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I’m delighted that you are considering studying at Scotland’s Rural College.

SRUC is a unique institution offering courses at all levels from access through college and university level study, to postgraduate taught courses and research opportunities. Our courses relate to the ways in which we make use of the land and natural resources around us – from agriculture to the bio-economy, veterinary nursing, and a huge variety of exciting and relevant topics in between.

SRUC courses are underpinned by the innovative science that supports these land-based industries, and the way they interact with and support the environment around them and the businesses that rely on them.

SRUC has six campuses in locations across Scotland. Each has something different to offer in terms of environment and resources but all are firmly rooted in the SRUC ethos of putting your experience as a student at the centre of everything we do. Our campus locations can be found detailed on page 15, and of course you will find more information on our website.

At SRUC we offer you the opportunity to study at a world-renowned institution offering top quality knowledge and expertise. We draw upon cutting-edge knowledge from our research and consultancy activities to ensure our courses are tailored and shaped to meet the current and future needs of industry. At whatever academic level you choose to study with us, you will leave with knowledge and practical skills required to thrive in the workplace.

This prospectus will guide you through the subjects and levels of courses available, and I hope it will inspire you to join our national and international student community. We look forward to welcoming you at an Open Day and hopefully as a student in the near future.

Professor Wayne Powell
BSc, MSc, PhD, DSc, FLSW
Principal
Choosing SRUC

- Scotland’s national provider of college and university level education in the land-based sector
- A unique and specialist institution
- A choice of campuses in locations across Scotland
- Research excellence
- Extensive links with industry
- Real-life case studies and site visits
- Practical and applied skills delivered alongside theoretical expertise
- Academic progression from one level of study to the next
- Excellent employment prospects in stable and growing industries
- Specialist resources, and access to first-rate and national facilities
- Knowledge exchange which brings real-life expertise and research into the classroom

Learning at SRUC
Our students don’t just spend their time sitting in lecture theatres!

Levels of Study
Courses in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

SRUCSA
The SRUC Students’ Association

Accommodation
Accommodation provision is different at each campus

Campuses
Campus locations – choosing where to study

Courses
Our course information is organised into subject areas

How to Apply
How to make your application and what happens next

Entry Requirements
Course entry requirements and equivalent qualifications

Student Support
If you find you need help, support is readily available

Finance and Funding
A reference guide to finding out more

International Students
Information for students from outside the UK

Postgraduate and Alumni
Continuing your relationship with SRUC

Environmental Impact
Reducing our environmental impact and promoting a sustainable culture

Contact Us!
Contact information for each campus
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.

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.

“I enjoy the visits. They show you how what you learn in the classroom integrates with the real world.”

Michael Fleming, Agriculture student

We want 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.

“The course perfectly integrates class sessions with field trips, providing skills that are invaluable for any candidate wanting to succeed in the field. It is very well organised and the staff are all extremely helpful and supportive.”

Benjamin Lau, Environmental Resource Management student

“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 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 Course Tutor. You will also be encouraged to enhance your classroom learning through appropriate volunteering and community projects which may contribute to formal assessments.

Of the Higher Education students completing courses in 2014, 93% had found employment or were studying for a further qualification within 6 months.

“I chose to do my degree in Environmental Sciences at SRUC as I knew I would benefit from the smaller class sizes and more personal relationships with lecturers. I hope to work in the agricultural side of environmental research after graduating, so SRUC connections and research sites are an invaluable asset for my learning and career progression. I value learning on site and very much in the field, which SRUC offers.”

Nim Kibbler, Environmental Resource Management student

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)

SRUC is accountable to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) for the quality of our students’ teaching and learning and their overall experience.

Student Profile

“Like many people leaving school I didn’t have a clue what I wanted to do with my life. I decided to take a year out before applying for courses and, having deliberated hard, I applied for a number of Engineering courses as well as Agriculture at SRUC’s Aberdeen Campus. Two weeks prior to starting a course in Aeronautical Engineering, and following a chat with my father about my future career, I decided that agriculture was to be my main vocation as it was where my passion was. Fortunately SRUC managed to squeeze me in to the first year of the course. I spent four years at Aberdeen and left with an Honours degree in Agriculture under my belt.

Looking back, I am very glad I made the decision to study Agriculture at SRUC. The Aberdeen campus is truly fantastic; I loved that you were still in the countryside but close enough to town for when you wanted to enjoy the nightlife. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and made some lifelong friends who helped me come out of my shell.

“After graduating I was lucky enough to gain employment at home in Uist working on a European funded project which looked to sustain traditional agricultural practices such as using seaweed to fertilise crops. After 2 years on that project a job opportunity came up for an Agricultural Consultant with SAC Consulting (the commercial business arm of SRUC) based on Uist and I jumped at it. I was lucky enough to secure the position and years later I still thoroughly enjoy my job. The education I received at SRUC provided me with a good basis of knowledge in a wide variety of areas which helped to build on the practical knowledge which I had gained working at home and on other farms. This without doubt helped me in securing the job. Working for SAC Consulting offers challenges on a daily basis which is something I really enjoy as it provides a sense of reward in your employment.”

Angus Ferguson, Agricultural Consultant
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 on page 10 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 towards the back of this prospectus.

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.

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 following courses which are offered by distance learning.

- HNC Poultry Production – page 24
- Introduction to Animal Care – page 36
- HNC Countryside & Environmental Management – page 48
- PDA Ecological Surveying – page 49
- HNC Golf Course Management – page 77
- HND Golf Management (Course) – page 78
- Veterinary Terminology – page 118
- Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistant – page 119
- Other courses are planned for the future

“The part-time 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 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, Countryside Management student
Work-based Learning

Scottish Vocational Qualifications can provide those who are in employment with the opportunity to gain 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

Apprenticeships

Modern Apprenticeships and the new Foundation and Graduate level Apprenticeships are specific forms of work-based learning courses which combine college studies with industry-specific skills training and certification.

Modern Apprenticeships (MA) usually require you to have basic school-leaver skills. You work and get paid, and with your employer’s agreement, study alongside your work and undertake assessments on your progress in the workplace.

Foundation Apprenticeships are new and the number of subjects available is expanding – you study these while still at school, alongside your Highers and National 5 qualifications. Graduate Level Apprenticeships follow the same format of studying while working, but allow you to work towards a degree-level qualification.

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 study pathway. Some students register initially for an HNC or HND course, and upon successful completion of that course, apply for advanced entry onto the related degree.

These 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 original expectations.

Advanced entry

Advanced entry onto SRUC’s degree courses is possible with a range of qualifications such as a related HNC, HND or foundation degree. Other qualifications may also permit advanced entry – contact our Admissions Team for advice before you apply by emailing admissions@sruc.ac.uk

Student Profile

“Completing the two years apprenticeship SVQ at SRUC further confirmed my desire to pursue a career in the agricultural sector. My time so far at SRUC has complemented and accompanied my on-farm apprenticeship and the continual assessment has given me the confidence and knowledge to work competently on my own as an employed shepherdess. Many of the early college lectures taught me the importance of on farm record keeping. I am now capable of not only keeping accounts and VAT returns up-to-date but also medicine, movement and identification records.

The early years of my degree gave me a foundation of knowledge within the industry. Attending block release at college has not only taught me invaluable skills but has also boosted morale and introduced me to new friends and industry contacts for the future.

Further into the degree, I built on business skills and studied subjects more in depth that interested me the most, such as livestock nutrition. It is in fourth year that you select subjects that may influence further career options such as nutrition, the environment and conservation, waste management and other technical applications.

I have a long path ahead of me but feel that my future career goals are very achievable; my long range plan is to become an agricultural advisor offering specialist advice within the industry.

Hands-on experience is paramount when you are learning to rear livestock or drive a tractor, but I complemented my practical farm skills with studying at SRUC. Farming is a career that utilises skills usually passed down through family generations. Attending university gives an opportunity to be awarded and recognised for your learning achievements and the Agricultural sector now realises just how important young people’s influences are in driving the industry forward.”

Ashley Stamper, BSc (Hons) Agriculture student

Ashley chose SRUC as it offered the opportunity to study and work at the same time, with progression to the degree course an option.
University Partners

SRUC works with partner universities to give you access to prestigious university degrees. Depending on your 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.

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 and planning, 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!

“I am finding the Agriculture degree is varied, allowing me to focus on my interests while keeping my future options open. It's great to study a degree which introduces so many areas of the industry. The use of both professionals and researchers in lectures means we are learning very relevant information.”

Zach Reilly, Agriculture student
LEARNING AT SRUC

Enhancing your skills

SRUC’s Training Services offer a wide range of training and skills development courses to meet the needs of the land-based workforce across Scotland and the rest of the UK. Students at SRUC are able to access these training courses, often at a reduced student rate, in order to enhance their skills and employability.

SRUC Skills Training

Delivering Quality Training and Assessment to the Land-Based Industries.

Our training courses are usually campus based, utilising a range of specialist facilities within each campus, but can also be delivered in the workplace or on suitable customer premises.

We support a broad customer base, from those currently employed in the land-based sector who would like to develop their skill set, to those looking for a career change and who would like to pursue the career opportunities that the land-based industry has to offer. Training can be tailored to your individual requirements to enhance the skills of your workforce and further develop your business.

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Land-Based Machinery Operation
- Tractor, Fork Lift, ATV
- Pesticide Application
  - Foundation, Vehicle Mounted and Hand-Held Sprayers (PA1, PA2 and PA6)
- Agriculture
  - Agronomy and Crop Protection
- Livestock
  - Animal Transportation, Cattle Foot Trimming, Managing Mastitis, Lambing
- Chainsaw Operation
  - Safety, Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees
- Arboriculture
  - Tree Climbing and Sectional Felling

Forestry Machine Operation
- Purpose Built and Agri-Based Forwarder, Skidder, Harvester
- Deer Stalking
- DSC1 and DSC2

Ground Care and Estate Maintenance
- Mowers, Hedge Trimmers, Pole Pruning, Brushcutters

Workplace Health and Safety
- First Aid, Manual Handling

Workshop Skills
- Welding, Abrasive Wheels, Airconditioning and Blacksmithing

Hospitality
- Food Hygiene, HACCP and Hazard Analysis, Personal Licence Holder

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www.sruc.ac.uk/training
The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

Courses at all College and University levels.

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.

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Access Courses
Access courses and courses at SCQF Level 4 are designed to provide a first step into Further Education. Entrants are always interviewed.
Successful students can progress onto Certificates and National Certificate courses.

National Certificate
National Certificate courses run at SCQF Levels 4, 5 and 6. Emphasis is on learning practical skills in a vocational subject.

Certificate & Diploma
Certificate and Diploma are all alternative qualifications to the National Certificate and are offered in some subject areas.

Advanced Certificate & Extended Diploma
Advanced Certificate and Extended Diploma are all alternative qualifications to the National Certificate and are offered in some subject areas.

Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) & Modern Apprenticeship
SVQs are Work-based learning programmes. Those who complete their SVQ at Level 5 may have the option to progress to a Level 6 SVQ or can leave employment to join a full-time study programme such as a National Certificate.
Modern Apprenticeships are available in some subject areas.

You will need some school qualifications in order to demonstrate numeracy, literacy and communication skills.
Successful students can work their way through SCQF Levels 4-6 and progress onto HNC courses.
All our courses have been mapped against the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) to help you to compare the academic level of study.

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 more information can be found on page 125.

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

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**Professional Development Award**
Professional Development Awards (PDA) are industry-specific courses designed to give additional skills and knowledge to those who already have experience within the relevant industry.

**Higher National Certificate (HNC)**
Higher National Certificate (HNC) courses require Higher level school qualifications, or previous study at a lower level such as an NC.

An HNC takes 1 year of full-time study. The 1st year of an HND is normally the HNC so students who successfully complete the HNC have in effect also completed the first year of the HND and can progress straight into year 2 should they wish to continue their studies.

**Higher National Diploma (HND)**
Higher National Diploma (HND) courses require Higher level school qualifications, or previous study at a lower level such as an NC.

An HND takes 2 years of full-time study, and the 1st year of an HND is normally the HNC.

**Undergraduate Degree**
Entry to a degree course requires 4 Highers or equivalent standard of previous study.

A general degree takes 3 years of full-time study, and an Honours degree takes 4 years.

The first 2 years of a degree course may follow the curriculum of the related HND.

Students who have successfully completed a relevant HND may apply to join an Honours degree course in year 3.

**Postgraduate Study**
Those who have completed their undergraduate Honours degree may choose to progress onto postgraduate study such as an MSc or PhD programme.

Further information about the SCQF can be found by visiting www.sqa.org.uk/scqf
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Student Away Trips
Since SRUCSA first formed we have given our students the opportunity to travel and represent SRUC on not just a national but also an international platform. This includes multi-sports trips to Spain, snow sports in France and hiking to the top of the highest mountain in Africa, Kilimanjaro. For SRUC students, there are no limits.

Events
Each campus is renowned for its unique annual events held by the students, social committees and staff such as: The Aberdeen Olympics, Ayr Winter Ceilidh, Barony Bash, and Catridge intercampus rugby & hockey day. Throughout the year students, clubs, teams and societies at all campuses hold events that involve guest speakers, formal dinners, dances, theme nights, quizzes and pub crawls.

Awareness Campaigns
Run by our students, liberation groups, campus officers, SRUCSA and staff we have regular awareness campaigns across our six campuses. These have included; Dyslexia Week, Movember, Black History Month, Axe the Tampon Tax, Thera-pets, Charity fundraisers and so many more!

SRUC Life!
Want to see more about what it’s like to be a student here at SRUC? Check out our social media:

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#srucsa
SRUCSA@sruc.ac.uk
Accommodation

Accommodation provision is slightly different at each campus. Some brief information is given below. 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 of residence. Sutton Hall provides en-suite accommodation with Hunter Hall and Mackie Hall providing standard accommodation. 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 licensed bar and sports lab. Some of our students also find shared flats to rent privately in the city of Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

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

Barony Campus
Set in the countryside within a 230 hectare estate, the campus has accommodation on-site for up to 70 students. The well-equipped sports hall, fitness room and licenced bar with pool table are the focal point for student life. Sports activities are organised throughout the week if students wish to participate. Laundry facilities are also available. Accommodation includes breakfast and evening meal; catering is provided in the college 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. Some examples are given below, and an up-to-date list of links can be found on the SRUC website by searching for SRUC Edinburgh Accommodation:

- www.unittestudents.com
- www.iqstudentaccommodation.com
- www.mansionstudent.co.uk
- www.crm-students.com
- www.collegiate-ac.com

Edinburgh also offers a large number of privately rented shared flats and has a vibrant student population; many students, particularly in the later years of their course, arrange shared accommodation in the city.

