4. A minimum of one week work experience in a veterinary practice.

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview

This course is aimed at those who wish to work within a veterinary practice as an Animal Nursing Assistant, Veterinary Care Assistant or Kennel Assistant. Once you have gained the Animal Nursing Assistant qualification, job opportunities within the veterinary sector will be more accessible to you. As the course title suggests you will be qualified to work as an assistant to Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Nurses, usually within a small animal practice. Your role will involve assisting members of the veterinary practice team, helping to care for patients and providing assistance with the running of the operating theatre. You may also play an important and active role in the veterinary reception, communicating with clients.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including anatomy and physiology, handling, welfare and care of small animals, basic nursing skills, health, safety and hygiene, parasitology, nutrition, reception and communication skills. The opportunity to complete six weeks work experience is also included within the course.

Academic progression: Successful achievement of this course may allow progression on to the Veterinary Nursing Level 3 diploma. A high level pass plus higher level study may provide a route of entry to the HND Veterinary Nursing course; each application is reviewed individually.

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

HND Veterinary Nursing

Campus(es): Oa DL
SCQF Level: 6
Course Duration: 1 academic year
Entry Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 5 National 5s (including English, Maths and Science) and a minimum of two weeks work experience in a veterinary practice. To apply for registration as a Veterinary Nurse within the RCVS, you must be employed in a training practice. For the block release option you must be employed in a training practice (veterinary training practices must be approved by the centre and Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons – RCVS). Entry for full-time Level 3 Diploma is very competitive – additional Higher qualifications (e.g. Maths or Science) and practical veterinary experience or animal related work experience are advantageous.

How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Course Overview

This course is designed to support veterinary nurses for professional registration. Successful completion of this course and the appropriate training time in an approved Veterinary Practice, along with success in the external exams, will allow candidates to apply for registration as a Veterinary Nurse within the RCVS.

A range of topics will be covered during the course including anatomy and physiology, infection control, practical veterinary nursing care, diagnostics, supply of veterinary medicines, nursing support of small animals, anaesthesia and professional conduct in preparation for registration. You will develop your practical nursing skills while in placement and during practical sessions on site. Candidates attending the full time course at Oatridge Campus will benefit from placement experience at Glasgow University Veterinary School.

Academic Progression: Entry into Year 2 or 3 of a degree course may be possible.

Find out more: www.sruc.ac.uk/vetnursing

How to Apply: via UCAS using code 4D70
How to Apply

Applying for Degree, HND & HNC courses

Apply through UCAS

To apply for a full time Degree, HND or HNC course, you will need to apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) website – www.ucas.com/apply

You’ll find lots of advice on how to apply, and how to track your application on their website. You need to submit your application online via their ‘Apply’ system and you can apply for up to 5 courses. If you have any problems with your application, you can contact them by calling on 0371 468 0 468.

UCAS’s first deadline for applications for courses starting in August/September 2017 is the 15 January 2017. SRUC still accepts applications to its courses after the 15 of January, though it is possible that some courses will already be full if you apply after this date.

Between the 30th June and September, UCAS processes applications through the Clearing scheme. If your application is made during this time you’ll be sent details on how Clearing works. If your application is unsuccessful you will receive a “conditional” or “unconditional” offer. If your offer is unconditional you have already met all our entry requirements. If it’s a conditional offer, you have to meet specified requirements before your place is confirmed – achieving certain grades in your exams for example.

What happens next?

When we receive your application, we will send you an acknowledgement and if you are successful at this stage you will get either an offer or an invitation to an interview. If we are able to offer you a place on the course, you will receive a “conditional” or “unconditional” offer. If your offer is unconditional you have already met all our entry requirements. If it’s a conditional offer, you have to meet specified requirements before your place is confirmed – achieving certain grades in your exams for example.

What Next?

Your application will be reviewed to see if the course you have applied for is suitable for you. If your application is successful you will be sent a letter inviting you to attend an interview. This letter will contain information about what will happen at your interview and what you have to bring with you. If your application has been unsuccessful you will receive a letter from us.

