Delivery:

Delivery will be via a blended learning approach, with the majority of the course being fully online via VLE/Moodle, with online support from a dedicated tutor. However, each Campus will facilitate 3 practical/applied days on farm or at a local business.

Course cost:

Fees are applicable however if you are a school pupil these will be waived.

Benefits and progression:

Completion of this programme will provide a useful progression route into a full-time agricultural course or apprenticeship. Example course progression at SRUC is shown below.

Potential Career Destinations from full-time SRUC courses:

General farm work, Livestock, Dairy, Crop Production, Nutritionist, Agronomist, Farm Management, Estate work, Stockperson, Machine operators, Auction work, Land sales, Agri-tourism, Animal Transport.

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AT SCQF LEVEL 5

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Who is the course for:

The NPA Investigation of Modern Agriculture is for anyone who wishes to develop their knowledge of and/or embark on a career in the agricultural sector.

It is designed for learners who have no prior knowledge or experience of the agricultural sector which makes it an ideal ‘introduction’ and entry on to an agriculture pathway.

The Investigation of Modern Agriculture is designed to provide you with an introduction to modern practices in agriculture and to encourage you to consider the industry as a viable career opportunity.

Which topics are covered:

The NPA in Investigation of Modern Agriculture looks at the changing face of agriculture today, including the role of technology and precision farming as well as opportunities for diversification. Students will consider what forms of agriculture exist in their local area and how they have come to be (including the influences of factors such as soils, climate, population and infrastructure). They will also identify skills and qualifications required to enter employment within the sector and will have the opportunity to engage directly with employers.

The course comprises 3 Units

Example units:

• Agriculture: Investigation of local Agriculture
• Agri-tourism: An Introduction
• Agri-tech and Precision Farming: An Introduction

Duration:

Delivered over 3 units, based on 3–5 hours study per week over the college academic year.

Available to:

This NPA is available to Senior phase students (S4, S5 & S6). Pupils must be capable of working at SCQF Level 5 and show a keen interest in the subject area following discussions with your guidance tutor.