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

Open day dates, for all campuses, can be found on our website at [www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays)

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

Farming is the bedrock of the UK’s largest manufacturing sector, food and drink, which contributes almost £122 billion to the country’s economy and with more than 138,000 farms the industry is a major employer in a variety of careers. Agriculture focuses on the production of basic food stuffs on farms but is also involved with the supply industry for farming, such as fertilisers, seeds, animal feed and machinery. Agriculture and poultry courses at SRUC consider the wider agri-food industry, and focus on production agriculture along with related issues such as sustainability and welfare.

British farming provides 61% of food eaten in the UK and employs around 475,000 directly and 4 million including associated employment opportunities.

A growing global population brings with it many challenges, one of which is producing enough food in a sustainable and cost effective way – this will require a highly trained and skilled workforce.

REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC
• Courses designed to meet industry requirements.
• Multiple levels of study, forming a progression pathway from one level to another.
• Extensive links with businesses, research institutes and our associated Consulting service.
• Student intern programme, student 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.
• At HN and Degree level, study tours to other parts of the UK or Europe broaden awareness of the industry beyond Scotland.
• SRUC has 6 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 YOU DO?
Those with SVQ, NC or HN qualifications are preparing for any general work on a crop, livestock or mixed farm, or as a machine operator or stockperson. They may progress to advisory or assistant manager roles. Those with poultry qualifications will find roles open to them in a variety of production, technical or advisory positions within the industry. Degree graduates will be aiming for higher managerial responsibilities including farm management, agronomist, nutritionist, sales specialist and agricultural business advisor. A wide choice of modules in 3rd and 4th year allows you to tailor your specialist knowledge to your chosen career.
LEARNING AT SRUC

Our expert staff will guide students at all levels as they conduct practical work on college farms which give a genuinely hands on experience of modern farming techniques. Higher National students will also be taught the key management skills required to run all elements of a farm themselves.

The higher levels of these courses such as the BSc/ BSc (Hons) offer a more in-depth experience of management, being more involved in the cutting-edge research conducted by SRUC. This research mainly involves our teams working in animal and veterinary sciences, crops and soil systems, land economy and future farming systems.

Honours degree students are eligible to apply for a trainee studentship over the summer before they conduct practical work on college farms. Our expert staff will guide students at all levels as they conduct practical work on college farms which give a genuinely hands on experience of modern farming techniques.

SRUC offers the following opportunities in the subject area of Agriculture:
- SVQ Agriculture at SCQF Level 5
- SVQ Agriculture at SCQF Level 6: Crops, Livestock or Mixed Farming
- SVQ Agriculture (Poultry) at SCQF Level 5
- SVQ Poultry Production at SCQF Level 6

Modern Apprenticeships can be achieved by completing these courses plus additional industry skills certificates plus work-based ICT if not already achieved (Level 5) or numeracy if not already achieved (Level 6).

NC Agriculture

This course is designed to equip you with sound practical skills, greater knowledge, and up to date modern technical experience in agriculture. 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.

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 at Barony and Oatridge, and local farms near Aberdeen, will provide the main resource for practical skills training and offer you the chance to gain valuable practical experience.

Example modules: Livestock Production; Grassland Production; Tractor Operation.

HNC Agriculture

Throughout the course you will develop skills and knowledge in crop production, animal production and in 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 as enterprise manager or assistant farm manager.

Example modules: Avable Crop Production; Crop and Soil Science; Principles of Mechanisation; Livestock Science; Farm Vehicles and Power.

HNC Poultry Production

The HNC Poultry Production will prepare you for future employment in this, one of the most successful UK 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 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.

Example modules: Avian Physiology; Poultry Welfare & Behaviour; Production & Incubation of Hatching Eggs.
HND Agriculture

**CAMPUSES:** Aberdeen, Barony, Edinburgh, Oatridge

**DURATION:** 2 years if studied full-time

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** 2 Highers at CC preferably to include a science subject or Geography. 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 102. Alternative entry qualifications, such as related National Certificate, are also accepted.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Full-time study: via UCAS, using code D048; Part-time study: direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**DURATION:** 3–4 years if studied full-time. Part-time study is also available.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** 4 Highers at BBCC to include a science subject or Geography. 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 102. Alternative entry qualifications, such as related National Certificate, are also accepted.

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**DEGREE AWARDED BY:** University of Glasgow

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.

Example modules: Agronomy; Livestock Management Systems; Environmental Awareness; Agricultural Policy Analysis; Agricultural Precision Technology.

**CAMPUS(ES):** Oatridge

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

Example modules: Crop and Livestock Mechanisation; Livestock Production; Environmental Management; Agriculture Economics and Marketing; Farm Buildings and Controlled Environments; Pasture Management.

**CAITLIN ROSS HND AGRICULTURE**

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Charlotte has made the most of the additional opportunities whilst studying with SRUC, gaining her ATV ticket at the Oatridge Campus and also Competence in Hoof Trimming at the Barony Campus, ensuring she has a broad skill base to complement her degree. She has kept busy socially being an active member of the Agricultural Society and also being voted as campus officer two years running and was also involved with the Agriscot Business Skills Competition, coming third amongst very experienced competitors.

Charlotte will have lasting memories of the good relationships she has built: “I have built friendships with my peers and lecturers, and this is the main thing I will take from my time with SRUC. There has always been such a good network of people, the winner socials and farm visits have been amazing too, and the way the different course cohorts mix really adds to the experience.”

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Animal Care

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. All of our courses have a clear progression route, enabling you to gain further qualifications after completing your course to help improve your career prospects.

REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC

• We have a range of exceptional facilities for practical work, including animal care training centres with housing for a variety of small animals, reptiles and birds.
• Staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise and undertake continuing professional development to stay up-to-date with their respective industries.
• Many of the courses offered will provide you with the opportunity to carry out a work placement, which will further enhance knowledge and learning and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
• Visits, study tours and external speakers are an important part of your studies and are included where appropriate.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD YOU DO?

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.
• Charity organisations have welfare centres that employ inspectors, technicians, 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.

LEARNING AT SRUC

We offer a wide range of animal care courses ranging from the acquisition of practical skills for learners who come to college with little or no qualifications to Higher National Diploma level which mixes core practical skills with theoretical knowledge essential for a career in the animal care sector.

All of our courses have a clear progression route, enabling you to gain further qualifications at SRUC after completing your course, which will further enhance your career prospects.

Our modern animal care facilities allow students the opportunity of hands-on work experience involving interaction with a wide range of species as well as a variety of work-related activities. Our courses are delivered by experienced and qualified staff including veterinary nurses and animal care specialists.

The animal care industry is worth around £1 billion to the UK’s economy. It has 13,000 businesses, 78,000 employees and lots of volunteers.

ANIMAL CARE

www.sruc.ac.uk/animalcare
Outstanding facilities

Our fantastic animal care units at Aberdeen, Elmwood, Oatridge and Barony each offer a range of experiences. Our Barony Campus offers students the chance to spend time in the South of Scotland Wildlife Hospital, which is located on the Barony grounds. 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 their natural environment.

Modern animal care facilities on all campuses further enhance the student experience by offering purpose built areas to house small mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and ponies. All students are timetabled practical sessions where you can gain hands-on experience with over 100 different species.

WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Scottish Vocational Qualifications and Modern Apprenticeships provide those who are in employment the opportunity to gain qualifications whilst at work. The amount you need to attend college can vary depending on the qualification.

SRUC offers the SVQ Animal Care at SCQF Level 5. This is a work based qualification for those employed in the animal care industry such as a boarding kennel, cattery, dog grooming parlour or animal welfare centre and is aimed at those who are new to the industry. In some cases academic progression to HNC may be possible dependent on existing qualifications.

SRUC offers many different academic levels of course, and you can progress from one to another to create your own learning pathway, joining us at whatever level is most appropriate for your experience and qualifications, and leaving us when you have reached your potential or career goals.

You can find more information about entry requirements for each course both in this prospectus and on our website.

If you would like to study subjects relating to animals, then you may also find the Animal Science, Horse Care, or Veterinary Nursing sections of the prospectus of interest.

PRINCIPLES OF ANIMAL CARE

This course is for anyone who wishes to develop more knowledge of animal care and gain a college qualification. Learners are not required to find a work placement although animal experience would enhance the learning. 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.

Example modules: Small Animal Accommodation; Health and Safety; Feeding and Watering Small Animals; Exercising Animals.

NC INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL CARE

This course is for anyone who has an interest in animal care and wishes to develop their knowledge and gain a national qualification. The course offers both a practical and theoretical learning environment which allows the student to use the knowledge that they have learned in our very own animal unit, which offers a wide range of species to handle and care for.

During the year students will cover various topics which consider animal behaviours, enrichment and terminology and to name but a few. The course also allows the learner to develop core skills such as numeracy and communication.

Example modules: Companion Animal Anatomical Landmarks; Basic First Aid for Small Animals; Environmental Enrichment; Feeding and Watering Small Animals; An Introduction; Accommodation and Handling of Small Animals; An Introduction.

AIDEN FORREST
NC INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL CARE

Aiden Forrest completed the NC Introduction to Animal Care in 2018 and decided to stay on and study for the National Certificate, which he is due to complete in 2020.

“I have an interest in animals, particularly invertebrates.

“I hope on successful completion of this academic year, I will move up to the HND.”
**NC Animal Care**

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. During the year, you will cover various topics, which focus on animal behaviour, welfare, as well as anatomy and physiology. The course also allows the learner to develop core skills such as numeracy and communication.

**Example modules:** Small Animal Feeding; Safe Working Practices; Anatomy and Physiology of Mammals; Animal Accommodation and Handling; Reptile and Amphibian Care; Ornamental Fish Care; Avian Care.

**CAMPUS(ES)**
- Aberdeen, Barony, Elmwood, Oatridge

**DURATION**
- 1 academic year

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
- Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s (preferably including English and Maths). National 5 (preferably including a Science subject) at C or above and 1 week of work experience. Successful completion of the complete Principles of Animal Care NC Introduction to Animal Care course will also be considered.

**HOW TO APPLY**
- Direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**HND Animal Care**

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 within 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 to the animals for which you may be responsible.

Over the year you will cover a variety of units which take an in-depth look into animal welfare, health and disease and animal anatomy and physiology. During this time you will also look at animal behaviour and nutrition.

**Example modules:** Small Animal Health and Disease; Animal Accommodation and Welfare; Small Animal Nutrition; Animal Behaviour; Companion Animal Anatomy and Physiology; Companion Animal Handling and First Aid.

**CAMPUS(ES)**
- Barony, Elmwood, Oatridge

**DURATION**
- 2 years if studied full-time

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
- 2 Highers at C, preferably to include Biology, Maths or English. If these subjects are not offered at Higher level, they are a requirement at National 5 (A-C) level, or equivalent. Minimum of 1 week of work experience in the industry. Successful completion of the NC Animal Care course will be considered. Examples of equivalent qualifications can be found on page 100.

**HOW TO APPLY**
- Full-time study: via UCAS using code IV63

**ADVANCED ENTRY**
- Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC.

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**MICHELLE TOAL HND ANIMAL CARE**

Michelle always had a keen interest in animals from a young age. “It wasn’t until I owned my own dogs that really the understanding of how animals have a massive impact on human lives occurred to me and my interest in animal behaviour started to grow.”

“My studies started four years ago with New College Lanarkshire studying a pathways course to animal biology and sciences. After completing this course my love for the academia within the animal care industry grew. I progressed on to SRUC Barony and completed the HND in Animal Care. I have now moved on to study a degree with the University of the West of Scotland.”

“The practical skills learned throughout my experience with SRUC helped give me a better understanding of not just the animal but also the environment and how it effects them.”

“Over the years my work experience has allowed a great diversity of working with domesticated, wild and agricultural animals. I have been lucky to be able to volunteer with the SSPCA, Five Sisters Zoo, as well as having some great experience of working within the Scottish Wildlife Hospital, based at SRUC Barony.”

“My current voluntary work is with Muiravonside Newparks Farm in West Lothian. While volunteering there I’ve had the opportunity to work with donkeys, Highland sheep and goats. The staff provide knowledge and practical learning such as feet trimming of the goats and general care of poultry and horses, and I help to keep the animals clean.”

“I progressed onto the HND Animal Care and have now moved on to study a degree.”

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**GRADUATES FLYING HIGH ANIMAL CARE**

Rebecca McDougall and Shari Neil are now both enjoying working with ‘unique and exotic’ birds of prey at ‘Elite Falconry’ after spending their work placements there while studying at SRUC Elmwood.

Rebecca says: “A lot of my time is spent educating guests about the different variety of birds. Being at Elmwood definitely helped with my people skills and presentation skills. I now manage and run experience days.”

Shani says: “I would definitely recommend the Animal Care course if you want to work with animals. The course covers a wide range of topics, but the ones I most enjoyed, and which had been most useful in my choice of career were animal anatomy, psychology, wildlife rehabilitation and conservation units.”
Mankind faces critical challenges over the coming decades. Animals and plants are at the centre of current global challenges including food security, disease control, climate change and animal welfare. Much of the excitement stems from technological advances that enable us to deliver new biological insights and thus address these challenges.

To keep up in the vibrant industries surrounding these fast-paced subjects you need access to the latest research. SRUC is ranked number 1 for research power in the UK’s Research Excellence Framework (REF). Armed with the latest research and its applications, SRUC graduates can look forward to an exciting and rewarding career.

REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC

• With the joint academic and business focus of SRUC, and our unrivalled research and access to industry, your science course will be relevant and current.
• 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.
• SRUC has strengths in a number of science areas particularly genetics, animal behaviour, welfare, nutrition and epidemiology.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD YOU DO?

SRUC’s animal, biological and agricultural science courses lead into a wide range of career options including veterinary or laboratory research, technical consultancy, animal nutrition, animal health and welfare, seeds and fertilisers, quality assurance, the high-tech agricultural and environmental sectors, or industries allied to crop and animal production. This could also include work for government and international agencies, large research institutes, or the development of new companies through entrepreneurial initiatives.

LEARNING AT SRUC

Your studies will include visits to relevant 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.
Research carried out at SRUC underpins our teaching of courses in animal and biological sciences, particularly at Honours degree level where there are opportunities to conduct research projects in collaboration with our research teams.

SRUC’s research work addresses health and productivity in animals, animal welfare and crops, promotes low carbon farming and increases farm output through efficiency and innovation. SRUC has a dynamic and innovative research community that benefits the rural economy and rural communities and enhances their environment.