At your interview

Your interviewer will ask you why you want to study the course and will expect you to answer questions about the course. It is advisable that you bring evidence of your current qualifications to the interview if you can.

After the interview

If we are able to offer you a place on the course, you will receive a “conditional” or “unconditional” offer by letter. If your offer is unconditional, that means you have met all our entry requirements. If it’s a conditional offer, you will have to meet specified requirements before your place is confirmed – achieving grades in your exams for example. You must reply to the offer we have sent you within 14 days.

If your interview has been unsuccessful we will send you a letter to let you know.

I’m hoping to gain Advanced Entry

Advanced entry onto SRUC’s courses is possible with a range of qualifications such as HNC, HND and foundation degrees. Other qualifications may permit advanced entry and you are advised to contact the Admissions Team to discuss your position ahead of submitting your application.

If you are seeking advanced entry into Year 2 or 3, you need to make sure that you indicate this in the Year of Entry section (enter a 2 or 3) on your application. Please make sure you check SRUC that your qualifications are suitable before you apply.

Applying for work-based learning courses

To apply for a Work-Based Learning course (SVQ/Modern Apprenticeship), you need to be in employment and have support from your employer to undertake the course. Please contact the relevant SRUC campus to discuss the possibilities. You can get more information by visiting www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL.

Applying for short courses

To apply to study an individual module, you need to apply direct to SRUC on the short course application form. This form can be downloaded from our website. Please contact your chosen campus to discuss modules prior to application.

If you are looking for short skills training courses, please visit www.sruc.ac.uk/training.

Widening Access

SRUC is proud to support SWAP (Scottish Wider Access Programme) and other regional initiatives such as LEAPS, Lift Off, ASPIRENorth and Focus West. If you have participated in any of these programmes, please do mention this in your application.

I’d like some more help!

SRUC has a central Admissions Team which processes all applications for HNC, HND and Degree courses. Please contact them on 0800 269 453 or admissions@sruc.ac.uk

Applications for all other courses are dealt with locally on the campus you have applied to. Please contact the campus directly for advice.

These sections of the prospectus may also be of use:

About our courses: p120-21
Entry requirements and qualifications: p120-123
International students: p126-127
Entry Requirements

General Minimum Entry Requirements

The general minimum entry requirements are outlined on each course listing within the prospectus, and further details are given here.

Literacy and Numeracy

All applicants are expected to demonstrate evidence of basic literacy and numeracy skills. This varies between courses; please see the tables in this section for clarification.

The requirements given below are in addition to any entry requirements specified on the course pages.

Access Course

NPA

National Certificate

Diploma

Certificate

Advanced Certificate

Work-based Learning (SVQ1)

Horse Care

SVQ Level 1

Maths or equivalent as evidence of numeracy skills, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience:

Skills for Work: Rural Skills

Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required for the course. Entry to the course is by interview.

These courses are:

NPA Activity Tourism Certificate in Land-based Studies / Introduction to Land-based Studies

NC Introduction to Horticulture / Land-based Engineering: An Introduction / Rural Skills

Introduction to Animal Care (Distance Learning)

Skills for Work: Rural Skills

Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required for the following courses. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 4 (Pass)/ Standard Grade (3-4)/ Intermediate 1 (A-B) or equivalent pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and in Maths or equivalent as evidence of numeracy skills, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience:

SVQ Level 1 Horse Care

Introduction to Animal Care

Those courses at SCQF Level 5 and some courses at SCQF Level 4 require some formal evidence of literacy and numeracy. Satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required for the following courses. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 4 (Pass)/ Standard Grade (3-4)/ Intermediate 1 (A-B) or equivalent pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and in Maths or equivalent as evidence of numeracy skills, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience:

SVQ Level 2 / Modern Apprenticeship Level 2 Agriculture / Arbiculture / Diploma in Professional Cookery / Environmental Conservation / Horse Care / Land-based Engineering / Landscape / Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces / Poultry Production / Sports Turf

A-C)