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

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, Moray, Solway 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.

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Our Campuses

“A fantastic learning atmosphere, very friendly and helpful lecturers and administration staff.”

Timur Kharisov, Agriculture student
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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 (page 20).
- 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 HN and 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.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

For those with SVQs, NCs and HNs:

- Varied practical knowledge will enable you to work on a crop, 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 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 Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Crop and Soil Systems, and Land Economy 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, Agriscot Business Skills Award and the Farmers Weekly Agriculture Student of the Year.

Honours degree students are eligible to apply for a trainee studentship over the 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.
At first sight one cannot see a connection between beauty therapy and agriculture but this changes when meeting Katie Dubarry.

She worked for 10 years giving massages, facials and making clients feel good about themselves. Originally from the Midlands, but brought up in France, Katie was exposed to farming when living on the continent.

She continued working in beauty when she returned to the UK a few years ago but her interest in agriculture didn’t wane and Katie attended an Open Day at SRUC Oatridge Campus. She was advised then to start with an NC. Within a few weeks of the course she fell in love with it. She has now completed her NC, has passed her HNC with distinction and is currently studying for a degree at SRUC Edinburgh Campus. Katie, mother of one, says: “Farming has changed my life. It has opened the door to so many new exciting things like lambing, basic machinery maintenance and crops. I love the idea of a sustainable future and being connected to the earth.”

Katie Dubarry, BSc Agriculture student

SRUC offers a number of progression pathways through our courses. Our students are able to move between Work-based Learning qualifications such as SVQs and Apprenticeships, where they are gaining skills and qualifications while in employment, and full-time or part-time study on Certificate and Diploma courses.

Each course entry on the following pages will also indicate appropriate follow-on study, so you can plot your progression pathway through to your ultimate goal. Our structure is very flexible and in many cases completion of one qualification will offer you a number of alternative progression routes.

For an overview of the types of courses offered by SRUC, please see the SCQF Levels chart on p10.
## NC Agriculture

### Course Overview
This course is designed to equip you with sound practical skills, greater knowledge, and up to date modern technical experience in agriculture. The course is made up of a mixture of classroom based activities and practical ‘hands-on’ training on our modern and progressive SRUC farms. The SRUC farms will provide the main resource for practical skills training and offer you the chance to gain valuable practical experience.

You will cover a range of subjects including livestock production systems, tractor operations and equipment, grassland and crop production. Other topics such as farm maintenance skills and farm record keeping may also be included. Throughout the course you will develop both independent learning skills and team working skills which will provide a strong foundation for future study and / or employment in the industry.

### Academic Progression
Successful learners may progress onto SVQ at SCQF Level 6 / Modern Apprenticeship work-based programmes or HNC/D in Agriculture.

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## HNC Agriculture

### Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop skills and knowledge in crop production, animal production and mechanisation along with the ability to complete and maintain appropriate records and documents. You will also develop an awareness of health and safety, animal welfare and environmental issues directly related to agriculture.

You will learn and develop, through study and practical experience, skills in production agriculture which will enable you to undertake the running of a farm enterprise at enterprise manager or assistant farm manager level.

During the academic year you will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Arable Crop Production, Livestock Breeding, Soils and Crop Establishment and Farm Power.

### 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.

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HND Agriculture

Course Overview
Throughout this course you will develop an overview of all agricultural systems including livestock, crops and farm buildings and machinery, along with the essential business skills necessary to run a successful farm business.

You will develop an understanding of how agriculture relates to animal welfare, environmental and conservation issues.

The course will equip you with the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a career at supervisory/junior management level within agricultural industries, or for self employment in farming or other land-based sectors.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Crop and Livestock Mechanisation, Farm Buildings and Controlled Environments, Livestock Nutrition, Pasture Management and Planning Budgeting and Control.

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

BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture

Course Overview
Throughout this course you will learn about the entire food chain from plough to plate; whilst developing the knowledge and understanding required for a senior management position within the agricultural, agri-business, or agri-food industries, in both a UK and global context.

You will gain skills which give you the ability to tackle problems by collecting, analysing and evaluating information and using it to make sound decisions.

Gaining a good appreciation of the environmental, moral, ethical and legal issues relevant to the agricultural industry today will be evident throughout your learning as well as acquiring an insight into how agriculture interrelates with society.

You will study a wide range of subjects 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 undertake research work leading to a MSc or PhD award.
Claire, now in her final year of the BSc (Hons) in Agriculture, has been an exemplary student at the Ayr campus, having won many prestigious prizes most notably the Farmers Weekly Agriculture student of the year 2016.

Claire’s journey into farming is somewhat unusual. Five years ago she was working as a paralegal while saving up to embark on a degree in astrophysics. Claire, who was born in Switzerland, discovered a passion for agriculture after her mum was appointed as secretary for the Swiss Highland Cattle Society. A business trip with her mum to various farms in Scotland gave Claire a real insight into the industry, this combined with the enchanting landscape, helped her make the life changing decision to leave her job and make the move to Scotland.

After taking on placements for experience on a number of Scottish farms Claire decided to embark on her studies with SRUC and is now in her fourth and final year of the BSc (Hons) in Agriculture. Claire travels between campus and her home on Mull where she helps run a beef and sheep hill farm with her partner. The student says one of the keys to her success is the studying environment at SRUC in Ayr. “I have greatly enjoyed my studies. The Ayr Campus is a great place to learn with good facilities and helpful and friendly staff and tutors who take an interest in the individual student and always make the effort to answer questions and talk to students outside the classroom.

“In the last three years, I have gained an incredible amount of knowledge that has been very helpful on the farm at home on Mull, where I can apply the theory in the everyday running of my partner’s business.”

Claire Simonetta, BSc (Hons) Agriculture student
HNC Poultry Production

Course Overview
The HNC Poultry Production will prepare you for future employment in this, one of the UK’s most successful food production industries.
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.
You will gain knowledge of control measures and legislative requirements and an understanding of biosecurity measures to protect against future disease epidemics.
Topics such as commercial egg production, poultry meat production and poultry health will also feature in the course.
The course is delivered by online distance learning, though occasional study days 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.

Academic Progression
The poultry industry provides many opportunities for further vocational and specialist study.

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SVQ Agriculture at SCQF Level 5

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 this level 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 at SCQF Level 6 /Modern Apprenticeship programme or undertake the full-time NC Agriculture course.

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SVQ Agriculture at SCQF Level 6: Crops or Mixed Farming

**Course Overview**

This is an on-farm work-based programme 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 crops, 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, health and welfare of livestock and will teach you how to prepare planning equipment and plant crop, monitor and maintain the provision of nutrients to crops and establish and confirm pregnancy in livestock.

A Modern Apprenticeship for this level 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 progress onto the HNC Agriculture course.

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**Entry Requirements:**

- Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. Successful completion of SVQ SCQF Level 5 Agriculture or NC or equivalent qualifications.
- Applicants are normally expected to have a National 5 (A-C) in English and Maths or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience.

**How to Apply:**

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

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When Scott first started working with pigs he didn’t have any experience so coming to College as part of his Modern Apprenticeship in Agriculture helped him to back up his knowledge and gave him more confidence on his own work. A job that he feels passionate about: “I would be happy doing this for the next 25 years,” says Scott.

His employer, Brian Shaw is very complimentary of his work: “Coming from a non-farming background and being dyslexic Scott has worked hard to achieve competence in his chosen profession of working with and looking after animals – pigs in this instance – from conception to the finished product.”

Mr Shaw goes on to say: “He is a good time-keeper who has quickly learned the concept of animal husbandry. He has accepted responsibility and frequently introduces initiatives to the team that he works within. His enthusiasm fits well with his workmates and we are all delighted to have him on-board.”

*Scott Stewart, MA Agriculture at SCQF Level 5*
SVQ Agriculture at SCQF Level 6: Livestock

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 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.

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Barony: Block release |
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| How to Apply: | Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL |
SVQ Agriculture (Poultry) SCQF Level 5

Course Overview
This is an on-farm work-based programme and covers areas such as how to 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 this level 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, to progress to SVQ in Poultry at SCQF Level 6. Production or equivalent qualification in an agriculture related subject.

Campus: Ayr
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 and have a satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 4 pass in English and Maths, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience.
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

SVQ Poultry Production SCQF Level 6

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 promote, monitor and maintain the supply of feed and water to livestock, implement and monitor site hygiene and biosecurity and plan and manage the health and welfare of livestock.

A Modern Apprenticeship for this level 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 progress onto SRUC’s part-time distance learning HNC Poultry Production course.

Campus: Ayr
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 at SCQF Level 5 (poultry) or NC or equivalent qualifications in an Agriculture related subject. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 5 (A-C) in English and Maths or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience.
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL
Animal and Biological Sciences

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.

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.

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.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I 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.
- veterinary 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.

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

Course Overview
Throughout this course you will develop a strong foundation in the biology and biochemistry of animals, plants and microorganisms and skills in the practical and laboratory techniques of importance to the bioscience sector.

You will gain knowledge and understanding of livestock breeding and nutrition and an understanding of measures to raise standards of animal welfare and protect against livestock epidemics as well as approaches to increase the efficiency and reduce the environmental impacts of agricultural systems.

You will develop specialist knowledge; understanding and practical skills in animal and plant cell culture, immunotechnology and DNA molecular techniques and learn skills in planning, conducting and reporting on practical biological investigations.

You will gain an 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 this course students may apply for direct entry into year 3 of the BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience degree or the BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science degree.

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HND Agricultural Science

Course Overview
Throughout this course you will develop a strong foundation in the biology and biochemistry of animals, plants and microorganisms and gain an understanding of approaches to raise standards of animal welfare and protect against livestock disease epidemics.

You will gain knowledge and understanding of crop and livestock production and approaches to increase agricultural productivity.

You will develop specialist knowledge of livestock breeding, nutrition and disease control, crop nutrition and protection, soil science and biotechnology.

You will gain an understanding of measures to reduce the environmental impact of agricultural systems and learn skills to apply biological knowledge, understanding and analytical techniques to solve problems in the agricultural industry.

You will learn practical, laboratory and research techniques required by the agricultural bioscience sector, ensuring that skills you have to offer prospective employers are up to the minute.

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 or the BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science degree.

Jim Robertson graduated with Honours in Agricultural Bioscience in 2015 and is now studying for a plant science PhD at Toronto University, where he is investigating the response of forest trees to climate change.

“The vast majority of the practical skills I learnt at SRUC were directly useful in my first job, as a Quality Assurance Technician in the food industry. Being able to talk about my microbiology laboratory experiences in my job interview helped to land me the job. My knowledge of good laboratory practice which I had developed at SRUC was directly transferable to the food industry, where these professional standards are paramount.”

“My Honours research project showed my now PhD supervisor that I was able to plan an investigation and with good scientific techniques carry it out and analyse my data. When visiting the lab at Toronto I was asked to give a presentation of my undergraduate research to the staff. Although daunting, the fact that I had practised giving talks to an audience during my undergraduate studies, this gave me confidence and good presentation skills, which are not only important for graduate studies but also for jobs interviews and working with professional people.”

“What I appreciated most about my time at SRUC were the relatively small class sizes, which meant that I felt very comfortable approaching my lecturers with questions.”

Jim Robertson, BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience
BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Bioscience

Course Overview
Throughout this course you will develop the knowledge and understanding needed to improve the efficiency and sustainability of livestock production systems and to raise standards of animal health and welfare.
You will gain the knowledge required to increase crop yields; improve plant resistance to pests, disease and drought and to develop sustainable cropping systems that protect soils and enhance wildlife biodiversity.
You will gain skills in the practical, laboratory and research techniques required by the bioscience sector and agricultural industry. Your learning will also give you the ability to apply biological knowledge and understanding, practical techniques and research skills to investigate and solve problems in the agricultural sector, taking into account relevant environmental, ethical and socio-economic issues.
You will cover a range of subjects including: Livestock Production, Breeding, Nutrition and Disease Control, Crop Production, Physiology, Nutrition and Protection, Biotechnology, Soil Science, Environmental Science, Food Science and Business Management.

Academic Progression
Students can progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSc programmes or into a number of research areas.

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Entry Requirements:
4 Highers at BBCC to include Biology, Environmental Science or Chemistry. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and Maths (for numeracy). Examples of equivalent qualifications, such as A-Levels, can be found in the Entry Requirements section on page 125.

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

Degree Awarded by: University of Glasgow

BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science

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 a sound knowledge and understanding of animal science and its applications, together with a foundation in biological principles and practical and laboratory skills.
You will gain the knowledge needed to improve the productivity and sustainability of livestock productions systems, for controlling disease epidemics, for raising standards of animal welfare and for enhancing wildlife biodiversity.
You will gain 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 will also be acquired.
More specifically you will study the growth, nutrition, reproduction, health, welfare and behaviour of animals, with particular focus on farm livestock.

Academic Progression
Students can progress from degree courses into taught postgraduate courses such as MSc programmes or into a number of research areas.

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Entry Requirements:
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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 D300
Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Degree Awarded by: University of Glasgow
With Highers in English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Psychology & French and a keen interest in animals, Ailish 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 this course was ideal.

The most interesting subjects to cover for me have been the livestock modules in particular the breeding aspects, production and welfare. The title of my dissertation is: “The use of computer tomography to determine the differences in left and right side muscularity within lambs.” When I graduate I hope to eventually work within Sheep breeding and genetics, and I will look into completing a PhD or MSc.”

“The lecturers at SRUC are excellent. 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 as 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!”

Ailish Ross, BSc Applied Animal Science student
ANIMAL CARE
Animal Care

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.

If you have enrolled on one of the Animal Care courses at Barony Campus you will be able to help out at 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.

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 Introduction and NC courses will help students increase their basic knowledge of animal husbandry and handling, while 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.

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.
Introduction to Animal Care

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. The course is delivered through 11 learning packs with assessments to complete and a personal tutor.

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

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It is expected that by 2020 the animal care industry will need a minimum of 90,000 new entrants.
Abbie Gibson started with SRUC on the NC Animal Care and progressed the whole way up to HND, but before she decided what she wanted to do she took a year out of school and looked at various courses. She decided that Animal Care was for her, since she was already passionate about working with horses and she volunteered with the RDA charity (Riding for the Disabled Association) before she started the NC.

Even though Abbie’s biggest passion always has been working and looking after horses, she then decided that she would like to keep her hobby separate and focus on smaller domestic animals.