HNC Bioscience

This course provides students with a broad foundation in biological science, including training in scientific and laboratory techniques used in the bioscience industries. Studies develop knowledge and understanding of fundamental bioscience subjects such as cell biology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology and animal and plant physiology and of the application of these subjects in biotechnology and animal and plant breeding industries. Students learn the importance of safe working practices in the laboratory and carry out a supervised laboratory research project.

The course provides an excellent first step into higher education for candidates with an interest in biology and offers a route into employment in the bioscience sector.

Example modules:

- Cell Biology: Theory and Practice;
- Biochemistry: Theory and Practice;
- Biotechnology: An Introduction;
- Microorganisms: Growth, Activity & Significance;
- Environmental Awareness.

HND Agricultural Science

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 the skills you have to offer prospective employers are up to the minute.

Example modules:

- Land Use Systems;
- Soils and Plant Nutrition;
- Agroecosystems: Energetic Efficiency;
- Livestock Health: Approaches to Disease Control.

Listed below are some courses you may also be interested in:

- MSc Animal Nutrition Distance Learning
- MSc Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare
- MSc International Animal Welfare
- MSc Veterinary Epidemiology

If you would like to study subjects relating to animals, then you may also find the Animal Care, Horse Care, or Veterinary Nursing sections of the prospectus of interest.
HND Veterinary Bioscience*  

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### Internationally recognised for Excellence and Impact

Animal and Veterinary Science research at SRUC

SRUC has a number of research strengths in this field, particularly genetics, animal behaviour, nutrition and epidemiology with additional skills in quantitative biology, genetic evaluations, analysis of behaviour and specific lab-based approaches. This mixture of skills allows us to research within discipline areas, for example using behavioural analysis to understand and resolve animal welfare issues, but also to integrate approaches in 'systems' research. Our research is carried out on both our own SRUC farms, on commercial units, and in the case of our genetics research we often use large national data sets.

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### MARIA STANISZ-MIGAL  
**HND APPLIED BIOSCIENCE**

“SRUC laboratories are well equipped, providing a very good environment for learning practical skills. I have used the library a lot, particularly the quiet study room, which is an ideal space for concentrating on studying. I really enjoyed conducting independent research for my Final Unit Projects, which were focused on microbiology.”

“While I was studying I was looking for work in a laboratory environment and I came across a job offer at SRUC for a technician in Carbon, Crop and Soil Systems Research group. My application was successful and I currently work providing technical support to researchers and students on a daily basis putting gained knowledge into good use.”

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**BSc/BSc (Hons) Animal Welfare and Behaviour*\**

This new course is currently under development and is subject to validation.

This degree programme will follow a broad animal science format in the first 2 years, to provide a grounding in animal biology and animal management, before specialising in the behaviour and welfare of managed animals in years 3 and 4. Elective options in the degree years will allow specialism in areas such as genetics, nutrition, health, or equine science.

This course will provide a grounding in animal welfare theory and practice, the application of animal behaviour techniques and the ethics of animal use. Students will be taught by international experts in animal welfare science, and will gain skills relevant for a career in animal welfare (e.g. with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), research or animal management).

**Example modules:** Animal Welfare Science; Introduction to Animal Behaviour; Animal Welfare and Ethics of Animal Use; Pain and Approaches to Pain Mitigation.

**DEGREE AWARDED BY:** University of Glasgow

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**ELISE WYLD BSC (HONS) APPLIED ANIMAL SCIENCE**

Elise always had a love for animals and an interest in biology and chemistry. This led her to discover the Applied Animal Science course which combines both practical and theoretical knowledge to help increase animal health, welfare and understanding.

“I chose SRUC because of the emphasis on practical applications of concepts which corresponds with my style of learning. I was also attracted to the smaller class sizes which is an important difference to some of the bigger universities as it allows for better communication with lecturers, more opportunities for hands-on learning, and an interesting and dynamic learning environment.”

“I loved all the field trips that we have taken as part of our modules to the zoo or to research farms. These study trips have also been fun and enjoyable, creating and strengthening friendships.

SRUC has many opportunities to expand your network outside of the classroom and our course, encouraging students to take part in events such as the Royal Highland Show, where we can get to know other students, as well as building connections with lecturers and consultants.”

“Applied Animal Science gives you a very broad learning and a wide choice of career paths to choose from, based on very recent or ongoing research. This equips you to be confident in your abilities and knowledge as well as giving you all the tools to be successful, wherever you decide to go afterwards. I am hoping to work in genetic or breeding science alongside welfare, two areas I have been most interesting to me over the past three years.”

**DEGREE AWARDED BY:** University of Glasgow

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**BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science**

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, to control disease epidemics, to raise standards of animal welfare and to enhance 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, placing animals at the centre of global issues.

**Example modules:** Comparative Physiology; Host-pathogen Interactions; Animal Conservation; Animal Breeding and Genetics; Animals and Climate Change.

While the full course is offered at the Edinburgh campus (and can be studied full-time or part-time), a top-up degree (years 3 and 4 only) are also offered at the Barony campus. Those with a relevant HND or foundation degree can apply for entry into year 3 at Barony or Edinburgh.
REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC
• Innovative course content, designed to meet the needs of both students and prospective employers.
• Courses offer a well-rounded business education that develops practical business skills which can be applied in a range of business environments.
• Excellent graduate employment prospects, especially with current trends in the growth of rural surveying and the Scottish food and drink industry.
• Teaching includes core business modules of entrepreneurship, marketing, management, economics, finance, IT and human resources.
• This course offers accreditation from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).
• Access to industrial management placement opportunities and the opportunity to apply for placement with SAC/SRUC Consulting offices.
• Strong industry contacts with regular guest speakers and field trips.
• 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 YOU DO?
The Rural Business Management degree offers flexibility in elective choices allowing you to study a range of different topics or choose a specific pathway following a specialist theme. Depending on your campus, themes may include agri-business, equine and animal management, tourism, food and drink, as well as the RICS accredited rural surveying and land management stream.

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 have developed successful businesses based on their family farms. Others have gone on to career areas such as grain traders, Government officers, auctioneers or property managers. Some of the 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.

PROGRESSION – KEEP GROWING WITH SRUC
SRUC offers many different academic levels of course, and you can progress from one to another to create your own learning pathway, joining us at whatever level is most appropriate for your experience and qualifications, and leaving us when you have reached your potential or career goals.

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Level 7/8
HNC Rural Business Management
HND Rural Business Management

Degree
BA/BA (Hons)
Rural Business Management

Postgraduate
MSc Organic Farming
MSc Agricultural Professional Practice

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.

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

You will develop the business skills you need to make a valuable contribution to the rural industries or smaller enterprises. The HNC offers an excellent opportunity to gain a broad business qualification either for career progression or as a springboard to further study.


HOW TO APPLY

Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC.

DURATION

2 years if studied full-time

Entry Requirements

2 Highers at G. 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 and/or work experience are encouraged to seek guidance from the college.

HOW TO APPLY

Full-time study: via UCAS using code B94D Part-time study: direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/autos

BA/BA (Hons) Rural Business Management

Throughout the course you will develop a thorough understanding and build knowledge of the fundamentals of business management and will be provided with the opportunity to study elective subjects in other disciplines, such as food, agriculture, horse business, tourism, rural surveying and land management.