Completion of the related SVQ2 / MA Level 2 is normally required for the following work-based learning courses. Otherwise, applicants are normally expected to have a National 5 (A-C)/ Intermediate 2 (A-C) / Standard Grade (1-2)/ GCSE (A-E) or equivalent pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and in Maths or equivalent as evidence of numeracy skills, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience:

SCQF Level 3 / Modern Apprenticeship Level 3 Agriculture / Arbiculture / Diploma in Professional Cookery / Environmental Conservation / Horse Care / Land-based Engineering / Landscape / Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces / Poultry Production / Sports Turf

3 National 4s and 1 National 5s including English and Maths are required for:

3 National 4s including English and Maths, plus 1 National 5 (preferably a science subject) are required for:

National Certificate

Diploma

Certificate

Advanced Certificate

Work-based Learning (SVQ3)

At HNC and HND level, applicants are required to demonstrate competence in studying at “Higher” level in their schooling. In Scotland, we state entry requirements in terms of Scottish Highers, and for the rest of the UK, in terms of A-Levels.

Completion of the related SVQ2 / MA Level 2 is normally required for:

Those courses at SCQF Level 6 and some courses at SCQF Level 5 require a good foundation of school-level qualifications, and are often progression routes from courses at lower levels.

Due to the requirement for students to be enrolled with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the HND in Veterinary Nursing demands higher minimum entry requirements than other HND courses. 5 Standard grades / National 5 / GCSEs at Level 3 / Grade A-C or above including Maths, English and a Science subject are required for entry onto this course, along with at least 2 Advanced Highers (OCC) or 2 A-Levels (CC) preferably including English and a science subject. Demand for this course is high, and all applicants will be subject to a selection process.

Standard minimum entry requirements:

Generally, applicants to HNC and HND courses must demonstrate satisfactory literacy and numeracy along with Higher level study. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) / Standard Grade (1-2) / Intermediate 2 (A-C) / GCSE (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy) along with a minimum of 2 Scottish Highers (Grade C) or 2 A-Levels (Grade D), or equivalent.

Other equivalent qualifications are accepted, and mature applicants with alternative qualifications or relevant work experience should seek guidance from the College – please refer to the additional information towards the end of this section.

Qualifications in specific subjects (for example, a science subject) may also be required for some courses. Full details are given in the course listings and on the website.

These courses require specific subjects or qualifications over and above the minimum standard are listed below:

- Standard minimum entry requirements to include a science subject: HNC/D Horticulture / HND Horticulture with Plantmanship / HNC Landscape Management.
- Standard minimum entry requirements to preferably include a science subject or Geography: HND Garden Design.
- Standard minimum entry requirements to include a science subject or Geography: HNC/D Agriculture / HND Environmental Resource Management / HND Green Technology.
- Standard minimum entry requirements ideally plus City and Guilds 7100/01/00 7100/02: HNC/D Professional Cookery.
- Standard minimum entry requirements to include Biology, Chemistry or Environmental Science: HND Agricultural Science / HND Applied Bioscience.

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- Standard minimum entry requirements ideally plus City and Guilds 7100/01/00 7100/02: HNC/D Professional Cookery.
- Standard minimum entry requirements to include Biology, Chemistry or Environmental Science: HND Agricultural Science / HND Applied Bioscience.
Degree

At degree level, applicants are required to demonstrate a breadth of competence in studying at “Higher” level in their schooling. In Scotland, we state entry requirements in terms of Scottish Highers, and for the rest of the UK, in terms of A-Levels.

Standard minimum entry requirements:

Generally, applicants to degree courses must demonstrate satisfactory literacy and numeracy along with Higher level study. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) / Standard Grade (1-3) / Intermediate 2 (A-C) / GCSE (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy) along with a minimum of 4 Scottish Highers (Grade BBCC) or 3 A-Levels (Grade BCC), or equivalent.

Other equivalent qualifications are accepted, and mature applicants with alternative qualifications or relevant work experience should seek guidance from the College – please refer to the additional information towards the end of this section.