Abbie is currently a HND Animal Care student in her final year and she already secured a full-time two weeks placement with SSPC in Inverness (her home), which was her dream job long before she became an SRUC student. Once the placement is completed, Abbie is hoping to secure a job with SSPC upon her graduation and continue working for the organisation that is so close to her heart.

“What I loved most about the course is its very practical nature and spending so much time with the animals. The first year of the HND is very practical and I’ve spent a lot of time cuddling the animals. However, I really enjoy both hands-on practical work and theory and Anatomy has been my favourite class in the second year of the HND. Even though this is a highly theoretical and challenging course, there are so many interesting facts to learn about the animals body systems and various functions.”

“The second year of the HND also has some aspects of practical work, such as the theatre practice, which requires students to learn how to prepare themselves for going to surgery. Some of my other favourite subjects so far include Drugs and Medicines and Wildlife.”

Abbie’s favourite animals to handle are surprisingly the reptiles and what fascinates her is how you get to observe how different their personalities and behaviours are, such as having to handle a more active and curious-natured snake as opposed to a really mellow and lazy one.

“This course really opens up a lot of options and if you are unsure whether you would like to become a vet nurse or not, this is the course to help you decide which path you are going to choose. I myself discovered through this course that what I am truly passionate about is Animal Welfare and my ideal job would be working as an SSPC Inspector and helping to bring animals into a safe and loving environment.”
NC Animal Care

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 Care, Ornamental Fish Care and Avian Care.

Academic Progression
Progression to SRUC’s HNC / HND Animal Care may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course. Each application is reviewed individually.

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

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

HNC Animal Care

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop an understanding and knowledge of the husbandry, housing care and welfare needs of animals, and gain the skills required to undertake a supervisory level job related to the animal care industry.

Moreover, this course will provide you with the confidence and ability to be able to work with others in the industry and provide the highest standards of care and welfare for the animals that they may be responsible for.


Academic Progression
Upon successful completion of this course, students can apply to join year 2 of the HND Animal Care.

Entry Requirements:
2 Highers at CC. Preferably to include a science subject, Maths or English. If Science is not offered at Higher level, it is a requirement at National 5 (A-C) level, or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Minimum of 1 week of work experience in the industry. Or successful completion of NC Animal Care will be considered. Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 125.

How to Apply:
Full-time study: via UCAS using code 4J25

Campus:
Barony, Elmwood, Oatridge

SCQF Level:
7

Course Duration:
1 year if studied full-time

New for our Oatridge Campus – an upgraded animal care centre with grooming parlour, reptiles, aquatics and a collection of small exotic species.
HND Animal Care

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop the skills necessary to prepare them for employment in supervisory and management level jobs related to the Animal Care industry, as well as gaining the knowledge to run a small animal related business of your own.

The course covers a range and depth of knowledge of the specialist care and welfare requirements of a wide variety of species.

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.

SVQ Animal Care at SCQF Level 5

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 animals within their accommodation, controlling and restraining animals and promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of animals.

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

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Business Management

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.
- This course offers accreditation from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).
- 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 TYPE OF JOB COULD I 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 are now working as rural practice surveyors / rural estate managers, or they have developed successful businesses based on family farms. Others have gone on to such career areas as grain traders, Government officers, auctioneers or property managers. 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, forests, 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.

As a degree graduate, you will be eligible for professional membership of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).
HND Rural Business Management

Course Overview
Throughout this course you will develop a thorough understanding of business knowledge and skills with an emphasis on rural business throughout the UK. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to attend a summer work placement between the first and second years, which ensures you have practical and operational skills and knowledge.

The course comprises of a core of business modules supplemented by specialist elective modules, which allows students to tailor their studies to focus on a particular sector of interest. Field trips, guest speakers and practical activities enhance your learning experience and develop your knowledge and skills. You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Internet E-Commerce, Supervision and Management, Planning, Budgeting and Control, Business Law, Data Collection and Handling.

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

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

| Campus: | Aberdeen, Edinburgh |
| SCQF Level: | 8 |
| Course Duration: | 2 years if studied full-time |
| Entry Requirements: | 2 Highers at CC. No specific subjects are required. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Other equivalent qualifications are accepted, and mature applicants with alternative qualifications or relevant work experience should seek guidance from the College. |
| 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 |

BA / BA (Hons) Rural Business Management

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop a thorough knowledge of the fundamental concepts of business management and students will be provided with the opportunity to study elective subjects in other disciplines, such as animal science, agriculture, horse business, rural surveying and land management.

The delivery of the course includes the advantage of using case studies, which are often accompanied by site visits, giving you a hands-on feel for the land-based industries.

By the end of the course the students will be equipped with the necessary skills to develop a career as a manager in the agri-food and land-based industries, or for self employment. You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Economic Policy and Analysis, Management Skills and Entrepreneurship, Marketing Management, Professional Practice and Law. Those undertaking the RICS accredited pathway will undertake a specific set of modules. Upon the successful completion of the degree programme, they will be awarded an RICS accredited degree. Please note that the RICS accreditation is currently offered at the Aberdeen and Edinburgh campuses only.

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

| Campus: | Aberdeen, Ayr, Edinburgh |
| SCQF Level: | 9-10 |
| Course Duration: | 3-4 years if studied full-time |
| Entry Requirements: | 4 Highers at BBCC. No specific subjects are required. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Other equivalent qualifications are accepted, and mature applicants with alternative qualifications or relevant work experience should seek guidance from the College. |
| 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 |
| Degree Awarded by: | University of Glasgow |
Jennifer Jeffrey graduated with a BA (Hons) Rural Business Management in June 2016. Between 3rd & 4th year, Jennifer gained a three month placement with CKD Galbraith and this provided her with real hands-on experience not only shadowing, but assisting with farm valuations and estate management projects. She received positive feedback and shortly after she was offered a full-time Graduate Rural Surveyor position in the Edinburgh office.

She took up her post shortly after graduation. Jennifer is a true advocate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) accreditation that Rural Business Management students can receive upon graduation and she is determined to inform others of the countless benefits and career opportunities that studying a RICS accredited degree offers to graduates. CKD Galbraith offers a diverse role which involves all manner of tasks and she particularly enjoys spending a lot of time outdoors.

Originally from Peebles, Jennifer grew up in a farming family environment and was keen to work within the Scottish rural industry. Enjoying Business Management at school, she decided that SRUC’s Rural Business Management course combined her love of both aspects and this was exactly what she was looking for. The RICS accreditation and the specific set of courses taught as part of that pathway - particularly Rural Surveying and Land Use in 3rd year and Rural Property Valuation in 4th year - made the final years of the Honours degree particularly appealing.

“I soon realised that there were a lot of job opportunities within Rural Chartered Surveying sector and that this course was going to open numerous doors for me. SRUC’s Aberdeen Campus was a great place to study with every amenity within reach, it felt like being part of one big family, I stayed in the student halls on campus during the entire length of the course and everyone socialised together, which contributed towards having an great student experience.”

During her studies at SRUC, Jennifer was involved in a number of case studies, such as visiting the Mackie’s dairy farm, and even getting the chance to value a farm in the Cairngorms National Park. “As part of the course I got the opportunity to take part in the annual study tour and I visited Milan and the surrounding area - this was an interesting trip where we learned about the local culture and visited vineyards, a balsamic vinegar producer and a parmesan cheese maker.”

“After choosing to undertake the RICS accredited pathway while I was still at SRUC and graduating with a RICS accredited degree, I would really like to encourage others to follow the path, as not many realise that this is the only RICS accredited undergraduate course in Scotland. I am now focussing on achieving fully accredited Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors membership, which is obtained by completing a further 2 years of training on the job along with a formal assessment.”

Jennifer Jeffrey, BA (Hons) Rural Business Management
COUNTRYSIDE & CONSERVATION
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 TYPE OF JOB COULD I 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.

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 rangering, ecological surveying, habitat management, waste reduction and community projects. Such expertise is needed in both the private and the public sector.

Activity Tourism
• The NC course provide employability skills that would be suitable for outdoor/activity-base employment.

Gamekeeping
• Graduates may find employment as an under “keeper, gamekeeper or head “keeper.

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 (page 48) can be 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.

For more information about the industry, please visit www.countryside-jobs.com
NC Activity Tourism

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 developing skills for activity organisations, activity and special interest tourism, participating in activity tourism pursuits, active aquatic, map reading and land navigation, business enterprise, sustainable development in practice, communications, ICT, first aid and work experience.

Academic Progression
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be qualified to apply to study a number of Higher Education courses in this and related fields.

Entry Qualifications
Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English and Maths.

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

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 and Environmental Management, HND Environmental Resource Management and HND Countryside Management.

Lorna McCartney joined the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) Glasgow Conservation Volunteers in 2004, and did her first Thistle Camp (conservation working holiday) the following year.

“...I became a conservation volunteer because I get a lot out of the countryside through sea kayaking expeditions, cycling and walking. I was delighted to have the opportunity to give something back.”

Lorna was enjoying her volunteering so much that she decided to do a distance learning HNC in Countryside and Environmental Management at SRUC while still working full time in her day job in Information Technology. The HNC gives students an introduction to Scotland’s rural and urban landscape and how it’s used and managed. The range of subjects covered is greater than in any other comparable course and includes conservation, pollution, ecology and land use.

“...I loved the course, and found the range of subjects very relevant. The case studies were particularly enjoyable, using my volunteer experience. I’ve gone from working in an office with no windows, to an office with no walls - the great outdoors. Taking this course through distance learning has allowed me to step from one job to the other, without an employment gap. It means I didn’t have to take any risks- you can work full time and study, which is great.”

Lorna encourages anyone interested in conservation volunteering to check the NTS website. Activities range from a day in the weekend, to a camp, and you will join an enthusiastic group of people and learn great skills.

Lorna McCartney, HNC Countryside and Environmental Management

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**HNC Countryside and Environmental Management**

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of Scotland’s landscape and how it is managed. You will have the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects including biodiversity conservation, classification and identification of organisms, conservation skills and countryside recreation and access.

This 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 Activities and Land Use in Scotland: An Introduction.

**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.

**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.

You will gain an overview of all aspects of the countryside: nature conservation, wildlife, ecology, recreation, access and visitor management. You will learn 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.

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**HND Countryside Management**

**Course Overview**

**Entry Requirements:**
1. Higher at C in a relevant subject. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and Maths (for numeracy). Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 125. 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**

**Entry Requirements:**
2. Highers at CC in a relevant subject. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and Maths (for numeracy). Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 125. 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.

**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

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**BSc/BSc (Hons) Countryside Management**

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop knowledge in all aspects of the countryside: conservation, wildlife, recreation, access and visitor management. You will gain experience in rural settings by having the real countryside on your doorstep.

You will learn interpretation skills through visits to reserves, country parks and wildlife sites. Visits and residential trips are an integral part of the course. You will have the opportunity to undertake your own research project in a subject of interest to you, using material and skills learnt in your course. You will develop an appreciation of nature conservation, species and habitat identification, interpretation and land use, which are topics included in course modules.

**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.

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**PDA Ecological Surveying**

**Course Overview**
The PDA in Ecological Surveying is designed to provide you with the competencies required in order to enter the field of ecological surveying. This unique SQA award will provide you with the necessary ecological theory, identification skills and field surveying methodologies, combined with familiarity with the latest GIS technology and an awareness of suitable business skills to become ready to enter the marketplace as an ecological surveyor.

**Academic Progression**
The PDA is a specialist award designed to develop highly vocational knowledge and skills and as such will allow successful candidates to seek employment within relevant areas, however candidates may also wish to progress to other qualifications. Examples of possible progression routes include HND Countryside Management or Year 2 BSc Countryside Management. Note: some units can count towards these qualifications.

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NC Gamekeeping

Course Overview
This course provides the ideal mix of practical skills training and background knowledge. Elmwood 'keepers an estate 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.

SVQ Gamekeeping and Wildlife Management at SCQF Level 5

Course Overview
This course is designed for those beginning their career in the area of field sports and wildlife management. The course will cover practical aspects of game and habitat management, along with the running of field sport activities, such as shoot management. The course will reference a variety of game and wildlife such as grouse and deer.

A Modern Apprenticeship for this level can be achieved by completing this course and two other industrial awards.

Academic Progression
On successful completion of this course students may continue in employment or apply to progress onto the NC Gamekeeping course.

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SVQ Environmental Conservation at SCQF Level 5

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 this course students may apply to progress onto the SVQ at SCQF Level 7 Environmental Conservation. This can be facilitated via SRUC.

Campus: Oatridge
SCQF Level: 5
Course Duration: 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. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 4 pass in English and Maths, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience. Relevant sector experience will be considered.
How to Apply: Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL

Gamekeeping student Cameron Brown from Leslie came to SRUC Elmwood Campus to study the National Certificate course after the course was recommended to him by friends who were already keepers.

"Gamekeeping is all I ever wanted to do when I left school. Even at a younger age, I have always had an interest in the countryside, the animals that live there, and the people that work there."

Cameron enjoyed all the early morning starts and the practical work and has since secured employment on an upland estate, Phoines near Dalwhinnie, where he rears and looks after grouse.

"I really enjoy my job, being outdoors and open to the elements. I would recommend the Gamekeeping course to others – the skills I learnt in college are extremely relevant to the role. I can really see myself here for a longtime to come."

Cameron Brown, Gamekeeping student
ENGINEERING
Engineering

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.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

There are numerous opportunities for people with land-based engineering qualifications.

• Service Technicians repair, maintain and test a wide range of mobile and static land-based equipment and machinery.
• 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.
• 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 expected that a further 4,000 people will be required in this industry by 2020 to meet increased demand.
NC Land-based Engineering: An Introduction

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 Land-based Engineering at SCQF Level 5.

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

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NC Land-based Engineering (Agriculture, Forestry or Ground Care)

Course Overview
This course is suitable for those who wish to gain employment as agricultural, forestry or groundcare engineers. 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 core topics will be covered during the course including engine technology, piston engine repair skills, electrics introduction, workshop processes, welding, mechanical transmission, hydraulic systems, brakes, steering and traction, health & safety and the environment, mathematics: craft 1, communications and work experience.
Additional topics for agriculture include agricultural machinery — cultivation and plant establishment machinery, and crop harvesting machinery.
Additional topics for forestry include maintenance and repair of forestry machinery and harvester heads. The forestry course is only available at our Barony Campus.
Additional topics for ground care include general ground care machinery, and grass maintenance machinery. The ground care course is only available at our Oatridge campus.

Academic Progression
Successful learners may progress onto the SVQ Land-based engineering at SCQF Level 5 or 6 / Modern Apprenticeship programmes in land-based engineering related subjects. This is dependent on the learner securing a suitable work placement.