The course includes the use of 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 you will be equipped with the necessary skills to develop a career as a manager in the agri-food and land-based industries, tourism or self-employment.

A general route or specialist streams are available depending on your chosen campus. Those undertaking the RICS pathway will be awarded a RICS accredited degree (only offered at the Edinburgh campus).

Example modules: Marketing; Management Strategies; Active Tourism; Product Development and Branding; Professional Practice and Law; Food and Agri-Business Economic Policy.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

SRUC has developed an accreditation with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). By studying a suite of specialist modules, part of a rural surveying pathway, graduates can gain a RICS accredited degree.

“RICS delivers confidence through respected global standards, adopted and enforced by over 134,000 qualified and trainee professionals across the built and natural environment.” (www.rics.org)

The RICS accredited pathway enables you, once you have work experience as a rural surveyor, to progress to the RICS APC (Assessment of Professional Competence) rural pathway. The award of 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 Surveying Professional Group.

Christina first studied HND Business with a local college. As a mature student and a parent to young children, when Christina was looking to continue her studies her local SRUC campus was the obvious choice.

“I decided to join SRUC and got direct entry into year three of the BA (Hons) Rural Business Management. The course itself interested me as it incorporated a rural aspect within the degree which I thought would help me secure local employment after graduating.”

Christina’s dissertation in fourth year researched the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, who she now works full-time for as a business liaison officer, working with Developing Young Workforce (DYW) within local schools. “My role within the DTW Ayrshire team is to help facilitate business engagement within all the Primary & Secondary schools across North, South and East Ayrshire. My degree has helped me greatly from project management, data analysis, presentation skills, Scottish law to customer service and marketing.”

Christina thoroughly enjoyed her time with SRUC and says “I have encouraged many people who are thinking of studying to join SRUC as I think the staff are really friendly and supportive, it was a great team and there is great benefit to studying locally.”

During her course Christina was involved in several competitions, based around the entrepreneurship class and made some lasting friendships. “It’s a great team atmosphere. Staff are very supportive, encouraging and always there to answer any questions you may have. I made firm friendships that will last a lifetime.”

I loved meeting new people and also going on some fantastic field trips to highlight aspects of our course.”

Christina Macdonald BA (Hons) Rural Business Management

CAMPUSES

Aberdeen, Barony, Edinburgh

DURATION

3-4 years if studied full-time. Part-time study is available.

REQUIREMENTS

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 B930 Part-time study: direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/autos
Engineering and Technology

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.

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.
- 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 runs 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.
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Agricultural Technology degree

The aim of the Agricultural Technology degree is to develop the knowledge and understanding in agricultural technology: engineering and mechanisation (maintaining a focus on land-based engineering, built environment and renewable energy); electronics, computing and control systems; soils and crop; livestock husbandry and management.

An Honours graduate with the Agricultural Technology degree should be able to develop and build a comprehensive Precision Farming system in any agricultural system through an understanding of what they are measuring, how they are measuring it, what data they are generating, and how the consequent data flow can be translated into a useful management tool.

The UK government has developed a long-term agri-tech strategy with £160 million of funding.
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There are numerous opportunities for people with land-based engineering qualifications:
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• Modern Apprenticeships
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Supporting the industry with expertise
One of our staff members is a subject specialist on combines and joins the CLAAS UK team for part of the year to carry out delivery to their customers’ on combine operation at their headquarters.

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Agri-Tech industry offers many career opportunities to farmers, says Richard Anscombe. The “Agri-tech is crying out for bright, skilled technicians,” says David Nunn, vice chairman of the Agri-tech alliance. “There has never been a better time for the technology in the agricultural industry. As part of my course I had the opportunity to go to Jac P. Wilson at De Bees for work experience, this helped me to apply what I had learned at college. The work experience went very well, and I left the job with a great appreciation of the work,” says Allister Elliot. “My role is changing, and I am starting to work as a Field Service Engineer – I am using a fully equipped service van to support customers who have breakdowns or require a service to be carried out on their site. The challenge of carrying out repairs on customer sites is rewarding, especially when you feel under pressure on occasion! I enjoy working directly with the customers and it is very satisfying when you complete a repair and the customer is happy.”

“Barony gave me a good “Engineering Foundation” to develop my career. The course was a blend of theoretical and practical aspects, which helped me to develop my diagnostic skills. I am also keen to do more with Purpose Built Forest Machines and Harvadig “digger conversions” which the company builds.”

“My role will involve working with customers and would like to expand that role as a Service Foreman if the opportunity arises.”

This programme is designed to provide the knowledge required for a land-based engineering apprenticeship and would normally be delivered across three years on a block release basis. The balance of time is spent working in an engineering dealership where you can gain credits toward your qualification and importantly “earn as you learn.”

The course focuses on the technology found on modern land-based equipment along with some traditional engineering such as machining, bench work and welding and fabrication. A range of topics will be covered during the course including engine technology, transmission systems, chassis systems, hydraulic systems, pneumatic systems, electrical/electronic systems, welding and fabrication, cultivation/harvesting and processing machines, diagnostics, power shift/hydraulic and CVT transmissions, electronic control and monitoring systems and computer applications.

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SRUC gives you the opportunity to develop a complete understanding of Agricultural Technology and how it can be applied. Throughout the course you will also develop other skills for the workplace, e.g. in IT, data handling, problem-solving and communication.

Teaching isn’t confined to the classroom. Case studies, study tours, conferences and visits to relevant development sites, research institutes and commercial companies further demonstrate the implementation and latest applications of the technologies studied.

To further prepare you for employment, you will undertake real case studies involving the development of specific sites. The third year case study involves working as a group to investigate a problem and deliver recommendations to an external client as both an oral presentation and a written report.

In the fourth year you will undertake a supervised individual research project in a relevant topic of your choice. This allows you to develop skills and specialist knowledge in a particular area of interest, to help prepare you for employment in that field.

Example modules: Robotic Animatronics and Mechatronics; Mechanisation; Renewable Energy Systems; Computing Practice and Development; Renewables Technology.

### Agricultural Technology

In ten years the industry will be unrecognisable from today and it is the duty of SRUC to meet the challenge of providing graduates skilled in implementing and innovating technology in the agricultural industry.

“There has never been a better time for young people to consider working in agriculture and the agri-tech sector,” says David Nunn, vice chairman of the Suffolk Agricultural Association.

“Agri-tech is crying out for bright, young people” Chief executive of Fram Farmers Richard Ancombe says. The Agri-tech industry offers many career opportunities to those who may not traditionally have viewed agriculture as a potential career path 

Business analyst Fang Wang, from NFU Mutual’s strategy team, has studied global agricultural technological developments to understand the opportunities and challenges for the UK’s farmers. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is bringing forth rapid and large-scale technological transformation to the agriculture industry. In 2018 we saw the total value of agri-tech investment worldwide skyrocket to $17 billion – an increase of 40 per cent on the previous year.
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 site 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 an SVQ will enable entry to this sector; HNC/HND qualifications will lead to an entry level job with some responsibility, while a degree allows career entry at a higher level. Employers in this field also look for experience, so it is useful to gain work experience through volunteering or summer work.

Wildlife and Conservation Management
Recent graduates have gained employment with a wide range of organisations such as National Park Ranger Services, Forestry and Land Scotland, Scottish Woodlands, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Community Development projects, planning departments, 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 public sector.