Equivalent Qualifications

Standard minimum entry requirements are given in terms of Scottish Highers and A-Levels, though a wide range of qualifications are accepted as equivalent. The Irish Leaving Certificate, with subjects at Higher level, is normally considered equivalent to the Scottish Standard minimum entry requirements. Those offering alternative qualifications such as AVCE, Diplomas, SVQs, NVQs, Scottish/Welsh/European/International Baccalaureate, other international qualifications, SWAP, or other Access Courses should contact SRUC’s Admissions team for guidance and advice as to the acceptability and equivalence of their qualifications. International students should also refer to the guidance given on pages 126-127.

Your Qualifications

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Those courses requiring specific subjects or qualifications over and above the minimum standard are listed below:

- Standard minimum entry requirements to include a science subject: BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture / BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Partnership
- Standard minimum entry requirements preferably to include a science subject or Geography: BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design
- Standard minimum entry requirements to include a science subject or Geography: BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management/ BSc/BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology
- Standard minimum entry requirements to include Biology or Chemistry: BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science
- Standard minimum entry requirements to include Biology, Environmental Science, or Chemistry: BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience

Returning to learning?

We recognise that some “mature” applicants may not meet some of our minimum entry requirements in terms of formal qualifications, but do have enough knowledge and experience to succeed on their chosen course. Applicants who feel they can offer relevant experience in place of qualifications are encouraged to contact the College to discuss their application.

Advanced Entry

Advanced Entry onto SRUC’s courses is possible with a range of qualifications such as HNC, HND and foundation degrees. For further information, please see page 119 or contact SRUC’s Admissions Team.

Additional Requirements

In certain circumstances applicants may be invited for interview to discuss their application further with College staff.

You might be required to undertake a mandatory Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check if the course requires a placement where you might have to work with protected/vulnerable groups. Applicants who are eligible for an offer of admission will be given information regarding the PVG scheme with their offer. A list of courses requiring a PVG check is available from the Admissions team.

General Policy

SRUC’s policy is to encourage participation in, and wider access to, our courses. Ultimately, admission will be at the discretion of the College Principal, acting on the advice of the Admissions Manager.

The primary criterion to be satisfied by any applicant seeking entry will be that he or she has a realistic chance of success and of benefiting from the course. SRUC aims to offer flexibility whilst securing entry standards. Maturity, work experience and motivation are recognised as alternatives to formal qualifications and entry is also possible with appropriate access-level qualifications.

SRUC is committed to the promotion of equal opportunities. Further information can be found on our website: www.sruc.ac.uk/equalityanddiversity

Prospective students are invited to visit the College, and it is particularly important that those with disabilities make use of this opportunity. In this way, each individual can assess his or her capabilities with the facilities available and the physical environment of the campus. Some courses are offered at more than one campus and it may be that one campus is more suitable than another. Applicants to whom an offer is to be made on the basis of current or predicted academic achievement and other information provided during the application process, and who declare a disability at application, will be contacted to discuss their individual needs. Further information is given on p5.
Finance and Funding

For many students, financing their studies will be one of the biggest worries when considering starting a course. The finance and funding arrangements vary greatly depending on the type and level of course you are studying, so only general information is given here.

SRUC offers a limited number of Centenary Bursaries each year. Introduced in 2004 to celebrate SRUC (formerly SAC)'s 100 years of land-based education, application for these is open to any SRUC student registered for an award who may otherwise be unable to participate in an SRUC course due to financial barriers. Application for a Centenary Bursary takes place once you have started your course.

SRUC also operates a Going Further Bursary Fund which has been set up to encourage and reward students who have the potential to progress from one level of award to another. Eligible students, for example, could be those who have completed an NC and are considering progression to a HNC/D course, or a HN registered student considering progression to a degree course. Application for a Going Further Bursary is only open to students already studying at SRUC.