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

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Michael Mackinnon had always been interested in engineering and mechanics, and enjoys being outdoors. Michael works for a small family business and came to college on blocks to undertake the Extended Diploma.

“My main area of work is in repairing second hand machinery, mostly from the agricultural sector, however this often includes both construction and automotive machines. The skills used are mostly general engineering skills but also include a lot of welding and fabrication work as well. In my work place I often repair machines that parts are unavailable for, or are not cost effective to replace. This often requires fabrication and machining to create new parts. I work on various different makes and models of machinery and get to see different designs. This experience makes me feel confident to attempt any task on any type of land-based equipment."

"The most satisfying part of my job is that I am able to help people. When a customer breaks down and is desperate to get going again and I am able to help them to do so. This gives me a great deal of job satisfaction. The main advice I would give to someone starting an apprenticeship or training within this industry would be to be open minded and willing to learn. Also to communicate with your employer and colleagues about anything you are unsure of. Don’t be afraid or ashamed to ask."

Michael Mackinnon, Extended Diploma in Land-based Technology

It’s estimated there are currently in excess of 25,000 people working in agricultural machinery dealerships in the UK plus independent service engineers.
Stephen Moore hadn’t even driven a tractor before he started to work for Hamilton Brothers.

When he left school he went onto the former James Watt College to do a 3 years full time course on Spray Painting. Then he tried to find employment but lack of experience stopped him from securing a job. He reacted by setting up his own business in vehicle painting. During that time a friend recommended him to approach Hamilton Brothers in the hope of obtaining some business.

He made such an impression that he became their valeting, and worked painting and valeting tractors and cleaning the workshop. But soon he started to check vehicle levels and helped other mechanics.

After a year or so, he started using his previous knowledge about cars and taking on more mechanic work to the point that he carried out pre-delivery inspections and checks before re-sale. An opportunity came up and he jumped into it when his employer offered a Modern Apprenticeship in Agriculture Engineering. Stephen says: “The more I learn about tractors the more passionate I am about them.”

His employer Ken Smyth is very complementary of Stephen’s work: “He started as a workshop assistant and soon proved himself useful helping other staff with repairs. In no time we noticed that when he wasn’t working he was missed and he is now an essential member of the staff.”

**Stephen Moore, MA Engineering**
SVQ Land-based Engineering (Agriculture, Forestry or Ground Care) at SCQF Level 5

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, crop and plant establishment equipment, the service and repair of harvesting and processing equipment and establishing and maintaining working relationships with others.

There are three pathways for candidates to choose from depending on the area of the sector they are employed in; agricultural machinery, ground care machinery or arboriculture/forest machinery. The units of study selected will reflect the machinery that the candidate is most likely to be servicing or repairing within the workplace. The ground care course is only available at our Oatridge campus and arboriculture/forestery course is only available at our Barony Campus.

A Modern Apprenticeship 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 Land-based Engineering at SCQF Level 6 / Modern Apprenticeship in related subjects.

SVQ Land-based Engineering Operations (Agriculture, Forestry or Ground Care) at SCQF Level 6

Course Overview
This course 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 repair land-based air conditioning/refrigeration equipment and servicing and repairing engines of land-based equipment.

There are three pathways for candidates to choose from depending on the area of the sector they are employed in; agricultural machinery, ground care machinery or arboriculture/forest machinery. Within each pathway the units of study do not differ, however the delivery teams will contextualise the teaching and assessment to reflect the pathway chosen by each candidate. The ground care course is only available at our Oatridge campus and arboriculture/forestery course is only available at our Barony Campus.

A Modern Apprenticeship can be achieved by learners completing the SVQ 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.
Environment & Renewables

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 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 TYPE OF JOB COULD I 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.

Environmental Resource Management

- Graduates from recent years have worked in the following areas: energy auditing, environmental auditing, renewable energy consultancy, environmental protection, recycling and waste reduction, planning, estate management and pollution control.

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.

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.
HNC Countryside and Environmental Management

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of Scotland’s landscape and how it’s managed. You will have the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects including Chemistry and Physics for the Life Sciences, Economic Issues: An Introduction, Pollution and Waste Management: An Introduction and Scottish Rural Development. You will develop 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.

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.

Entry Requirements:
1 Higher at C 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.srup.ac.uk/courses

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Campus:
Aberdeen, Ayr, Elmwood, Oatridge, Distance Learning

SCQF Level:
7

Course Duration:
1 year if studied full-time
Lee Harkness is currently in his 4th year of the BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management course. It was a keen interest in Geography and Managing Environmental Resources at school and a recommendation by his Geography teacher that led him to this particular course and SRUC.

“I have really enjoyed studying at SRUC, the course content has been highly relevant and as I’ve progressed I’ve been able to tailor the subject areas to the things I enjoy most. At the start I gained a far-reaching understanding of the environment at a basic level, which I have built on and utilised across all of my modules.”

The excellent hands-on learning opportunities and wide variety of field trips throughout the course have been a real plus point for Lee as they allow students to see the classroom theory being used in practise, and how industry professionals are handling different environmental issues. A particular highlight for Lee during his 2nd year was the opportunity to work closely with NUS to complete an audit of SRUC from a sustainability perspective with a particular focus on Social and Environmental Sustainability.

“Each year we have also been given the opportunity to visit key trade events such as the All Energy conferences, which provides an opportunity to interact with environmental organisations.”

Lee Harkness, BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management student
HND Environmental Resource Management*

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. You will gain an overview of this complex subject area, including environmental science, energy, waste management and resource economics. You will develop an overview of wider issues through modules such as The Global Environment and Terrestrial Ecosystems. You will acquire 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

BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management

Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of sustainability and our natural environment within an applied context and a cross-disciplinary approach to problem solving but always within the context of managing the environment, natural resources and relevant human impacts. You will acquire 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, Ecology: Management and Impacts, Land and Habitat Restoration, Environmental Policy Analysis, Resource Efficiency and Security, 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.

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Alicja Kaczmarczyk, originally from Poland, came to SRUC to study Environmental Management. As a mature student with a long break from full time education, the decision to change career path wasn’t easy.

“I wanted to study a degree with embedded principles of sustainability. At the time no other institution offered a degree that would combine and explore all the different areas that are essential for sustainable management of our environment. The breadth of subjects studied at SRUC as part of this degree is the perfect synergy between environmental, social and economic aspects of environmental management. I was attracted to the course because of its multidisciplinary approach to environmental management. The course does not solely focus on one subject area such as ecology and conservation, but integrates economics and policy modules along with more science based subjects. I looked at other courses which were deeply rooted in ecology but knew that the array of modules provided by the course will best prepare me for many job opportunities, and more importantly help me to develop my career around something that is meaningful to me, the community and the planet as a whole.”

“I chose SRUC because of its renowned reputation as a leading land based educator. I wanted to study at an institution that had both academic and research credentials. In my opinion, being taught by lecturers who also undertake research and consultancy work brings many benefits; it enables students to hear from lecturers who are exposed to real-life work experience and provides opportunities to get involved in some research projects. As a rather small HEI, SRUC seemed like a relaxed and friendly place to study.”

“As a small college, you get the opportunity to know your tutors well. It’s a place where lecturers know your name, your story and, are happy and have time to talk to you. Studying at a college where education has more of a personal touch is invaluable to me. I feel like I am a part of something rather than a student lost among the crowds and numbers.”

Alicja intends to pursue a Master’s degree which would further elaborate on the relationships between development, society and the environment. Her goal is to work within the social sector bridging the gap between community and environmental protection, particularly in developing countries.

Alicja Kaczmarczyk, Environmental Management
HND Green Technology

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop a strong foundation in scientific principles and environmental issues. You will gain practical and technical skills through engineering workshops and laboratory classes, as well as skills in landscape surveying.

You will acquire 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. You will develop knowledge and understanding of pollution control and waste management and skills in your own areas of interest by selecting elective subjects such as low environmental impact construction or environmental auditing of buildings.

You will gain first-hand understanding of the applications of renewable technologies and environmental measures from visits to companies and development sites. You will develop 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.

BSc/BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology

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. You will acquire 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.

You will develop 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. You will gain an understanding of how to better manage waste, control pollution and increase recycling. You will develop practical and technical skills through engineering workshops and laboratory classes and skills in landscape surveying, rural planning and environmental impact assessment. You will acquire the ability to evaluate new and emerging technologies and explore innovative possibilities for renewable energy generation, transmission, storage and use.

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

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Robert Clunas graduated with BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology in 2016. For his final year research project, he evaluated potential sustainable alternatives to using Portland cement in buildings construction. He particularly investigated the ability of some materials to lock up carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

“I chose Renewables and Environmental Technology as it appealed to my childhood love of pulling things apart and putting them back together again. The practical, hands on learning experience promised by SRUC was also far more desirable than the classroom learning experienced in school. After discovering the high employment rate of graduates, I was sold.”

“The course itself was very broad covering a variety of topics from energy generation through to planning policy but the most important thing I learnt was confidence. The ability to sell yourself at interview comes from the confidence you have in what you are saying, trusting in what you have been taught and applying it to the industry. I was also heavily involved with student activities within the university which further developed my communication, marketing and meeting skills.”

“I was lucky to secure a job before my graduation, combining the skills I’d learnt and previous business experiences. Currently I work for Nevis Environmental. I undertake many tasks within my role, often referring to my SRUC lecture notes for help. My advice would be to look at the trends in industry and choose a path that guarantees you employment.”

Robert Clunas, BSc (Hons) Renewables and Environmental Technology

Pictured here enjoying equestrianism.
Forestry involves sustainably managing trees and woodlands in rural areas for commercial, social or other benefits.

Arboriculture is usually associated with the management of individual trees or groups of them in more urban areas.

Increasing the forest cover of Scotland is a government target and this has an important role to play in mitigating the effects of climate change. Combined with major investment in the wood processing sector this has created a demand for trained people to fill forestry related jobs. 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.

What Type of Job Could I Do

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

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.

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Forestry & Arboriculture

There are currently over 4,500 arboriculture businesses across the UK employing around 24,000 people.
Certificate in Forestry

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 chipper 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 higher education.

Entry & Requirements:

Ideally 3 National 4’s, preferably includes English, Maths + one 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

Before coming to Barony, Martin was in the hospitality industry. He had always enjoyed working outside, and wanted to work with and study trees, a desire which only grew stronger as he got older.

“I have always had an active interest in the natural world and have always enjoyed working outside. I decided the time had come for me to make my ambitions a reality and set myself on a more rewarding career path.”

“I would not be in the position I am now without my year at college. In that time I have gone from a complete novice who was unable to work a chainsaw, to a competent employee with a good base knowledge of the industry. The structure and format of my training and my determination to learn made all the new information given to me very easy to digest, and I have made sure to keep a keen attitude towards learning as there is still so much to learn.”

“I am now employed by a local Forestry and Arboriculture contractor and have a challenging but exciting role within the company. I assist with all aspects of tree related work which can be anything from felling and extracting timber from forestry operations; to carrying out aerial tree work; to assisting other climbers as a groundsman; and to trimming hedges and cutting firewood. While studying at college I was able to achieve 8 NPTC qualifications as well as my academic qualifications. I now have a diverse skill set, both theoretical and practical, which I now use on a daily basis and one which is constantly expanding.”

Martin Roy, Advanced Certificate in Forestry (Arboriculture)

Around 17% of Scotland is made up of trees
The most afforested region of the entire UK is Dumfries and Galloway.
**Advanced Certificate in Forestry (Arboriculture or Forest Mechanisation)**

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

You will gain experience working on real practical jobs, operating machines and tree surgery contracts, both on campus and on private forest estates.

**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 General Woodland & Forestry Treework at SCQF Level 5, SVQ Arboriculture at SCQF Level 6**

**Course Overview**
These qualifications are work-based courses 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 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 SCQF Level 5, students may be able to progress to the SCQF Level 6, which builds on the practical work of the SCQF Level 5 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.

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There are more than 3,000 forestry businesses in the UK employing nearly 20,000 people.
Garden Design

At SRUC we firmly believe that as well as having great design skills, a good garden designer must have an in-depth horticultural knowledge and good practical skills. These skills are combined with working with real clients and real-life projects which will help to equip you for life as a garden designer.

For those students who want to progress to a degree level qualification the natural route would be the Garden and Greenspace Design degree. This BSc course brings students to study the wider landscape, both urban and rural. It opens up a broader range of career paths within the Landscape and Horticulture industries.

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC

- SRUC has great facilities for designers, we have a Design Studio fully equipped with drawing boards as we believe that students should always be able to draw by hand.
- We have a computer room fully equipped with programs such as Autocad and Sketch Up which can give you the skills to work with other professionals in the landscape industry.
- Some of the 1st and 2nd year subjects include, landscape graphics, constructing hard landscape features, planting design, landscape design history, garden design skills and design and design of water gardens.
- During your studies you will be given the starter tools which will enable you to become self-employed as a garden designer or progress on to the BSc in Garden and Greenspace Design Course.
- Some of the 3rd and 4th year subject’s studies include, garden and open space management, environmental psychology, professional practice and project management, advanced design and environmental science.
- Our 3rd year International Design trip has seen students work on projects within cities such as Granada, Rome and Lisbon.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

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.

Students throughout all years of the course design a variety of gardens and open spaces for private clients and community groups. Through these projects, students gain vital skills in not only designing at a variety of scales but gain invaluable skills in dealing with clients and their requirements. A good grounding in practical skills in the earlier years ensures that students are fully equipped to tackle all the demands of an exciting and varied career in the Landscape industry.

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.

Each year our second year students design and build a show garden at Gardening Scotland the country’s premier show of horticultural excellence. In 2016 our students won the Premier Gold medal for the best garden at the show.
Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop the knowledge and skills required to enter the garden design profession. You will gain competence in the wide range of skills needed by practising designers, including communication with clients and other professionals and organising and managing design and construction projects. You will develop both hands-on horticultural knowledge and refined design skills, use of computer-aided design (CAD) and knowledge of plants for specialised plantings. You will also create a show garden as part of a team for a major gardening exhibition.

You will broaden your knowledge through modules including garden Design Skills, Landscape Design History and Getting Started in Business.

Academic Progression

Upon successful completion of this course, students may apply to join year 3 of SRUC’s BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design.

Entry Requirements:
2 Highers at CC preferably to include a science subject or geography. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 125. 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.