Gamekeeping
Graduates may find employment as an under keeper, beat keeper, forest ranger, deer stalker, wildfowl guide, field assistant, pest and predator controller.
Environmental Management

Graduates 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.

Employment opportunities would include Energy/EIA Trainee Consultant, SAC Consultant, LA Waste Officer, Environmental Systems Manager, Countryside Ranger (SNH), Woodlands Officer (Woodlands Trust), Scottish Forestry Assistant Ranger, RSPB Site Assistant Ranger.

Sustainable Food Production and Land Use

This degree is designed to equip students for a wide range of careers, for example as agricultural and environmental consultants, researchers and lecturers, as farm/estate managers or agronomists, laboratory technicians in novel food production companies or in posts with government bodies and environmental organisations.

WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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SRUC offers the following opportunities in the subject area of Environment, Conservation and Sustainability: • SVQ Gamekeeping & Wildlife Management at SCQF Level 5 • SVQ Environmental Conservation at SCQF Level 5

Modern Apprenticeships can be achieved by completing these courses plus two other industrial awards.

PROGRESSION – KEEP GROWING WITH SRUC

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Skills for Work: Rural Skills

This course offers the opportunity to explore the work involved in the land-based industries. It is 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.

Example modules: Employability Skills for the Land-based Industries; An Introduction to Estate Maintenance; Crop Production and Soft Landscaping.

Certificate in Land-based Studies

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.

Example modules: Environmental Issues; Crop Production; Estate Maintenance; Animal Breeds and Identification; Numeracy.

NC Rural Skills

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.

Example modules: Rural Environment: An Introduction; Construct Rural Features and Structures; An Introduction; Gardening Skills; An Introduction; Tree and Shrub Planting and Tractor Operations 1.
PDA Ecological Surveying

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.

Example modules: Ecological Theory; Identification Skills; Field Surveying Methodologies; GIS Technologies.

NC Countryside Management

This qualification will provide the knowledge and understanding of the nature of conservation management workplaces and employment opportunities. It will also provide candidates with a range of practical skills relevant to the industry, 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.

The course will also develop knowledge of sustainability as well as communication and team working skills.

Example modules: Countryside Recreation and Access; Gooddversity and Landscape in Scotland; Practical Conservation: Habitat Management in Scotland; Ecology and Wildlife Identification and Principles of Biodiversity Conservation.

HND Wildlife and Conservation Management*

Candidates will develop core skills including GIS and data handling and deal with ethical and professional issues in accordance with current professional and/or ethical codes of practice.

Example modules: Ecological Surveying; Ecological Management of Ecosystems; Geographic Information Systems (GIS); Tourism: Sustainability and Rural Communities; Wildlife Management.

* Course title subject to validation.

LIAM KEITH NC GAMEKEEPING

Liam Keith, from Glasgow, enrolled on the NC in Gamekeeping at SRUC Elmwood Campus in 2015 after a recommendation from a friend. Liam had previous experience of pleasant seating and beating at local shoot days. During his time in college Liam achieved the “Gamekeeping Student of the Year Award” and on completion of his course Liam gained employment as a trainee Gamekeeper at Fettercairn Estate in Aberdeenshire. A year later and Liam was employed as a Ghillie at Corrour Estate on the edge of Rannoch Moor for two seasons before securing a full-time role as a Deer Stalker. Liam describes the estate where he works as unique. “There is a lot of focus on the regeneration of trees and habitats and renewable energy. While the estate is still a sporting destination, at the heart of the business is the environment.”

“The Deer Management certificate I gained during my course prepared me for my current role. Elmwood got me to where I wanted to be. I would definitely recommend working in the countryside to others. It’s a great way of life.”

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BSc/BSc (Hons) Wildlife and Conservation Management*

Through this course, traditional ecological and visitor management topics are complemented with the additional necessary knowledge and skills you will need, such as data handling, community involvement and conservation site management. The course offers flexibility, allowing you to choose modules to suit your particular aspirations, and you'll put the practical knowledge you gain to good use through real-life scenarios and case studies.

This course attracts students of many different ages, backgrounds, and future aspirations. What they have in common is an interest in studying this unique mix of people management, biodiversity, conservation and ecology.

Example modules:
- Community Project Management
- Woodland Management
- Ecological Principles and Applications
- Rural Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment.

JENNY PATERSO
HNC COUNTRYSIDE & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Jenny Paterson graduated in 1998 with an Arts and Social Sciences degree and fell into a variety of office-based jobs. After being made redundant, Jenny began considering a career outdoors.

“My moment of clarity came when I read a magazine article about a lady who was in a similar situation who had packed up her life and travelled to Africa as a conservation volunteer. Six months later I travelled on my own to Inkwenkwenzi Game Reserve, situated in the breath-taking Wild Coast of South Africa, where I volunteered for 6 weeks. I learned about habitat management, the conservation of indigenous plant species and the eradication of alien species.”

“When I returned to the UK I set about investigating how I might land such a job. I contacted Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and met with Tony Wilson (who is now employed as a lecturer at the Elmwood Campus). He advised me to do the Countryside Management course at Elmwood and I’ve never looked back.”

The course covered so much: land and its uses, whether for agriculture, recreation and conservation; interpretation, archaeology, bird ID, red squirrel surveys, geology, to name only a few of the subjects. As well as studying I had a part time job as an Education Ranger at The Scottish Deer Centre, helping to run the West Sands slow food stabilisation project.”

Jenny was awarded The Student of the Year accolade for a years running, before being selected out of 80 applicants to become an apprentice with Fowey and Land Scotland. Following nearly 4 years with them, Jenny has landed her ultimate dream job as Conservation Manager of Cameron House and The Carrick on Loch Lomond, where she is responsible for 400 acres of woodland and wetland which border the 18 hole golf course.

“I absolutely love my job and I feel honoured to be a guardian of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.”

HNC Environmental Management*

This course is designed to provide candidates with a good understanding of different land uses and their impacts on environmental management and sustainable resource use. Individuals will investigate factors which have influenced the development of current land use and management practices.

This course will introduce the concept of sustainable land management through a greater awareness of the environment.

Example modules: Environmental Awareness; Pollution Management and Resource Recovery; Economic Issues: An Introduction; Geology & Geomorphology and Ecology & Ecosystems.

HND Environmental Management*

Throughout the course you will develop a grounding in both the theory and practice of environmental management which will give you a sound understanding of environmental impacts and ways of managing and minimising those impacts. You will gain an overview of this complex subject area, including environmental science, energy, waste management and resource economics.

You will have a wide choice of elective subjects in order to choose your own area of specialism, including energy and the environment, marine environments; management and protection, sustainable tourism in rural communities, leadership in countryside activities and ecological surveying.

Example modules: Biodiversity Conservation; Environmental Awareness; Global Climate Systems; Rural Land Use; Pollution Management and Resource Recover.

SIMON GIBSON-POOLE
BSC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Simon came from a career in IT to study at SRUC. SRUC offered the option to obtain interim qualifications (HNC/HND) on the path to getting a degree.

“I had always planned to do a degree at some point but didn’t quite get the grades required when I left college. I chose to study an environmental based degree as I am passionate about environmental issues and wildlife conservation and I wanted my working life to have a more positive outlook and to perhaps make a bit of a difference.”

“I really liked that the courses involved a number of site visits to see how knowledge was implemented and applied in a field environment.”