Part-time students and returning to learning

Part-time students study at a reduced pace and pay a tuition fee proportionate to the full-time fee. Mature and part-time students may be eligible, depending on circumstances, to apply for certain loans, grants and bursaries. You may be eligible to SAAS for a part-time fee grant, or Skills Development Scotland for an Individual Learning Account which can be used towards tuition fees. Further information is available from www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

SRUC is registered with the Ministry of Defence’s Enhanced Learning Credits Scheme. www.enhancedlearningcredits.com

For most students, financial support for living expenses from Government will be in the form of a means-tested loan administered by the SLC.

Loans are paid monthly directly into the student’s bank account. You are therefore advised to set up an account prior to starting at SRUC, so you are ready to receive your loan payments.

You will not have to start repaying your student loan until you have finished or left your course. The rate at which you repay the loan will depend on your income; you will only begin to repay your loan once you are earning more than a specific salary level, set by Government.

International Students

Students from outside the UK are also required to pay tuition fees. In line with other institutions, SRUC operates two levels of tuition fee – a “home” rate (for UK and EU students) and an “International” rate (for those from outside the EU).

Guidance on your home/International fee status can be sought from SRUC, SAAS, or UKCISA: www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Fees–finance/Home-or-Overseas-fees/

EU students on full-time courses should contact the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) for the latest information about funding: www.saas.gov.uk

SRUC regrets that it is unable to offer any additional financial support to international students, who will be required to pay the international tuition fee rate in order to fully cover the cost of their tuition. International students are eligible for other sources of funding – please refer to the additional funding for current students section below.

Additional advice for international students can be found on pages 126-127.

Tuition Fees

Any required tuition fees are payable to SRUC and cover tuition, assessment, examination, and other services provided by SRUC to enable and support learning.

You may also be required to pay additional fees: costs related to field trips or required equipment (depending on your course), certificated training courses, fees for registration with the awarding body, and for re-sitting examinations and assessments.

The most up-to-date tuition fees can be found on our website: www.sruc.ac.uk/education

Additional funding for current students

Additional funding, for example Discretionary Funds and Childcare Funds, may be offered and are administered by SRUC. Eligible students apply for these once they have started their course; please contact the central Funding Team for more information: student.funding@sruc.ac.uk

Useful Websites

- www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Scotland & the EU: www.saas.gov.uk
- England: www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Northern Ireland: www.studentfinance.ni.co.uk
- Wales: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
- Adult Learners: www.gov.uk/grant-bursary-adult-learners
- Student Loans: www.slc.co.uk
- EMA Scotland: www.emascotland.com
- Skills Development Scotland: www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk
- UKCISA: www.ukcisa.org.uk
- www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding
International Students

SRUC has a long tradition of welcoming students from outside the UK to study with us, and we find they greatly enhance the learning experience of other students with their unique viewpoint and varied life experiences.

Advice for applicants from within the European Union (EU)

SRUC welcomes students from a number of EU countries each year. We accept a range of qualifications (including most high school leaving certificates, and the international baccalaureate) as appropriate for entry to our courses. You may find specific information about the suitability of your country’s qualifications listed on our website, or please contact us for advice by emailing internationalstudent@sruc.ac.uk

Qualifications at an appropriate level and in a relevant subject area may also be used to gain advanced entry onto SRUC’s courses. For example, applicants who have completed the equivalent of an HND in an appropriate subject may apply to join SRUC’s degree courses in Year 3.

For more information about How to Apply for a course, please refer to page 118.

If you are a student from the EU or EEA, you should contact the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) - www.saas.gov.uk - for information about finance and funding.

Advice for international applicants from outside the European Union

If you are not an EU or EEA national, entry to the UK for study purposes requires you to obtain a visa. Since 2009, the UK has operated a points based immigration system. Further information can be found from your local British Council office or by visiting the Immigration pages on the www.gov.uk website.

There are two main types of visa available: Student Visitor and Tier 4.

Student Visitor Visa

If you are aged over 16 and intending to study on a full-time course lasting less than 6 months, such as a Professional Development Award (PDA), you will be able to apply for a short-term study visa. Check the www.gov.uk website for information on how to apply, or contact SRUC for advice.