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

How to Apply:
Full-time study: via UCAS using code 092W Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses
GARDEN DESIGN

BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of the many facts of garden design, plant knowledge, hard landscaping and business studies. You will acquire hands-on horticultural knowledge and the knowledge and skills required to enter the garden design profession by designing for real clients. You will develop the skills to broaden and deepen your knowledge and encourage exploration and production of more ambitious designs, for example, through an international design project in your third year. You will have the opportunity to expand research skills by undertaking a project in year 4 in a subject that interests you, drawing together all you have learned on your course.

You will study a wide range of subjects including landscape graphics, design process and composition, environmental psychology, plant recognition, planting design, surveying, business management, computer-aided design, international and regional garden styles, climatic zones, ornamental plants, sustainable design and environmental issues.

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

| Campus: | Edinburgh |
| SCQF Level: | 9-10 |
| Course Duration: | 3-4 years if studied full-time. Part-time study is available. |
| Entry Requirements: | 4 Highers at BBCC preferably to include a science subject or geography. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Examples of equivalent qualifications, such as A-Levels, can be found in the Entry Requirements section on page 125. |
| 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 K301 Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses |
| Degree Awarded by: | University of Glasgow |

Simon Garnett, BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design

"I chose SRUC as I wanted to study Garden Design to degree level, and to give myself the opportunity of designing in the public realm. I had a great relationship with my lecturers, and still keep in contact with many of them. The third year International project is a great chance to socialise with lecturers and fellow students."

"The course has given me the opportunity to become a licentiate member of the Landscape Institute, and I am currently completing my landscape architecture chartership, being mentored by one of my lecturers from SRUC. I am also working as a Landscape Development Officer for South Lanarkshire Council and I practice privately as a landscape designer through a small design practice called ‘Outlandish’ which I set up with two fellow graduates."

Simon Garnett, BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design
Golf Management & Greenkeeping

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.

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 and the opportunity to participate in the Ohio Scholarship programme
- 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 TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

The nature and level of your job will depend on your qualifications and experience. For example for those with SVQs, NCs and HNs a 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.

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.

LEARNING AT SRUC

Under the guidance of expert staff, students carry out practical work on the College’s 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 Scholarship. 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.

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.
**Introduction to Greenkeeping**

**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.

**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](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

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**NC Greenkeeping**

**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 Sports Turf course at SCQF Level 5/6, or the HNC Golf Course Management.

**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](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

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"I'm really enjoying the subjects we're covering and as one of my lecturers said there is a difference between needing to know and wanting to know. I definitely want to know!"

Richard McCormack,  
HNC Golf Course Management
PDA Golf Course Management

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).

| Campus: | Elmwood |
| 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 |

HNC Golf Course Management

Course Overview

Throughout the course you will develop the competencies required by a Golf Course Manager and a sound knowledge of greenkeeping practice. This will be complemented by the knowledge, skills 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 Management of Turf Areas on Golf Courses, Design and Construction of Golf Course Features, Preparation and Management of Golf Course Budgets, 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).

| Campus: | Elmwood, Distance Learning |
| SCQF Level: | 7 |
| Course Duration: | 1 year if studied full time. 3 UK winters if studied by part-time distance learning |
| Entry Requirements: | 2 Highers at CC. National Certificate in a relevant subject/SVQ Greenkeeping at SCQF Level 5 qualification or equivalent are also appropriate entry qualifications. National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). |
| How to Apply: | Full time study: via UCAS using code 4V67 Distance Learning: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses |

SRUC provides successful students with employment opportunities in the UK and Europe with many past students securing Golf Course Managers positions.
HND Golf Management (Course)

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop the competencies required by a Golf Course Manager and a sound knowledge of greenkeeping practice. The course also includes a knowledge of human and financial resource management. Students will develop a sound base of managerial skills relevant to the management of golf facilities, such as IT and marketing. The course also provides 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 a Golf Course, Project 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.

Peteris Sadovskis from Latvia joined SRUC Elmwood Campus in 2014 when he enrolled on the NC Greenkeeping course. Peteris and his young family came over to Scotland from Latvia in 2011 where he spent his time improving his English and working seasonally at the St Andrews Links course.

His employer recommended Peteris attend the Greenkeeping course at Elmwood and Peteris won the class prize of “Best Practical Student of the Year.” He enjoyed the course so much that he continued his studies and recently completed the HNC Golf Course Management where he received the John Deere sponsored SRUC Elmwood HNC “Student of the Year 2016” Award.

Peteris is now employed as a full-time Greenkeeper at the New & Jubilee Courses at St Andrews Links. He said, “I am very happy and proud to be working on one of the oldest Golf Courses in the World.”

Motivated by a desire to be a professional greenkeeper and having enjoyed the different aspects of soil science, the management of turf and the actual construction of the golf course, Peteris is now studying towards the HND Golf Course Management through distance learning. “I really enjoyed learning in a class environment, but I feel the background knowledge I have gained has made the transition to distance learning easier.”

Peteris says that he has already looked into further study and would like to do land-based engineering at Scotland’s Rural College in the future so that he can repair and maintain the greenkeeping equipment. “I want to be as professional as I can and I never want to leave the environment of the golf course.”

Peteris Sadovskis, HND Golf Management (Course) student

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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.

**SVQ Sports Turf Greenkeeping at SCQF Level 5**

**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 SVQ qualification plus additional industry specific certificates.

**Academic Progression**

On successful completion students can apply to progress to the SVQ Sports Turf Maintenance at SCQF Level 6 or the HNC Golf Course Management.

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**SVQ Sports Turf at SCQF Level 6**

**Course Overview**

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

A range of topics will be covered during the course including how to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security, estimate resources requirements and programme of work, manage your own resources, co-ordinate the planting of crops or plants, implement plans for the management of sport turf areas, plan and set out sports areas, maintain the land drainage systems, maintain irrigation systems, lead a team or communicate information and knowledge plus the required optional units.

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

**Academic Progression**

On successful completion students can apply to progress to the HNC Golf Course Management.

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Horse Care and Forgework

There is a rapidly increasing interest in working with horses. 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 a variety of opportunities. 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.
• Stable facilities for 29 horses.
• 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 and have a breadth of experience within the industry.
• As part of your equine 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 equine courses, which are included where appropriate.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

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 would need to be a competent rider and also be 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.
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Forgework

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. There is also a Practical Exam which takes place under exam conditions. This requires the candidate to produce two test pieces from the current Qualification Handbook to the industry standards set out in the Marking Criteria and a single multiple choice test via the E-volve system.

Academic Progression
Students who have secured an apprenticeship can progress onto a 4 year 2 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.

"After working for several years in small animal roles I knew I wanted to return to working with horses. I felt that enrolling on the HNC Equine Studies course would broaden my knowledge and experience and prepare me for working in the industry. The course has been informative and varied, and I have gained a real interest in Equine Nutrition after learning this module.

The college tutors and yard staff are friendly, approachable and supportive. There has also been other opportunities to learn such as training for BHS exams, and I have secured a work placement at the Police stables.

After the course I hope to be able to secure a full-time role within the industry or return to Oatridge for the HND course, as this focuses on topics such as yard management, which I am very interested in.

I encourage anyone interested in working within the Equine industry to enrol at Oatridge!"

Alison Hosie, HND Equine Studies student

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Forgework is the first step towards becoming a Farrier. There are currently over 2600 registered farriers in the UK.
# Horse Care and Farriery

## NC Horse Care

### 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 yard duties.

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

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## Advanced Certificate Horse Care

### Course Overview
This course 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 yard duties.

### Academic Progression
Progression onto HNC Equine Studies may be possible upon satisfactory achievement of the course.

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In the UK alone, there are more than 40,000 people working in the equine industry.
### HNC Equine Studies

#### 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.

You will gain knowledge of nutrition, fitness, anatomy and physiology, equine selection and preparation of horses for competitions. You will develop practical business skills through modules such as Equine Facility Management. You will acquire 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 these yard duties.

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

| Campus: | Oatridge |
| SCQF Level: | 7 |
| Course Duration: | 1 year if studied full-time/ 2 years if studied part-time |
| Entry Requirements: | 2 Highers at CC, including a science subject or English. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). 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 advantageous if candidates held BHS Stage 1 and 2, or the Pony Club B test. Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 125. Successful completion of NC Horse Care will be considered. |
| How to Apply: | via UCAS using code 1J68 |

### HND Equine Studies

#### Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop business, supervisory and organisational skills through theory sessions and practical elements such as yard management.

You will gain the knowledge required to work in a variety of roles in the equine industry through modules such as Planning Equine Facilities, Managing an Event and Introduction to Marketing.

You will acquire the practical skills you will need for your future career through modules such as Equine Grassland Management, Brood Mare, The Stallion, Equitation and Instructional Techniques.

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

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

| Campus: | Oatridge |
| SCQF Level: | 8 |
| Course Duration: | 2 years full-time |
| Entry Requirements: | 2 Highers at CC, including a science subject or English. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). 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 advantageous if candidates held BHS Stage 1 and 2, or the Pony Club B test. Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 125. Successful completion of NC Horse Care will be considered. |
| Advanced Requirements: | Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC |
| How to Apply: | via UCAS using code 4Q46 |
SVQ Horse Care at SCQF Level 5

**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, monitoring the health and welfare of horses, restraining horses using specified methods, fitting and removing horse clothing, plaiting and trimming horses’ manes and trimming tails.

**Academic Progression**
Progression to SVQ Horse Care at SCQF Level 6 may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the course.

**Entry Requirements:**
Applicants must be employed within the industry or have an employer who would be willing to employ them. A satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 4 pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and Maths or equivalent as evidence of numeracy skills, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience.

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

SVQ Horse Care at SCQF Level 6

**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 implementing feeding regimes for horses, monitoring and maintaining stocks of feed and bedding for horses, reporting the health and well-being of horses, tacking up horses for specialist work, clipping horses and preparing horses for public appearance.

**Academic Progression**
Progression to HNC Equine studies may be possible on satisfactory achievement of the 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 at SCQF Level 5 Horse Care, NC or equivalent Qualifications. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 5 (A-C) in English and Maths or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience.

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

The Horticulture industry contributes over £9 billion to the UK economy each year and employs over 300,000 people.

Although many people associate Horticulture solely with food crops it is also an important tool for mitigating the effects of climate change via plant breeding, producing appropriate ornamental plants for urban greening and improving biodiversity. A general shortage of skilled people in industry ensures the job opportunities for graduates are both numerous and diverse.

At SRUC we firmly believe that as well as having an in-depth and thorough knowledge of the horticulture industry; graduates must also be equipped with the practical skills necessary for continued successful employability. These skills are enhanced via work experience placements, practical classes, a variety of industry visits, guest speakers and benefits from studying in an institute renowned for its research and consultancy to industry.

**TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC**

- SRUC has its own practical horticulture facilities comprising greenhouses, gardens, workshops, design studios and landscaped areas.
- SRUC has good links with the many facets of the horticulture industry, and also with scientific institutes and SRUC’s own researchers, and you will find that classes at all levels involve these professional experts.
- During your studies you will develop contacts with potential future employers through visits, trade shows, study tours, visiting speakers and work experience. Many employers approach SRUC directly when seeking to recruit new staff.
- You will have the opportunity to work with other partners such as The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, The UK Skills organisation, and Gardening Scotland.
- Students on all courses develop plant recognition and practical skills to ensure they are fully equipped to tackle the demands of an exciting and varied career in the Horticulture industry.

**WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO**

A qualification in Horticulture, or the more specialist Horticulture with Plantsmanship, 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, botanic 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.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The practical elements of these courses are physical in nature, for example, bending, digging, carrying and the full range of construction activities; they therefore require a reasonable level of fitness. 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.
NC Introduction to Horticulture

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 Horticulture.

Entry Requirements:
Students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview. No formal qualifications are required.

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

Campus: Elmwood
SCQF Level: 4
Course Duration: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

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

SVQ Horticulture at SCQF Level 5
SVQ Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces at SCQF Level 6
SVQ Landscaping at SCQF Level 5 and SCQF Level 6
Modern Apprenticeships
NC Introduction to Horticulture
NC Horticulture
NC Horticulture with Landscape Construction
HNC Horticulture
HNC Landscape Management
HND Garden Design
HND Horticulture
HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship
BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design
BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture
BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantsmanship

Evidence of Literacy and Numeracy
No Formal Qualifications
National 4s and 5s
2 Highers
2 Highers
4 Highers

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### NC Horticulture

**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.

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### HNC Horticulture

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop knowledge of the fundamentals of horticulture and an awareness of the different sectors of the industry including nursery production, maintenance of gardens and green-space and plant retailing. You will develop your practical skills and your underpinning knowledge of plants and their cultivation. You will learn about Plant Identification, Plant Uses, Soil Management, Plant Protection, 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. At the Ayr 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 and depending on their module choices, 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

Course Overview
This course delivers a sound practical base of knowledge in Horticulture and develops understanding of the theory behind the practices. This is achieved by embedding practical skills and knowledge gained through visits to nurseries, a variety of gardens and landscapes and also scientific organisations. The course affords the opportunity to tailor specific interests by offering elective modules in the second year. These are from Gardens and Greenspace or Production Horticulture streams allowing students a degree of flexibility to meet career aspirations or personal interests. Gardens and Greenspace elective modules prepare you for employment gardening and landscaping while Production Horticulture modules concentrate on careers 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.

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BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of the commercial production of fruit, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants. You will gain the knowledge to address the design, establishment and maintenance of our parks and gardens, open spaces and managed landscapes.

You will develop 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. You will establish capabilities in horticultural science, experimentation in plant physiology and advances in horticultural technology. You will develop 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.

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Donald Ferguson had previously spent 7 years abroad so when he returned home he wanted to be involved in an industry away from the office environment. He was always interested in landscapes and green spaces and having completed an HNC in Landscape Management, this allowed him access to 2nd year of the Horticulture degree at SRUC.

“I loved my time at SRUC; it shaped me academically and gave me the skills I need to succeed in my career. I really felt supported throughout my degree, the lecturers were always available for advice, and criticism was always constructive and aimed to further your development. I have been very lucky so far and have found a job which matches my degree and work experience. I work for Greenbelt Group Ltd as a Regional Operations Manager. Greenbelt are responsible for shared green spaces, woodlands, SUDS areas, water courses and play parks; there are 50,000 households under the Greenbelt umbrella a number which is increasing. The company provides me with excellent opportunities for further advancement and personal development.

In addition, I still harbour hopes of doing a Masters in Landscape and Wellbeing, my dissertation was in environment psychology and this is still an area which I am hugely interested in. Hopefully I can undertake this in the next year or so.”

“My advice to students would be to take every opportunity to get involved in course projects, even if they are not part of your module. These provide not just great experiences but also help meeting and building networks with people within your industry. Also be flexible, it’s a huge and varied industry and your ideal path might not be the one you end up on. Finally, enjoy it and work hard, you definitely get out of it exactly what you put in.”