“I wanted my working life to make a difference.”

* Course titles subject to validation.
BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Management*

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.

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 specialist. These include: Rural Development, Ecology: Management and Impacts, Land and Habitat Restoration, Environmental Policy Analysis, Waste Reduction and Recycling and Carbon Management.

Example modules:
- Rural Planning
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Climate Change
- Geographical Information Systems and Resource Efficiency & Security

Katie from Hawick in the Scottish Borders grew up on a farm, spending her childhood outside around animals. This made her certain that she wanted a career in the outdoor environment, and reading about climate change, she became passionate about seeing a positive change in people’s behaviour.

“I always considered myself a hands-on practical type of learner. This course offered the practical aspect as well as lecture based learning, which gave me an opportunity to develop hands-on experience and practical techniques while studying. This integrated approach to education gives me a competitive advantage when starting my career. It also offers me working knowledge of the industry and a flavour of different career pathways.”

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“I am passionate about the economics surrounding food security and consumer behaviour. Ideally, I would love to begin my career in businesses such as Zero Waste Scotland. I am also considering continuing on at SRUC to complete an MSc in Food Security.”

BSc/BSc (Hons) Sustainable Food Production and Land Use*

Our food production systems must change substantially if agriculture is to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions, whilst feeding the growing global population and halting the decline in biodiversity.

This applied biology degree explores efficient and sustainable agricultural systems that regenerate soil, increase biodiversity and release land for forestry and woodland, renewable energy generation, and biomass production for a rural bioeconomy. Studies include the latest approaches to improve the yields, nutritional value and stress-resilience of crops, as well as food product innovations from insects, plants and cell cultures.

Graduates will be well equipped to support the agricultural industry as it rises to the challenges ahead.

Example modules:
- Agroecosystems; Energy and Environment
- Crop Metabolism; Productivity and Resilience
- Innovations in Food Production Technology
- Forestry and Woodland Systems and Bioresources for a Low-carbon Economy.

Why have SRUC created this new course?

Rapid and substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are required from all sectors, including agriculture, if global warming is to be limited to 1.5°C (IPCC, 2018). The Sustainable Food Production and Land Use degree was developed in response to this special IPCC report on global warming. One of the greatest challenges for the next decade, is how to meet the nutritional needs of the growing global population, whilst combating climate change and safeguarding the sustainability of farmland.

Conventional food production systems have caused a decline in biodiversity, a deterioration in soil health and damaging levels of greenhouse gas emissions. To sustainably meet food security targets, innovative approaches to land management are required, and these are explored in the Sustainable Food Production and Land Use degree, which reflects the recommendations of the UK Committee on Climate Change (2018) Land use: reducing emissions and preparing for climate change. It will focus on the latest research into increasing the productivity of agricultural and food production systems, to provide healthy food, using less land, water and resources and with reduced environmental impact.

Such efficiency improvements would release land from agricultural use for carbon sequestration e.g. through forestry and woodlands and the restoration of peatlands, as well as for wildlife habitats to enhance biodiversity. Land would also be freed for renewable energy systems, and the sustainable production of biomass for an emerging bioeconomy to improve the prosperity of rural areas. Graduates will have the knowledge and skills to contribute to the development of sustainable agricultural systems with zero net greenhouse gas emissions.
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.

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 and gives real insight into the relevant industry.
- Visits, study tours and external speakers are also an important part of your studies, and are included where appropriate.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD YOU 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 supervisors.

Forestry involves sustainably managing trees and woodlands in rural areas for commercial, social and a range of other benefits. Arboriculture is the management and work in caring for individual trees or groups of trees in more urban areas.
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• SVQ Trees and Timber at SCQF Level 5
• SVQ General Woodlands and Tree Work at SCQF Level 6

Modern Apprenticeships can be achieved by completing these courses plus additional industry skills certificates plus work-based ICT if not already achieved (level 5) or numeracy if not already achieved (level 6).

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CAMPUS(ES)

Barony

DURATION

1 year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ideally 3 National 4s, preferably including English, Maths and 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

Certificate in Forestry

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, felling 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 production. Some of the course will also include IT. 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.

Example modules: Chainsaw Operations; Tree Identification; Introduction to Forests and Woodlands; Tree Production; Introduction to Forest Harvesting.

Advanced Certificate in Forestry

This course offers the opportunity to specialise in General Forestry, Forest Machinary or Arboriculture.

Some of the topics are tree and forest ecology, 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.

Some of the course will also include IT. You will gain experience working on real practical jobs, operating machines, and tree surgery contracts, both on campus and on private forest estates.

Example modules: Forest Ecology; Pests and Diseases of Trees; Pesticide Application; Forest Harvesting Machinery; Tree Climbing and Rescue Techniques.

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You will gain experience working on Mensuration and Geographical Information systems, while developing an awareness of health and safety and environmental issues relevant to modern forestry.

To be validated.

Example modules: Arboricultural Operations; Nursery Production; Forest Science; Management of Machinery; Amenity Tree Management.

CAMPUS(ES)

Barony

DURATION

1 year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

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Degree

BSc/BSc (Hons) Wildlife and Conservation Management

Postgraduate

MSc Wildlife and Conservation Management

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CAMPUS(ES)

Barony

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1 year

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To be validated.

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Golf

Scotland’s status as the “Home of Golf” affords graduates from a Scottish institution a unique perspective for employers around the globe. Golf continues to drive one of the most important tourism sectors in Scotland and offers exciting careers that can reach around the world.

The industry is constantly striving to improve the quality of the player, the quality of the golf courses and the quality of the managers required for the successful future of this precision sport.

**REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC**

- Internationally renowned, Elmwood is the only college in Scotland with its very own 18 hole golf course [www.elmwoodgolf.co.uk](http://www.elmwoodgolf.co.uk)
- Studying in North East Fife allows students in Golf to access some of the most famous courses in the world to better understand the work that goes on to deliver in one of Scotland’s most iconic trademark industries.
- 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. Significant links with industry supporting transition into employment.
- Courses designed to meet industry requirements.
- The college prides itself on offering hands-on experience of modern Greenkeeping methods and practice, meeting modern technology and trends.
- For professional golfers, the venue provides a flood-lit driving range with 15 grass tees, 6 indoor bays, 3 target greens and a USGA standard short game practice facility.
- Part-time staff members who currently manage some of the most prestigious golf courses in Scotland ensure industry relevant training and education.
- Integral work placements and study trips to enhance the student experience.
- HNC Golf Course Management students are eligible to apply for the R&A Scholarship.

Benefits include access to a number of exclusive networking and continuing professional development opportunities enhancing industry exposure and employability.

- NC Greenkeeping students can take advantage of integral work placements that both enhance the student experience including the Ohio Scholarship programme.
- Professional golf students can access Golf Scholarships in the USA via our partner [www.collegiategolfusa.com](http://www.collegiategolfusa.com)

**WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD I DO?**

The golf industry can offer fantastic opportunities for those committed to developing themselves and offers employment in a diverse range of roles.

**Greenkeeping and Golf Management**

Jobs in the industry range from assistant greenkeeper to supervisory and managerial roles including Golf Course Manager and Golf Club Manager.

Roles for Golf Managers include Clubhouse services and maintenance, event management, facility management, course management, course design and construction.

**Professional Golf**

Job roles include PGA Assistant, Golf Coach, Golf Retail Management and Club Fitting. While working many graduates also enrol in PGA training to work towards becoming a PGA Professional.