Tier 4 (General)

Those wishing to study for a course longer than 6 months will need to apply for a Tier 4 visa. SRUC complies with regulations laid down by the Home Office who specify certain conditions, such as amount of time spent in the UK, course progression, level of qualification, and level of English language, with which you must comply in order for your application to be accepted. We strongly suggest that for further and the most up-to-date information you visit www.gov.uk immigration pages.

Your course must be at a certain minimum academic level in order to meet the UK’s international visa requirements (SCQF Level 6). Only the following courses are appropriate for Tier 4 study:
- Undergraduate Degree (BSc/BEng)
- Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- NC Activity Tourism
- NC Agriculture
- NC Land-based Engineering
- City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing
- PDA Golf Course Management and PDA Golf Club Management (though due to the length of these courses, students should pursue a short-term study visa)

To apply for a Tier 4 visa, you will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from SRUC. You will need to provide SRUC with relevant documentation and pay some tuition fees in advance before we will issue a CAS and your place becomes unconditional.

You can seek advice about whether your qualifications satisfy our entry requirements by emailing: internationalstudent@sruc.ac.uk

SRUC makes use of the UK NARIC service to assess the equivalences of international qualifications: www.ecctis.co.uk/naric

Due to the range of overseas qualifications, potential applicants are advised to contact the International Student Recruitment Officer by email or in writing with full details of their qualifications, the syllabus and the course they wish to apply for so that advice may be given.

Please note that SRUC is unable to enter into personal correspondence to support any application for a study visa beyond the provision of a CAS. Enquiries about grants and sponsorship must be made to your own Government or local British Council office. SRUC regrets it is unable to provide financial support for overseas students.

How to Apply

For more information, please refer to the How to Apply section on pages 118-119.

Degree, HND and HNC full-time course applications must be made through UCAS. UCAS operates an online application process. If this is difficult for you please contact UCAS direct for help (www.ucas.ac.uk). You may also find that your local British Council office is a UCAS application centre and can offer assistance.

Those applying for NC and PDA courses will need to apply online by visiting SRUC’s website at www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Paper application forms are available if online application is difficult for you.

It is important that you complete your application form as fully as possible. If you would like to discuss your application prior to its submission, please e-mail: admissions@sruc.ac.uk

International (visa) applicants will need to provide SRUC with relevant documentation, and pay some tuition fees in advance, before the offer of a place on a course becomes unconditional. Because of this, and the typically extended postage times in correspondence between SRUC/UCAS and other countries, applications from students outwith the EU must be received prior to 30th June 2017 for courses starting in autumn 2017. You are advised to submit your application prior to the UCAS first deadline of 15 January 2017.

Tuition fees will be confirmed no later than the summer of 2017. The most up-to-date information is available on SRUC’s website: www.sruc.ac.uk/education

English Language

As all teaching, learning materials, and assessments are in English, competency in written, spoken and the understanding of English must be demonstrated. SRUC prefers the Academic IELTS exam as proof of English language level, but we will accept a range of equivalent qualifications. Details of competence required are available on the following websites: www.sruc.ac.uk/englishlanguage

Student Exchanges

The ERASMUS+ scheme is a pan-European initiative which provides support to develop student exchange between higher education institutions. SRUC has ERASMUS+ agreements with a number of partner institutions. Each year, SRUC welcomes exchange students from overseas (including Europe, the USA and Canada) who bring complementary knowledge and experience.

As an international student, I found that SRUC was a great place to begin my higher education. From the beginning of the pre-application process, the staff at SRUC were helpful, and gave me good advice and information on choosing my course. The smaller class sizes also make it easier for a student to get any help. All this coupled with the opportunity to live in one of the best cities in the world – Edinburgh – has made me strongly believe that SRUC was the best choice I could have made for my education.

David Ross from Canada
Applied Animal Science student

“Emma and Cathrin joined as students through the Erasmus+ scheme during autumn 2015. They are students from SLU and Linneanet in Scandinavia, Scotland and SRUC Edinburgh was a natural choice for them.”