Donald Ferguson, BSc (Hons) Horticulture student
HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop a good understanding and knowledge of plant diversity and cultivation as well as distribution, classification, structure and identification. You will gain specialist knowledge in subjects relating to the horticulture of botanic gardens through studying modules including Plant Classification and Systematics, Designing and Managing Plant Collections, Landscape Design History, Ecology and Conservation. You will gain a good appreciation of botanical issues relevant to horticulture today and develop practical skills through the development of your own garden plot. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a specialist project in an area of particular interest to you.

The course is delivered in partnership with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) with classes and practical work based at both RBGE and SRUC’s Edinburgh campus.

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

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BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantsmanship

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of how to integrate the management of plant collections with knowledge of plant distribution, classification, diversity, structure, identification and cultivation. You will develop the skills required to study advanced aspects in botany and a good appreciation of botanical issues that are relevant to horticulture today. You will gain experience of techniques appropriate to the restoration of historic gardens at a high level.

You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Ethnobotany, Horticultural Plant Physiology, Horticultural Taxonomy, Plant Geography, Victorian Horticulture, Global Horticulture and Heritage Garden Conservation.

The course is delivered in partnership with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) with classes and practical work based at both RBGE and SRUC’s Edinburgh campus.

**Academic Progression**
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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 Plantsmanship 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 Plantsmanship 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 2016 were £250 per year in the first and second years, £125 in the third year and £50 in the fourth year.
Jennifer knew that she wanted to work outdoors and embarked on an NC Horticulture course which established a love of working with plants. Upon completion of the NC, Jennifer was accepted onto a Modern Apprenticeship course in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE).

"Over 2 years I will work for 3 months in each department within the RBGE gaining valuable practical experience and learning from people with a great deal of knowledge. I get to practice a wide range of skills, and learn about plants and how they are affected in different environments – my College work has helped prepare me for some of the indoor pests I have found and how to deal with them. Recently I have had the opportunity to work on the new herbaceous border plan choosing plants to divide or propagate. I have been able to spend a great deal of time working in the Nursery learning about sowing seed and quarantine measures for new plant species from countries such as Nepal and China."

"When I finish my Apprenticeship, I will apply for a HND in either Garden Design or Horticulture. Longer term, I’m hoping to apply for a course at Kew Gardens in London or Longwood Botanic Gardens in the United States. I never stop learning, there is so much knowledge to pick up which everyone is happy to share and there are always several new experiences in every day."

"When I was in school I didn’t know that horticulture could be an option for a career, it was never talked about. If I could talk to some young people still in school I would be very enthusiastic about all the good things about working with plants and working outdoors."

Jennifer has also undertaken a large amount of volunteering throughout her career, including the Culross Palace’s gardens and at Edinburgh Zoo for the preparation of the greenery for their Dinosaurs exhibition.

"The most satisfying thing has to be being able to watch a seedling grow potentially becoming a plant taller than you. You’re able to watch its whole lifecycle, your hard work and care is rewarded with it living and that is amazing to see."

Jennifer Wright, MA Horticulture student
SVQ Horticulture at SCQF Level 5

Course Overview
This qualification is a work-based course designed to equip trainees with the basic skills of a craftsman gardener.
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 and prepare growing media. Additional specific units will be on offer at each campus.

Academic Progression
On successful completion of the SVQ, students may progress to the SVQ Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces at SCQF Level 6.

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. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 4 pass in English and Maths, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience.

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

SVQ Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces at SCQF Level 6

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 the botanical names and coordinate the control of pests, diseases and disorders. Additional specific units will be on offer at each campus.

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

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.

With so many types of careers available in this sector, qualifications can lead to some really exciting employment opportunities including cruise ships, hotels, event management, speciality bars and bistros just to name a few.

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.
- HND Hospitality Students will also have the added benefit of gaining the unique experience of working alongside Geoffrey Smeddle at the privately owned and Michelin starred, Peat Inn.
- SRUC (incorporating SAC Consulting) is extremely active in the food and drink sector with a broad range of food and drink expertise. SRUC is unique in the market place as it encompasses a depth of expertise and service provision from producer to consumer. This position provides a unique insight into supply chain issues and solutions and ensures expert supply chain wide knowledge is transferred from Research through Consulting and Education to end users.
- SRUC’s food and drink experts work collaboratively across divisions and with a number of external organisations to support Scotland’s food and drink sector.
- Every course offers an additional certificate as well as a group award. For example as a student you could also achieve Elementary Food Hygiene, Intermediate Food Hygiene, Barista qualification and Personal Licence Holder.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

Successful Professional Cookery students can find employment in a variety of positions ranging from Commis Chef to Head Chef and career 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

The HNC and HND 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.

At 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.

The department is very pro-active, regularly competing in cookery competitions at national level, enhancing the student’s learning experience.

PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

The HNC and HND Professional Cookery courses are 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.

“Nothing is more crucial than education and part of that development should involve engagement with industry. Exposure to cuisine in a Michelin starred environment as a student is a rare and exciting opportunity.”

Geoffrey Smeddle, Peat Inn
Professional Cookery Level 1 Diploma at SCQF Level 4

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 authentic 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 make up our skills classes which will include knife skills, basic sweets and desserts, fish filleting and butchery. This course also covers introduction to kitchen equipment, healthier foods, special diets and the catering and hospitality industry.

The Elementary Food Hygiene certificate and Skills for work Events unit is also included in the level 1 diploma.

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

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Professional Cookery Level 2 Diploma at SCQF Level 5

Course Overview
This programme is designed for those who wish to gain practical experience of food preparation and cooking.

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 industry, which allows students to visit large hotels to see professional kitchens in action. Many of our students have gone on to find employment in prestigious hotels and restaurants, while others now run their own establishments.

A range of topics and practical skills will be covered during the course including pastry, baking, butchery, event organisation, kitchen operations, costs and menu planning, food safety in catering, applying workplace skills and preparing and cooking stock, soups and sauces. The Barista qualification will also be achieved during the course of the Level 2 Diploma. This enhances the students learner experience and employability opportunities. The Elementary Food Hygiene certificate is also included in this qualification, if you are entering directly into second year certificate.

Academic Progression
On successful completion students can apply to progress to the HNC Professional Cookery.

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Craig Trewern from St Andrews came to SRUC Elmwood to study Hospitality after recommendations from family and friends about the well-equipped facilities and pro-active teaching team.

Craig, who previously worked in a supermarket chain, has always been interested in cooking and following a redundancy decided it was time to follow his passion.

Craig joined the HNC Professional Cookery class in 2015 and progressed onto the HND. He loved the fast paced environment and professional teaching staff and it wasn’t long before the class gelled together. “The department is very welcoming, you truly feel like part of the family.”

During his first year at Elmwood, Craig enjoyed a weeks placement at Argowan Hotel in St Andrews. “I really enjoyed the experience of working in a family-run hotel and restaurant which prides itself on using local, seasonal ingredients.”

During the course Craig also had the opportunity to engage with customers front of house when students and staff were invited to cater for an event at the Scottish Parliament. “The hospitality department are always looking to provide us with the best experiences – preparing us for both front of house and the behind the scenes kitchen environment.”

Whilst on the HNC in Professional Cookery the class entered a 90 minute challenge to produce an innovative potato dish. The event was run by the SACCAT and Craig won the competition with his “Indian Tattie Takeaway”, which was dished up at the Royal Highland Show by the Potato Growers Association. Craig has also been invited along to Perth Race Course to present to companies and individuals from the potato industry and serve up his dish.

Craig has also competed in the Chefs Conference for two years running, and in 2016 won the Scottish Salmon Challenge which was judged by the Federation of Chefs, and Chef Albert Roux. He has also contributed to the Deer Society meal and was the winner of the Elmwood heat at the BASC Field to Fork Celebration of Game Competition. This is an example of cross college collaboration between Hospitality and Gamekeeping students, enhancing the learning experience.

Craig, who is very influenced by Indian cuisine, would one day love to run his own café but at the moment he would like to explore a career in product development. This is a talent that his lecturers have recognised and have supported and encouraged.

“The lecturers have a lot of great contacts in the industry, which makes the opportunities so good. It has been fun to be involved in so many activities and work with top chefs and learning the trade, and of course being part of a fantastic team.”

Craig Trewern, HND Professional Cookery student
HNC Professional Cookery

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop relevant skills in the areas of cookery processes, food preparation, food hygiene and food service. Students will also gain excellent culinary skills and will 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. Students will also have the opportunity to achieve the Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate.

Academic Progression
On successful completion students can progress to year 2 of the HND in Professional Cookery or degree programmes at other organisations.

HND Professional Cookery

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 the 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 Industrial 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. Students will also have the opportunity to gain a Personal Licence Holder certificate.

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.

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SVQ Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 5

Course Overview
This programme is designed for people who work in the hospitality industry and assesses students’ competence in a work situation. Students gather evidence of their competence in a portfolio, with assessment taking place in the workplace.

There will be a day (day release) when candidates will be expected to attend College to cover practical units.

Key practical skills such as butchery, hot and cold desserts, fish, stocks and sauces are included.

A range of topics will also be covered during the course including how to maintain a safe, hygienic and secure working environment, maintain, handle and clean knives and work effectively as part of the hospitality team.

Academic Progression
On successful completion of the course students can apply to progress to the SVQ in Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 6.

SVQ Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 6

Course Overview
This programme is designed for people who work in the hospitality industry and assesses students’ competence in a work situation. Students gather evidence of their competence in a portfolio, with assessment taking place in the workplace.

There will be a day (day release) when candidates will be expected to attend College to cover practical units.

Practical skills such as complex butchery, hot and cold desserts, stocks and sauces, fish and shellfish are included.

Those who join the course will learn how to contribute to the control of resources, maintain food safety when storing, preparing and cooking food and develop productive working.

A Modern Apprenticeship for SVQ Level 6 can be achieved by completing this course plus two enrichments which could include Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and Health and Safety at work certificate.

Academic Progression
On successful completion of the course students can apply to progress to the HNC or HND Professional Cookery.
Landscaping

In everyday life we enjoy beautifully landscaped outdoor areas for both business and leisure; at SRUC our Landscaping courses encompass both the hard and soft aspects of this discipline. Highly practical and industry approved a qualification in Landscaping will allow you to enter one of the largest and fastest growing employment sectors in the UK and beyond.

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC

- Extensive practical facilities for Landscaping including; large hard landscape workshop, extensive campus grounds, design studios and gardens.
- Great links with industry; work closely with bodies such as the British Association of Landscape Industries, The Horticultural Trades Association as well as many local and national employers.
- You will develop contacts with potential future employers through visits, trade shows, and visiting speakers. Many employers approach SRUC directly when seeking to recruit new staff.
- You will have the opportunity to work with other partners such as The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society, The UK Skills organisation, and Gardening Scotland.

Year after year SRUC students win major prizes at Gardening Scotland, the country’s premier show of horticultural excellence. They also have the opportunity to work with the organisers setting up, helping with and clearing up the show.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

There are career opportunities at all levels in the sector – from labourers, maintenance workers, gardeners, design and build operatives to contract managers and estimators; many successful students now run their own small businesses. Take a look at the www.growcareers.info website for more examples of career options.

The courses focus on landscape design, construction and maintenance. You will gain skills in assessing sites, design, build and maintenance of these areas. Hard Landscape practice includes: building techniques for elements such as walls, paths and drives, steps, timber builds including fences and pergolas, and other features. The Soft Landscaping element of our courses includes plant identification and use, planting design and maintenance, soils, plant nutrition and protection and machinery use and maintenance.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The practical elements of these courses are physical in nature, for example, bending, digging, carrying and the full range of construction activities; they therefore require a reasonable level of fitness. 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.

Josh Dow completed a National Certificate in Landscape Management in 2016 with Distinction and is now studying for a HNC in Landscape Management. Whilst studying, Josh works with a local landscaping company to improve his skills and gain invaluable experience. Josh is pictured at the Tatton Park Show where he won through to the UK final of the Landscaping World Skills Competition, sponsored by the Association of Professional Landscapers.

Josh Dow, HNC Landscape Management student
(photo opposite)
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, tree and shrub planting, use of hand tools, lawns and lawn care, plant identification, specialist planting, soft landscaping, right plant: right place, machinery operation and maintenance. Hard landscaping includes; surveying, use of basic equipment, bricklaying, block and stone work, fencing, paving, concreting, and woodworking.

Academic Progression

On successful completion, students may apply to progress to HNC Horticulture or HNC Landscape Management.

Entry Qualifications

- Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English.

How to Apply:

Direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/courses
## HNC Landscape Management

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop your landscaping, construction or horticultural experience and will increase your practical, design and scientific skills.

You will gain transferable business skills through the study of modules such as Supervision and Management and will develop 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.

| Campus: | Oatridge |
| Course Duration: | 1 year if studied full-time |
| Entry Requirements: | 2 Highers at CC, including a science subject. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page ##. 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 2J5K Part-time study: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses |

## SVQ Landscaping at SCQF Level 5 and SCQF Level 6

**Course Overview**
SRUC offers work-based learning opportunities at both Level 5 and Level 6. These courses are aimed at those already in employment who would like to further their education while continuing to gain experience in the workplace.

A range of topics are covered in both courses including: health and safety, growing and establishing plants, and plant identification. Additional optional units will be on offer.

The SCQF Level 5 course provides essential industry and transferable skills such as establishing and maintaining working relationships, managing own performance, preparing growing media, preparing and using equipment and machines, constructing boundaries, paths and surfaces, and creating plant displays.

The SCQF Level 6 course develops these skills and would prepare you for a supervisory role. A range of topics will be covered during the course including estimate resource requirements and programme work, manage own resources, coordinate the planting of crops and plants, carry out management of planted area, and plant protection.

A Modern Apprenticeship can 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 at SCQF Level 5, students may apply to progress to the SVQ at Level 6, or National Certificate courses. Those successfully completing the SVQ at Level 5 or Level 6 may apply to progress to HNC courses such as the HNC Horticulture or HNC Landscape Management.

| Campus: | Oatridge |
| SCQF Level: | 5-6 |
| 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. For the SVQ at Level 5, a satisfactory standard of literacy and numeracy is required. For the SVQ at Level 6, applicants should have completed the Level 5 course or an equivalent qualification. Applicants are normally expected to have a National 5 (A-C) pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and Maths or equivalent as evidence of numeracy skills, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience. |
| How to Apply: | Discuss with your employer and contact SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/WBL |
www.sruc.ac.uk/ruralestateskills

Rural Skills and Access Courses

The Rural Skills and Access 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 agriculture, equine, horticulture, landscaping and countryside management.
• 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.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I 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.