Students have also found positions with golf tour operators and golf tourism companies.
When Craig Berry left school, his love of golf led him to study the NC Greenkeeping at SRUC. Nearly two decades on, he is living his dream, working at the Old Course Supervisor for the St Andrews Links Trust and managing 22 members of staff.

While studying at SRUC’s Elmwood campus, which boasts its own 18-hole golf course, Craig undertook placements at Lundin. He then completed an apprenticeship at Lundin Golf Club and continued his education at Elmwood through block release, gaining Levels 2 and 3 in Sports Turf Maintenance.

In 2011, he began working at Leven Links Golf course, moving to the St Andrews Links Trust Old Course three years later. Craig rounded off his Elmwood education by completing an HNC in Golf Course Management via distance learning, and was awarded an R&A Greenkeeping Scholarship. "Not only did the scholarship provide funding and support, but it gave me the chance to visit Askernish Golf Course, which is just stunning," he said. "R&A support also helped me network, refine my professional skills and attend future golf managers’ course development."

In 2018, Craig was appointed to his current position as Old Course Supervisor at the oldest and most iconic golf course in the world. “It is a great place,” he said. “It’s like second nature to me.”

Craig, who has built up more than 18 years’ experience in the industry, puts his achievements down to two things. “Never get ahead of yourself; you need to let your work do the talking.”

“Every day is a different day. There is the pressure to always be better than yesterday. I have a hunger for it and I use that to motivate my team. The pressures of delivering a golf course to an Open Championship standard daily, has its difficulties, but with the experience and enthusiasm of the Old Course squad, we are able to deliver and achieve this standard.”

“My main aim going forward is to keep a high level of communication throughout the squad and provide consistent training, something which I have benefited from and I see as an integral part of this industry.”
Elmwood Golf Course

The fantastic facilities at the Elmwood Golf Course make it the ideal place to study our internationally renowned greenkeeping and turf management courses and professional golf qualifications.

Under the guidance of expert staff, greenkeeping students carry out practical work on the college’s 18 Hole Parkland Golf Course. The college prides itself on offering hands-on experience of modern Greenkeeping methods and practice, meeting modern technology and trends.

For professional golfers, the venue provides a floodlight-driven range with 15 grass tees, 6 indoor bays, 3 target greens and a USGA standard short game practice facility.

As a fully functioning Pay As You Play venue Elmwood is the proud holder of the Golf Environment Organisation (GEO) certificate. The Golf Course is also a Scottish Golf Development Centre.

MICHAELA PATZELTOVA

Having completed HND Professional Golf at SRUC Elmwood, Michaela, originally from Slovakia, was able to enter the 1st year of BSc (Hons) Sports Development and Coaching at the University of Abertay, Dundee.

When she graduates Michaela would like to be a professional golf coach. At the moment she is undertaking a work placement, as part of her degree programme, at St Andrews Links Golf Academy. Michaela was introduced to the Academy through Elmwood lecturer Gary Anderson, and as part of the HND Michaela gained coaching experience with SALIGA, their Junior Golf Academy.

“Studying at SRUC Elmwood has helped me find the right career path. I have gained a lot of golf specific knowledge supported by practice sessions and work experience. I’ve benefitted by gaining knowledge, not too dissimilar to the Level 2 PGA Coaching Certificate. “The class sizes were good, there was a lot of support available at Elmwood if you needed it. Elmwood golf course has excellent practice facilities, one of the best in Scotland. In my first year at college I participated in the Bramus trip to Spain, where we enjoyed experiencing the PGA Catalunya course, one of the best in Europe and during the HND we had unlimited access to the library at Abertay.”

Michaela plans to keep her amateur status and coach voluntarily until she graduates from University before completing her PGA level 1 and 2 and gaining professional status.

“I would like to work in Scotland for a couple of years alongside some qualified head coaches to gain more experience. Eventually, I would like to go back to Slovakia and introduce more juniors into playing golf there. I would like to change people’s perception of the game. People in Slovakia still think of it as a sport for only rich people. I want to design some golf programmes and start a golf academy to promote diversity and inclusion within the golf sector. I want to educate students who are interested in undertaking golf as a career and share my knowledge with them. I would also like to have a little business - pro shop with club fitting facility as this is something which is currently missing in the Slovak golf market.”

Certificate Professional Golf

Elmwood

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements: 3 National 4 preferably including English. Evidence of regular participation in golf, for example handicap and club membership.

HOW TO APPLY

Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/apply

HND Professional Golf

Elmwood

DURATION

2 years if studied full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Certificate in Professional Golf or relevant other National Certificate, or 2 Highers and evidence of regular participation in golf, for example handicap and club membership.

ADVANCED ENTRY

Entry into Year 2 is possible with an HNC Professional Golf

HOW TO APPLY

Full-time study: via UCAS using code 4B80

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Example modules: Analysis and Development of Performance; Coaching Development; Contemporary Fitness & Training; Organising & Operating Golf and Individual Performance Development.

HNC Professional Golf

Elmwood

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Certificate in Professional Golf or relevant other National Certificate, or 2 Highers and evidence of regular participation in golf, for example handicap and club membership.

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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, equipment repair and operational aspects of working in a golf facility.

Example modules: Golf Coaching: An Introduction; Equipment Technology; Golf Operations; Principles of Fitness Training and Work Placement.

Elmwood Golf Course

The fantastic facilities at the Elmwood Golf Course make it the ideal place to study our internationally renowned greenkeeping and turf management courses and professional golf qualifications.

Under the guidance of expert staff, greenkeeping students carry out practical work on the college’s 18 Hole Parkland Golf Course. The college prides itself on offering hands-on experience of modern Greenkeeping methods and practice, meeting modern technology and trends.

For professional golfers, the venue provides a floodlight-driven range with 15 grass tees, 6 indoor bays, 3 target greens and a USGA standard short game practice facility.

As a fully functioning Pay As You Play venue Elmwood is the proud holder of the Golf Environment Organisation (GEO) certificate. The Golf Course is also a Scottish Golf Development Centre.

MICHAELA PATZELTOVA
HND PROFESSIONAL GOLF

Having completed HND Professional Golf at SRUC Elmwood, Michaela, originally from Slovakia, was able to enter the 1st year of BSc (Hons) Sports Development and Coaching at The University of Abertay, Dundee.

When she graduates Michaela would like to be a professional golf coach. At the moment she is undertaking a work placement, as part of her degree programme, at St Andrews Links Golf Academy. Michaela was introduced to the Academy through Elmwood lecturer Gary Anderson, and as part of the HND Michaela gained coaching experience with SALIGA, their Junior Golf Academy.

“Studying at SRUC Elmwood has helped me find the right career path. I have gained a lot of golf specific knowledge supported by practice sessions and work experience. I’ve benefitted by gaining knowledge, not too dissimilar to the Level 2 PGA Coaching Certificate. “The class sizes were good, there was a lot of support available at Elmwood if you needed it. Elmwood golf course has excellent practice facilities, one of the best in Scotland. In my first year at college I participated in the Bramus trip to Spain, where we enjoyed experiencing the PGA Catalunya course, one of the best in Europe and during the HND we had unlimited access to the library at Abertay.”

Michaela plans to keep her amateur status and coach voluntarily until she graduates from University before completing her PGA level 1 and 2 and gaining professional status.