Emma: “I was very excited when I got accepted to SRUC because of all the positive things I had heard about Edinburgh. Fortunately, they all turned out to be true! Edinburgh is a great place to study, with a lot of history and different activities for international students. SRUC is quite a small and friendly university, and the environmental modules that I’ve taken have been very interesting and an excellent complement to the studies at my home university in Sweden.”

Cathrin: “I was attracted to the idea of going to Scotland because of the famous history of the country and beautiful landscape as well as improving my English. My studies at SRUC have broadened my perspectives and the courses were very interesting. I found the lecturers to be very helpful and inspiring. The other Erasmus students gave me an insight into their traditions and cultures as well.”
Reducing our Environmental Impact

SRUC has an Environment Team who is committed to minimising SRUC’s environmental impact and promoting a sustainable culture across SRUC to staff, students, visitors, and stakeholders. The team encourage staff and students to speak to them about any aspect of sustainability at SRUC. They have pages on the student VLE, and you can also find them on Twitter @SRUCEnvironment.

In 2014/15, SRUC recommitted to the Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland (UCCFCS), an agreement entered into by Universities and Colleges across Scotland to support the Scottish Government in achieving its carbon reduction targets. This recognises the sector’s influence on carbon, not just in terms of emissions, but also its role in providing graduates with the skill set to contribute to and lead the low carbon economy of the future.

SRUC has run the All Campus Sustainability Programme (ACSP) since September 2013; this is an extra-curricular, student-led programme intended to provide opportunities and funding for students to pursue small sustainability related projects that contribute to either their Campus, or its grounds, becoming more sustainable. Sixteen teams of students participated in 2014/15, devising projects ranging from developing bicycle powered batteries, to establishing compost systems and building structures (such as Sand Martin banks) to promote biodiversity. The Programme was Highly Commended in the Sustainability category of the College Development Network Awards 2015.

Each year, the SRUC Environment Team offers a six week Environment Student Internship where a student is given the opportunity to gain experience in environmental management. The student assists the Team with progressing environmental accreditations and monitoring and managing of carbon alongside visits with consultants and researchers.

The SRUC Elmwood Golf Course has been awarded the international Golf Environment Organisation’s sought-after GEO Ecolabel accreditation. It is only awarded to courses making the ‘On Course Pledge’ to fulfil strict criteria covering landscape and ecosystems; water; energy and resources; products and supply chains; environmental quality; and people and communities – Elmwood passed in all six categories. Our Elmwood Campus was also the first educational establishment in the world to attain the environmental standard ISO14001. The certification is an impetus for positive environmental improvements and offered students opportunities to get involved in practical environmental management at Elmwood.

The SRUC Oatridge Campus uses solar thermal panels for student accommodation blocks and solar photovoltaic paneling for the main teaching block and equestrian centre. These installations provide approximately 50% of the power requirements for this part of the Campus and the system saves approximately 20 tonnes of carbon per year. Heating and hot water at the SRUC Barony Campus is supplied by a biomass boiler.

SRUC is committed to honouring its responsibilities to its staff, students, the community, stakeholders and the environment, through our primary role as an educator, trainer and researcher, as an owner of a large and complex estate, and as the focus of many local communities.

In 2015, SRUC was recognised amongst the first institutions in the UK to achieve National Union of Students (NUS) Responsible Futures accreditation with particular praise for leadership, strategy, partnership and planning. The system challenges SRUC to embed the principles of sustainability and social responsibility into its curriculum, corporate documentation and practices. Second year Environmental Management students were trained by the NUS as auditors and conducted two days of interviews with key staff to assess the impact of the actions taken.

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Campuses and Contacts

General contact information

- For general enquiries please email recruitment@sruc.ac.uk or phone 0800 269 453.
- For admissions queries please email admissions@sruc.ac.uk or phone 0131 535 4267 or contact us by post at: The Admissions Office, SRUC Edinburgh, The King’s Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JG
- International enquirers should email internationalstudent@sruc.ac.uk or contact us by post at: International Student Recruitment, SRUC Edinburgh, The King’s Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JG

Campus Contacts and How to Find Us

If you know the campus at which you would like to study please contact them directly for further information.