ACCESS COURSES

Many of the courses in this section are Access Courses. These are a good choice for anyone who needs basic qualifications or is considering returning to education to improve their employment prospects but believes they may need some time and support to gain or brush up their skills.

Access courses are designed to give you the knowledge, core skills and confidence to progress onto further education or employment. SRUC offers other access courses which are not listed in this Rural Skills (access courses). Information about these courses can be found on the following pages:
• Introduction to Animal Care - p36
• NC Land-based Engineering: An Introduction - p54
• Introduction to Greenkeeping - p76
• NC Introduction to Horticulture - p88

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.

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.
Skills for Work: Rural Skills

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 phoning them at their campus.

Course Details:
- **Campus:** Oatridge
- **SCQF Level:** 4
- **Course Duration:** 11 weeks, start in March
- **Entry Requirements:** Generally, 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

Certificate in Land-based Studies

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. It may also benefit 16-19 year olds who may have required additional help while at School/College and who have an interest 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 with a focus on personal development.

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

Find out more about this course by getting in touch with the course tutor by phoning them at their campus.

Course Details:
- **Campus:** Elmwood, Oatridge
- **SCQF Level:** 4
- **Course Duration:** 1 academic year
- **Entry Requirements:** Generally, 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

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

Course Overview
This course is designed to attract 16-19 year olds who may have required additional help while at School/College, who enjoy and have an interest in hands-on land-based subjects and would like to develop their knowledge in this area.

Students will be given the opportunity to study and gain practical experience in a range of land-based industries such as agriculture, horticulture, conservation, animal care and more.

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

Find out more about this course by getting in touch with the course tutor by phoning them at their campus.

Campus: Barony, Elmwood, Oatridge
SCQF Level: 4
Course Duration: 1 academic year. Oatridge from January.
Entry Requirements: Generally, students must be 16 years of age or over. Entry by interview and successful completion of a short preentry land-based course. No formal qualifications are required. Desire to commit to the course.
How to Apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Natasha was a pupil at Denny High School who was leaving at Christmas last year. She liked agriculture and horse related subjects and the careers adviser at her school mentioned the availability of a January start course at SRUC Oatridge, the NC in Rural Skills. The course offered her the possibility of gaining practical experience in a range of land-based topics including horse care which she loves.

“I always wanted to come to Oatridge to do horse care but the Rural Skills course was a good transition from school to college. The thought of coming to college was scary but once I arrived I really enjoyed it. The Rural Skills course helped me to settle into college life, make friends and paved the way for this year’s study.”

Natasha has successfully progressed from the Rural Skills course she took last year to the NC Horse Care this academic year.

She goes on to adding: “I like the set-up here, it is very organised. You know what you have to do, where and when while you are working at the yard. I feel that my riding is coming along and the instructors are fantastic. Coming to college has improved my confidence-staff are very supportive and the environment is really friendly.”

Natasha Callaghan, NC Rural Skills now progressed to NC Horse Care
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, The Rugby World Cup, The Dunhill Cup and the Open Championship have also lead to greater demands on existing facilities and on the creativity of professional staff to develop activities that interest individuals and encourage involvement.

**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.
- Significant links with industry
- Internationally recognised golf programmes, with excellent facilities.
- Access to Golf Scholarships in the USA via [www.collegiategolfusa.com](http://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.

**WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I 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

**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.

**LEARNING AT SRUC**

Elmwood campus have an indoor games hall equipped for a range of activities such as basketball, volleyball and badminton and both used mainly as a teaching resource for student-practical activities. 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.
**NC Sport and Fitness**

**Course Overview**
This course is for those who wish to acquire the knowledge and practical skills required for employment at an introductory level in the sport, health and fitness industry.
Our students gain an excellent grounding in all aspects of fitness, sports coaching and sports development as well as experience of coaching a variety of sports.
A range of topics will be covered during the course including contemporary fitness and exercise activities, anatomy and physiology, as well as having the opportunity to experience a variety of sports and undertake a period of work experience.
It is also possible to take a stream of this course which focuses on the sport of football.

**Academic Progression**
On successful completion students can apply to progress to HNC/HND Coaching and Developing Sport.

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**HNC Coaching and Developing Sport**

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop your knowledge in the areas of study and basic principles of coaching of sport and also the roles of the development officer in sport.
You will gain knowledge of the fundamental principles of coaching and fitness training and the basic science behind these principles.
You will spend a considerable amount of time coaching and undertaking development work and will be prepared for employment in the sport/fitness industry through experience and additional qualification opportunities.
You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Coaching of Sports: An Introduction, Sports Coaching Theory and Practice, Anatomy, Physiology and Energy Systems, Conduct and Ethics for Sport and Fitness Practitioners, Strength and Conditioning and Sports Injuries.

**Academic Progression**
Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join Year 2 of the HND Coaching and Developing Sport.

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<td>2 Highers at CC No specific subjects are required Alternative entry qualifications, such as a related National Certificate, are also accepted.</td>
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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.
HND Coaching and Developing Sport

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop your understanding of coaching theories, scientific principles relating to skill acquisition and learning of Government agendas and to develop awareness of research and its importance in the sports industry.

Students will gain the skills and knowledge required for employment at supervisory/junior management level within the sports and leisure industry and the academic skills to pursue 3rd year entry to various sports related degrees.

Students will also benefit from the skills, knowledge and understanding of what it’s like to work with advanced performers in sport and how to analyse and develop performance in more demanding competitive situations.

You will develop your research skills to enhance your understanding and be able to relate key theories to practical contexts.


Academic Progression
Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join year 2 or 3 of a relevant degree course.

Campus: Elmwood
SCQF Level: 8
Course Duration: 2 years if studied full-time
Entry Requirements: 2 Highers at CC
No specific subjects are required. Alternative entry qualifications, such as a related National Certificate, are also accepted.
Advanced Entry: Entry into Year 2 is possible with appropriate HNC or similar qualification.
How to Apply: via UCAS using code 1Q63

Golf generates over £1 Billion in revenue for the Scottish economy and directly employs over 55,000 people in the UK.

Stuart Gibb from Rosyth first heard about the Sports Coaching courses at Elmwood when he spoke to an Active Schools Co-ordinator at his high school, who was a former Elmwood sports student. Stuart had been offered a place at University but decided he would prefer to take the college pathway, before applying directly to the third year of a degree course.

“College offers a more hands-on approach and a good solid foundation for learning.”

Stuart likes the structure of the course and the facilities. “The lecturers make learning enjoyable. Even the theory is made fun as it is supported by practical sessions. The campus is well equipped with a fitness suite and the sports hall is well resourced.”

Last year Stuart was lucky enough to be one of the 70 Elmwood students who had the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus funded Sweden Study Tour. He really enjoyed learning about the different culture and coaching techniques.

He said about the trip, “It was the best experience I have ever had. There were early mornings, late evenings but it didn’t matter! During these sessions children were challenged with a lot of complex skills and techniques – and this is a type of coaching that I would use in my career. The whole experience was really refreshing and gave me a new viewpoint on coaching.”

As well as studying full-time Stuart also works part-time as a Community Coach with Dunfermline Athletic. There he coaches children in the mini-dribblers and mini-kicks and is also involved in coaching the walking football teams and helping out at events and home games.

“I would recommend this course to others. Elmwood has opened doors to lots of different opportunities and experiences for me.”

Stuart Gibb, HND Sports Coaching
Certificate Professional Golf

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.

Joanne Free
from Tranent is a member of Gullane Golf Course and has been playing since she was 9. Joanne received a recommendation from her brother who also studied professional golf at Elmwood and is currently enjoying his position in an East Lothian Pro Shop.

After completing her course Joanne will be taking up a 4 year scholarship in America at the University of Minnesota, and her ultimate ambition is to be a pro golfer on the tours.

“I would definitely recommend this course to others. The facilities are great, particularly the short game resources. It’s also great to be surrounded by people who are as enthusiastic as me about the subject. It’s such a unique feeling studying something I love.”

One of the highlights for Joanne has been the opportunity to go to The Erasmus + project to Spain in May, which is fully funded and provides Professional Golf students with the two week opportunity to see how golf coaching takes place in a different environment and climate. She will also carry out a number of ‘mini’ internships at a golf facility in Barcelona, and also a week’s warm weather training at PGA Catalunya.

Joanne Free, HNC Professional Golf student

The two most common destinations for our successful golf graduates are to enrol on a scholarship in the USA or go directly into employment in the golf industry.
**HNC Professional Golf**

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will gain the knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of golf coaching and the sports science which supports performance in golf.
You will develop 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.
You will also gain the necessary 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: Intermediate Performance Skills, Sports Coaching 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.

**HND Professional Golf**

**Course Overview**
Throughout the course you will develop competencies in key skills required for employment in the industry or progression to degree level study.
You will also gain an understanding of coaching theories, scientific principles relating to skill acquisition and fitness as well as importance of research informing effective practice.
You will develop the skills and knowledge required for employment as an assistant golf professional or for 3rd year entry to relevant degree programmes.
You will gain invaluable skills, knowledge and understanding of working with advanced performers in golf and how to analyse and develop performance in more demanding competitive situations.
You will also develop research skills to enhance your understanding and be able to relate key theories to practical contexts.
You will study a wide range of subjects including modules such as Golf Coaching: Advanced Performance Skills, Improving Coaching of Sports, Fitness Conditioning, Psychology of Sports Performance, Research Investigation in Sport and Sports Mechanics.

**Academic Progression**
Upon successful completion of this course students may apply to join the BSc Performance Golf at Abertay University, Dundee.

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**Campus:** Elmwood  
**SCQF Level:** 7  
**Course Duration:** 1 year if studied full-time  
**Entry Requirements:** 2 Highers at CC  
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 4T50

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**Campus:** Elmwood  
**SCQF Level:** 8  
**Course Duration:** 2 years if studied full-time  
**Entry Requirements:** 2 Highers at CC  
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.  
**Advanced Entry:** Entry into Year 2 is possible with an HNC Professional Golf  
**How to Apply:** via UCAS using code 4K53

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Visit our website to see what Elmwood Golf has to offer  
www.elmwoodgolf.co.uk
Veterinary Nursing

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 fully equipped operating theatres and diagnostic imaging. New veterinary nursing facilities at Oatridge Campus include a clinical skills area with x-ray, theatre 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 include RVN, MRCVS and MSc level and all staff undertake continuing professional development.
- The Animal Nursing Assistant course and Level 2 Diploma incorporate work experience which enhances knowledge and the learning experience, giving real insight into the relevant industry.
- Visits, study tours and external speakers are also an important part of studies which are included where appropriate.

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.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO

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), behavioural, alternative therapies, emergency and critical care, 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 or ownership.
- Often experienced nurses are involved in training student nurses in vet training practice by becoming a Clinical Coach or a college tutor or lecturer.
- Industry roles may involve pharmaceutical companies, pet foods, nutrition, and insurance companies.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The practical elements of these courses can be physical in nature and emotionally demanding. 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. RCVS also provide guidance www.rcvs.org.uk
Veterinary Terminology

Course Overview
Veterinary Terminology will allow you to gain an understanding of veterinary words and terms particularly in relation to the body systems of dogs and cats.
For a Veterinary Nursing course, you will be required to learn and use a great deal of medical terminology. It is beneficial to have an understanding of the way in which medical terms are formed in order to help you develop your knowledge of the wide range of terms used. The distance learning packs are designed for you to work on your own, in order to give you an introduction to the key terms.

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ABC Level 2 Certificate – Animal Nursing Assistant

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. 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.

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There are currently more than 5,000 veterinary premises spread throughout the UK with just over 8,000 Registered Veterinary Nurses.
Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistant

Course Overview
If you’re looking to pursue a career as a veterinary care assistant this is an ideal course. It leads to a nationally recognised City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma, takes one year and will provide you with an introduction to the principles of animal nursing and care. You will cover an introduction to general animal nursing, anatomy, and assisting with anaesthesia, surgical nursing and radiography. In addition the course includes core skills and a work placement in veterinary practice. It will provide you with the essential practical experience and knowledge you need to ensure you are well prepared for work as an assistant in a veterinary practice, as well as for further study.

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.

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<td>Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 4 National 5s (preferably English, Maths and Science – required to progress to a veterinary nursing course but will consider others). A minimum of two weeks work experience in an animal related environment. Experience in a veterinary practice would give a distinct advantage. For distance learning, applicants must be employed in a Veterinary Practice.</td>
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Level 3 Diploma Veterinary Nursing

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 are required to participate in a placement at a veterinary practice for the minimum stipulated time.

Those attending the full time course at Oatridge Campus will benefit from placement experience at the Small Animal Hospital at Glasgow University Veterinary School.

Academic Progression
Entry into Year 2 or 3 of a degree course may be possible.

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HND Veterinary Nursing

Course Overview
Throughout the course you will develop skills from a combination of College time and a clinical placement within an approved veterinary practice, which must be achieved to allow for registration as a qualified Veterinary Nurse (included within the two year course).

You will learn the competencies required to undertake practical patient care and theatre duties in our purpose-built operating suite which also facilitates regular clinical skills labs in preparation for practical clinical examinations.

You will gain an in-depth knowledge and understanding of veterinary nursing by studying a wide range of subjects including Anatomy & Physiology, Essential Nursing Skills, Infection Control, Practice Operations, Pharmacology, Client Relations, Information Technology, Anaesthesia, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory Techniques, Advanced Nursing Skills, Professional Responsibility, Theatre and Surgical Practice, Health Conditions, Animal Behaviour and Supervised Practice.

Please note that a licence to practice as a Registered Veterinary Nurse can only be achieved on successful completion of both academic years and the required clinical placement within practice. Registration is awarded at the Graduation ceremony by a RCVS representative.

Academic Progression
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In 2015/16 we had over 400 applicants for HND and Level 3 Diploma Veterinary Nursing.
Sian left school after completing her A-levels with the intention of going to university to study anthropology. Shortly after she left, she discovered vet nursing and realised she had made the wrong subject choice. So instead she took a year out to work, travel and gain work experience ahead of starting at Barony.

“I have always been passionate about animals and have constantly been drawn to them, so when I found out that I could pursue a career in vet nursing I knew it was for me.”

Sian currently works at Vets Now Referrals in Glasgow. She is senior medicine nurse which encompasses internal medicine, oncology and emergency and critical care.