Ab Aberdeen Campus
SRUC Aberdeen, Craibstone Estate, Aberdeen AB21 9YA
aberdeen@sruc.ac.uk
01224 711189
www.sruc.ac.uk/aberdeen

Ay Ayr Campus
SRUC Ayr, Riverside Campus, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX
ayr@sruc.ac.uk
01292 866196
www.sruc.ac.uk/ayr

Ba Barony Campus
SRUC Barony, Parkgate, Dumfries DG1 3NE
barony@sruc.ac.uk
01387 860251
www.sruc.ac.uk/barony

Ed Edinburgh Campus
SRUC Edinburgh, King’s Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JG
edinburgh@sruc.ac.uk
0131 535 4391
www.sruc.ac.uk/edinburgh

El Elmwood Campus
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01334 658800
www.sruc.ac.uk/elmwood

Oa Oatridge Campus
SRUC Oatridge Ecclesmachan, West Lothian EH52 6NH
oatridge@sruc.ac.uk
01506 864800
www.sruc.ac.uk/oatridge

Important Information

This prospectus is intended as a guide for applicants for courses delivered by SRUC. In compiling it, we have made every effort to be as accurate as possible however we can accept no liability for omissions, errors or subsequent changes. SRUC will use reasonable efforts to deliver courses in accordance with the descriptions set out herein. However, we have to manage our academic provision and facilities in ways which provide a quality learning experience to our students, and which are efficient and cost effective.

We therefore reserve the right to make changes to: an existing course title or named exit award; a course curriculum/modules/content; the course structure; mode(s) of delivery; methods of assessment; entry requirements. We reserve the right to discontinue courses, to move courses to another campus, to merge or combine courses or years of courses and withdraw or replace facilities if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary. We will take steps to inform applicants and students at the earliest opportunity of any significant changes to, or suspension/cessation of, a course. The impact on existing students will be minimised where possible. Learning activities and example course content included in this prospectus are given as examples and inclusion does not guarantee they will be offered each year.

Additional information will be sent to you if you are made an offer of a place on a course – a copy of this can be requested by emailing admissions@sruc.ac.uk. SRUC reserves the right to request applicants or enrolling students to provide further information relating to any aspect of their application or enrolment.

If such further information is not provided within the period stipulated then SRUC reserves the right to refuse to consider the application, not to enrol, or to withdraw enrolment.

SRUC makes its offer of a place based upon the academic potential of the applicant and their suitability to the course. As many of our courses are vocational and involve practical activity and placement, a level of maturity is required which may be assessed through interview as part of the application process.

To meet legislation for the Protection of Children, places in SRUC Halls of Residence are only available to students who are over 16 years of age. All students will be required, as a condition of enrolment, to abide by and to submit to SRUC’s disciplinary rules and regulations. A copy of the current disciplinary rules and regulations is available on request.

The information contained within this prospectus is correct at the time of writing in December 2015.

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We are always looking for feedback about our prospectus, and to encourage you to get in touch with us, we will be making a prize draw for a £30 Amazon Voucher on the 30th September 2016 – any feedback received by email before that date will be entered into the draw.

So – please get in touch and let us have any comments. For example:

- What do you like about the prospectus? Are there things we could have done better?
- Is the information easy to find? Did you find everything you were looking for?
- Would you like the prospectus in a different format, or do you like having it as a book?
- How does it compare with others you have been looking at (give us some examples of others you really like!)

Email srucstudents@sruc.ac.uk with your feedback, before the end of September!

Enter to win!

Prospectus Addendum
SRUC 2017 Prospectus

We’ve made changes to some of our courses since our prospectus went to print.

Apologies for any confusion caused by these changes – the most up-to-date information will always be available on our website: www.sruc.ac.uk/education

Page 111 and page 109:
BA/BA (Hons) Sports Coaching and Development
The Sports Coaching and Development degree course is no longer offered at SRUC’s Ayr Campus. This course has transferred to the University of the West of Scotland who are running the course at the Ayr campus, and all enquiries should be made direct to them via www.uws.ac.uk.