“My job now is a supervisory and admin role as well as clinical. I work with the three medicine departments ensuring smooth running of the services each day. I’m mostly involved in internal medicine. I am fairly new to this role but before that I was a wards nurse for three years in the same hospital using advanced practical skills and providing gold standard inpatient care.

I find it most satisfying when a patient who was once critical walks out the door, especially when I have been involved in the case from start to finish. As an emergency and critical care specialist hospital we don’t always see successful cases, making it all the better when we do! The look on an owner’s face when they get their best friend home is one I’ll never get tired of.

“I’ve not long completed my certificate of veterinary nursing in emergency and critical care, but I hope to start my Veterinary Technician Speciality in the next 1-2 years in either internal medicine or ECC (or maybe both).”

Sian Connor, HND Veterinary Nursing
How to Apply

This prospectus contains details of courses at a number of different levels of study. The way you need to apply to your chosen course is specified on the course information page, but can also be summarised in this diagram:

Applying direct to SRUC

For everyone except:

- Those wishing to study a full-time degree, HND or HNC – see Making a UCAS Application
- Those wishing to embark on an SVQ or Apprenticeship course – see Apply for Work-based Learning.

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<td>Complete the Application Form</td>
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<td>SRUC will review your application</td>
<td>You will be considered for your first choice and your reserve will only be looked at if your first choice is unsuccessful. 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.</td>
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<td>Your interviewer will ask you why you want to study the course and will expect you to answer questions about the course. You should bring evidence of your current qualifications to the interview if you can.</td>
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<td>After the interview</td>
<td>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.</td>
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Making a UCAS Application

If you would like to study a degree, HND or HNC course full-time, you need to apply for your course through the UCAS system. UCAS stands for Universities and Colleges Admissions Service and their website is www.ucas.com/apply

| When to apply | UCAS’s first deadline for applications for courses starting in August/September 2018 is the 15 January 2018. SRUC still accepts applications to its courses after the 15th 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 you are an international student who needs to make a visa application, you must apply before the 30th June deadline in order to leave enough time to process your application and for you to organise a successful visa application. |
| Complete the application form | You’ll find lots of advice on how to apply, and how to track your application on the UCAS 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. The UCAS Apply system will ask for personal and contact information, qualifications and payment. You also need to provide a reference (usually from a teacher or an employer) and a personal statement, which is your chance to let us know why you want to study the course you have chosen. Further advice on your application can be found on both the SRUC and UCAS websites. |
| SRUC will review your application | 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. |
| Making your choice | If you are lucky enough to receive offers from SRUC and other institutions, you will need to let UCAS know your final choices. You can choose one “firm” offer, and if that firm offer is conditional, you can also choose an “insurance” offer as a backup. |

UCAS Codes explained

You need to use the correct UCAS campus and course codes in your application. You will be asked for the following information when you apply through UCAS:

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The code for each course is listed in the course index in the front of the prospectus, on the course page within the prospectus, and on the UCAS and SRUC websites. Course codes take the format of 4 characters (letters/numbers) e.g. D300.

Apply for Work-based Learning

To apply for a Work-Based Learning course (SVQ/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 directly 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

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 with SRUC that your qualifications are suitable before you apply.

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.

Do you need 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.
**Entry Requirements**

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.

**General Minimum Entry Requirements**

The general minimum academic entry requirements for each course are outlined in the course listings. Entry requirements have been given in terms of Scottish qualifications, though a wide range of qualifications are accepted as equivalent (see below). In certain circumstances applicants may be invited for interview to discuss their application further with College staff.

**Literacy and Numeracy**

In all courses except those defined as Access Courses, applicants are required to demonstrate evidence of basic literacy and numeracy skills. Courses at SCQF Level 4 and most courses at SCQF Level 5 require National 4 passes in English and Maths (or equivalent). Some SCQF Level 5 courses and all courses at SCQF Level 6 or above require National 5 (Grade A-C) in English and Maths or equivalent.

**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.

**Equivalent Qualifications**

SRUC’s entry requirements are given in terms of current Scottish qualifications, but we accept a wide range of qualifications as equivalent.

**A-Levels**

For example, Degree courses which require 4 Scottish Highers at BBCC, require 3 A-Levels at BCC. HNC/D courses which require 2 Scottish Highers at CC, require 2 A-Levels at DE.

The Irish Leaving Certificate, with subjects at Higher level, is normally considered equivalent to the Scottish Higher. 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: admissions@sruc.ac.uk

**Additional Requirements**

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.

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.

**Equivalence of Entry Qualifications**

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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.

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

“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

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

Kirstie Baird, Agriculture student

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.

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, practices, physical features, or by introducing 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.

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 lecturers to regularly review your support. We encourage the use of assistive technology and will help arrange reasonable adjustments to suit your learning needs. Whatever your situation, discuss it with us as soon as you can – email studentsupport@sruc.ac.uk
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/level of course you are studying, on your personal circumstances, where you live and if you’ve had funding before.

This information is for guidance only and may be subject to changes by the government.

Please refer to any relevant websites for the most up-to-date information as arrangements for finance and funding may have changed after the publication date of this prospectus (February 17).

SRUC also has dedicated Funding Teams and they are available to answer any questions or queries you may have. The best way to contact them is by email at student.funding@sruc.ac.uk or alternatively you can call our funding teams on 01334 658 804/658 883 or on 01506 864 800 during office hours. You can also source advice from the Education Office of your chosen campus.

Money Matters

The main costs that you will have to consider when studying will be tuition fees and living expenses. The Tuition fees are teaching fees and living expenses are your accommodation, food, clothing etc.

Tuition fee information can be downloaded from our website www.sruc.ac.uk/tuitionfees

For Students Studying College Level Courses (Access, NC, SVQ, City and Guilds, SCQF Levels 2-6)

Tuition fees

The fees are waived for students on full-time courses at SCQF levels 2-6 who are eligible (eg students who are resident in Scotland on the start date of the course and have been resident in the United Kingdom for the preceding 3 years, not if they have moved to Scotland for the sole purposes of education). There are however other factors that would make students eligible and further details can be requested from the Funding Team detailed above.

Living expenses

The main funding arrangements available are Bursaries and EMAs. Students at this level of study can apply for a Bursary for assistance with residential costs, everyday living costs, travel and study expenses.

Students between the ages of 16-19 years of age undertaking a full or part-time non-advanced course (such as an NC or National Qualification), in a college of further education can apply for an EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) for living expenses.

Other funding available: Discretionary/Childcare Fund. Any student can apply for Hardship/Childcare fund.

If you are successful in securing a place on a course, you will receive a funding application form around the end of June. The College will assess your eligibility for all the potential funding that you may be entitled to.

Students Studying University Level Courses (HNC / HND and Degree)

Tuition fees

Scottish students (those Scottish domiciled) on full-time courses at SCQF levels 7-11 in Scotland can apply for tuition fee support from the Student Awards Agency from Scotland (SAAS). For the eligibility criteria please check the SAAS website www.saas.gov.uk

Living expenses

For most students, financial support for living expenses from the Government will be in the form of a means-tested loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC).

Other sources of funding, such as the Discretionary Fund and Childcare Fund may also be available to you, depending on your circumstances.

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 apply 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

Additional Funding for Current Students

SRUC offers a limited number of Centenary Bursaries each year. 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. It is only open to students already studying at SRUC.
### Finance and Funding

#### Tuition Fees

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### Rest of the UK (RUK), EU and International students

Full-time students from the rest of the UK may receive funding from their local authority. Please contact the Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales or Student Finance NI as appropriate.

Degree and HN students who have been assessed as having RUK fee status can apply to SRUC for an RUK Bursary which will give them a reduction in their tuition fees. Further information can be found on our website [www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding) by clicking on the Undergraduate courses link.

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/](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Fees--finance/Home-or-Overseas-fees/)

EU/EEA students (non-UK) on full-time courses should contact the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) for the latest information about funding: [www.saas.gov.uk](http://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 just above.

Additional advice for international students can be found on p130.

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**Scotland & EU**  
[www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

**England**  
[www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

**Northern Ireland**  
[www.studentfinanceni.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

**Wales**  
[www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

**Adult Learners**  
[www.gov.uk/grant-bursary-adult-learners](http://www.gov.uk/grant-bursary-adult-learners)

**Student Loans**  
[www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

**EMA Scotland**  
[www.emascotland.com](http://www.emascotland.com)

**Skills Development Scotland**  
[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

**UKCISA**  
[www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

**SRUC**  
[www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding](http://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.

International student rules and regulations are set by national governments, so we only print limited information here in our prospectus. For the most up-to-date guidance, please visit our website at www.sruc.ac.uk/internationalstudents

Entry Requirements and English Language

SRUC accepts a wide range of qualifications as appropriate entry for our courses. You may find specific information about the suitability of your home 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.

SRUC makes use of the UK NARIC service to assess the equivalence of international qualifications: www.ecctis.co.uk/naric. Due to the range of overseas qualifications, potential applicants are advised to contact us by email with full details of their qualifications, the syllabus and the course they wish to apply for so that advice may be given.

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 at: www.sruc.ac.uk/englishlanguage

If you require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, SRUC must adhere stringently to the UK Government’s Tier 4 guidelines and these will override SRUC’s policies on equivalencies of qualifications and English language assessment.

For more information about how to apply for a course, please refer to p122.

Visas and Immigration

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: Short-Term Study and Tier 4.

If you are aged over 18 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 www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa for information on how to apply, or contact SRUC for advice.

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/tier-4-general-visa

Please note that under current regulations, your course must be full-time and at least SCQF Level 6 in order to be appropriate for a Tier 4 visa application. 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 offer of a place on a course becomes unconditional.

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 outside the UK who bring complementary knowledge and experience.
Keep Growing with Scotland’s Rural College!

Postgraduate Study

Once you have completed an Honours degree you may decide to further your specialist knowledge or career advancement with some postgraduate study. SRUC offers a number of Masters (MSc) and Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) courses in collaboration with our partner Universities, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow. You could even embark on a project with one of our internationally respected research teams, and work towards gaining your PhD!

To find out more, why not visit our website at www.sruc.ac.uk/postgraduate

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. Before you know it, 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 the Alumni website to see the benefits available to SRUC Alumni. We look forward to welcoming you!

www.sruc.ac.uk/alumni

SRUC currently offers taught postgraduate courses in the following subject areas:

Delivered by part-time distance learning:
- Agricultural Professional Practice
- Applied Poultry Science
- Countryside Management
- International Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law
- Organic Farming
- Veterinary Epidemiology

Full-time programmes:
- Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare
- Ecological Economics
- Environmental Protection and Management
- Food Security
- Soils and Sustainability
- Sustainable Plant Health
SRUC shows commitment to the embedding of sustainability and social responsibility principles through the National Union of Students Responsible Futures accreditation. SRUC’s Students’ Association and staff worked together to fulfil the criteria, and continue to improve their impact by completing tasks from the action plan. Sections of the organisation also hold the environmental management system certification ISO 14001 and the Golf Environment Organisation (GEO) Eco Mark, and they have recently received funding from Cycling Scotland to improve the uptake of cycling to college among both staff and students.

SRUC focuses on students by offering them the opportunity to participate in the All Campus Sustainability Programme. This extracurricular projects-based programme won Highly Commended at the College Development Network Award in 2015. The programme was praised for its simple design and appropriateness for all levels of study. Students are challenged to improve sustainability within the campuses or grounds through their own ideas and projects. Creativity is fostered and students are encouraged to think big!

Each summer, an Environment Intern is taken on from SRUC’s student body to spend 6 weeks experiencing different parts of the organisation and shadowing the Environment Officer. Interns have gone on to work for Scottish National Heritage, Zero Waste Scotland and Cycling Scotland. SRUC continues to make a broad contribution to not only the education of their students but to the land-based sector in Scotland and beyond.

SRUC Staff Help Plant Over 800 Trees in a Day with Woodland Trust Scotland

To offset the carbon cost of our 2017 Prospectus, SRUC staff and their suppliers spent a day planting over 800 trees at North Wood just outside of Livingston.

Held in conjunction with the Woodland Trust Scotland the exercise was part of Premier Paper’s Carbon Capture Programme. The programme helps to mitigate the CO₂ emissions generated by the paper that Scotland’s Rural College purchases by planting trees in Government-approved woodland carbon sites.

The tree planting day was a true example of how the Carbon Capture Programme works. Throughout the day a varied selection of tree species native to the UK were planted, which included; silver and downy birch, elder, hazel, hawthorn and rowan. This Carbon Capture programme has helped to plant over 55,000 trees over the past year, helping to mitigate over 11,000 tonnes of CO₂. Taking part in this ambitious tree planting initiative is part of SRUC’s commitment to environmental sustainability, helping to reduce the organisation’s carbon footprint.

SRUC takes pride in promoting sustainability

SAC Consultancy works with farmers in the Scottish Government funded Farming For a Better Climate programme and SAC Food and Drink assist farmers in the creation and marketing of new products to increase both profit and the environmental and financial sustainability of rural businesses.

Outside the organisation, SRUC are members of the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC), collaborating with local and national topic support networks with other educational institutions. SRUC are signatories to the Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland. A Carbon Management Plan has been produced that covers activities and targets for the period 2015-2020 and aims to decrease overall carbon emissions by 43% by 2020. SRUC’s Environment Officer sits on the Sustainable Scotland Network steering group which stems from the Keep Scotland Beautiful initiative. The group offers a forum for public sector organisations to interface more closely with Scottish Government on sustainability and resilience issues.

SRUC participated in a global alliance of universities and colleges by supporting an open letter submitted to Secretary General Pierre Henri Guignard at the 2015 COP21 talks in Paris. The letter outlined the main priorities of universities and colleges worldwide and encouraged governments and decision makers to consider making a serious and meaningful commitment to curbing the impacts of climate change through action.
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 01292 886151 or contact us by post at:
The Admissions Office, SRUC Ayr, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX
International enquirers should email internationalstudent@sruc.ac.uk

Campus Contacts

If you know the campus at which you would like to study please contact them directly for further information.

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aberdeen@sruc.ac.uk
01224 711189
www.sruc.ac.uk/aberdeen

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www.sruc.ac.uk/ayr

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www.sruc.ac.uk/barony

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elmwood@sruc.ac.uk
01334 658800
www.sruc.ac.uk/elmwood

Oatridge Campus
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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 omissions, errors or subsequent changes can occur. SRUC will use reasonable efforts to deliver courses in accordance with the descriptions set out herein. However, we may need to make changes to:
an existing course title or named exit award; a course curriculum/modules/content; the course structure; model(s) of delivery; methods of assessment; entry requirements. We may need 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 February 2017. You should always check our website for the most up-to-date information.

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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.

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