“I would like to work in Scotland for a couple of years alongside some qualified head coaches to gain more experience. Eventually, I would like to go back to Slovakia and introduce more juniors into playing golf there. I would like to change people’s perception of the game. People in Slovakia still think of it as a sport for only rich people. I want to design some golf programmes and start a golf academy to promote diversity and inclusion within the golf sector. I want to educate students who are interested in undertaking golf as a career and share my knowledge with them. I would also like to have a little business - pro shop with club fitting facility as this is something which is currently missing in the Slovak golf market.”

Certificate Professional Golf

Elmwood

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements: 3 National 4 preferably including English. Evidence of regular participation in golf, for example handicap and club membership.

HOW TO APPLY

Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/apply

HND Professional Golf

Elmwood

DURATION

2 years if studied full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Certificate in Professional Golf or relevant other National Certificate, or 2 Highers and evidence of regular participation in golf, for example handicap and club membership.

ADVANCED ENTRY

Entry into Year 2 is possible with an HNC Professional Golf

HOW TO APPLY

Full-time study: via UCAS using code 4B80

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Example modules: Golf Coaching: An Introduction; Equipment Technology; Golf Operations; Principles of Fitness Training and Work Placement.
Horse Care

With the equine industry continuing to grow year-on-year, there has never been a better time to study and work in this field. SRUC offers a unique blend of hands-on, skills-based learning with a classroom-led theoretical approach, giving you the best possible start to your career.

REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC
- Home to the renowned Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC)
- Oatridge’s forge is fitted with double-coke forges, with a specially-designed shoeing area
- Purpose-built stables and all-weather arena on the Barony campus estate
- Training and funding available towards British Horse Society exams (subject to terms and conditions)
- Staff are highly qualified in their respective areas of expertise and have a breadth of experience in all levels of the industry
- Opportunities to gain work experience, giving you an insight into the industry and a chance to show off what you have learnt so far at SRUC.

LEARNING AT SRUC
Our students always stress the depth of knowledge of staff and diversity of learning that takes place on our Horse Care and Equine courses.

Students will spend a high proportion of their time in the yard, fully involved in the care and exercising of the horses, supporting their theory learning within the classroom.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD YOU DO?
With increased diversification in the industry, there are now more opportunities for employment than ever before, including:
- Riding instructor or coach
- Competition, livery or racing yard groom
- Stud assistant
- Yard manager
- Equine nutrition advisor
- Equestrian sales
- A range of employment opportunities in the racing and tourism sectors.

There are currently over 500 horses in training in Scotland.
Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC)

SRUC Oatridge Campus is home to the Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC) – a state of the art £3.5 million national equestrian facility and the country's most prestigious location for Equine activities. There is a modern stable block with housing for 29 horses with additional facilities including a horse walker and solarium. This prestigious facility is what attracts many students, there is simply nowhere better to learn.

NC Horse Care

**CAMPUSES**
Barony, Oatridge

**DURATION**
1 year of full-time study

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s (preferably including English and Maths) plus two weeks of practical work experience. Recorded evidence of your riding ability, to include a minimum of walk, trot and canter should be submitted along with your application.

**HOW TO APPLY**
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

NC Horse Care is designed to give you a practical foundation on which you can progress to employment or other SRUC courses such as the Advanced Certificate in Horse Care or the HNC in Equine Studies.

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, and carry out yard duties, safely and effectively.

Example modules:
- Safe Horse Handling
- Grooming and Clothing
- Preparation for Ridden Work
- Trimming, Turnout and Clipping
- Equitation
- Watering and Feeding

**NC Horse Care (Racehorse Care)**

**CAMPUSES**
Oatridge

**DURATION**
1 year of full-time study

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s (preferably including English and Maths) plus two weeks of practical work experience. Recorded evidence of your riding ability, to include a minimum of walk, trot and canter should be submitted along with your application.

**HOW TO APPLY**
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

This course is the first step on the ladder of equine qualifications offered at SRUC and runs in parallel with the NC Horse Care. It is designed to give a practical foundation in the care of racehorses.

The course is offered in conjunction with the Scottish Racing Academy and is recognised by the British Horseracing Authority. The course provides students with the qualification required to be eligible for employment in racing yards. Students will gain skills relevant for a range of career opportunities within the racing industry.

This is a new course and is *subject to validation.

Example modules:
- Safe Handling of Thoroughbred Horses
- Racehorse Care: An Introduction
- Preparing for Ridden Work
- Trimming, Turnout and Clipping
- Equitation
- Watering and Feeding

**WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
Scottish Vocational Qualifications and Modern Apprenticeships provide those who are in employment the opportunity to gain qualifications whilst at work. The amount you need to attend college can vary depending on the qualification.

SRUC offers the SVQ Horse Care at SCQF Level 5 and Level 6. Modern Apprenticeships can be achieved by completing these courses plus an Emergency First Aid course and one other industry skills certificate.

Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC) is Scotland's five race courses turnover £302.1m annually and employ 3,430 people.

£3.5 million national equestrian facility

Scottish Racing Academy

The Scottish Racing Academy represents a collaboration between Scottish Racing, Scottish and British Horseracing industry partners and Scottish education partners such as SRUC. The SRA are delighted to endorse the NC Racehorse Care.
Advanced Certificate Horse Care

This course builds on the topics studied in NC Horse Care by developing your practical experience and knowledge of horse care and equitation. It also enables progression to the HNC in Equine Studies by introducing some of the subjects that will then be covered in more depth on the HNC. This course is designed to give students the practical skills and knowledge required for employment in the equine industry.

Example modules: Watering and Feeding; Horse Transportation; Horse Health; Horse Fitness; Lunging; Tack up for Ridden Competition Work.

HOW TO APPLY
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
1 year of full-time study

Certificate Forgework

This course is designed to give Blacksmiths' training, a qualification that is directly applicable to the workplace. It is an opportunity to learn a trade that has a long and rich history. The course has practical and theoretical components and provides a firm foundation for further study and for a career as a Blacksmith.


HOW TO APPLY
Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
1 year if studied full-time, 2 years if studied part-time

HNC Equine Studies

This course offers a mixture of practical and theoretical equine subjects along with developing business, supervisory and organisational skills. Throughout this course you will develop the knowledge and skills required for a variety of roles in the equine industry.

Example modules: Equine Grassland Management; Brood Mare; The Stallion; Equine Behaviour; Equine Business Management.

HOW TO APPLY
Full-time study: via UCAS using code R046
Part-time study: direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
2 Highers at CC, including a science subject or English, plus 2 weeks of practical work experience. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Mathematics (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, unless you are applying for the non-riding version of the course. It would be advantageous if candidates held BHS Stage 1 and 2, or the Pony Club B test. Successful completion of NC Horse Care or Advanced Certificate in Horse Care will also be considered.

ADVANCED ENTRY
Entry into year 2 is possible with an appropriate HNC.

This course will emphasise the practical and theoretical knowledge and skills that are required to equip you for the many roles in the equine industry that you will have available to you.

You will learn about nutrition, fitness, anatomy and physiology, equine selection and preparation of horses for competitions. You will also acquire transferable skills such as IT skills and teamwork.

*Aberdeen campus subject to validation.

Example modules: Equine Facility Management; Equine Anatomy and Physiology; Equine Fitness; Care of the Competition Horse; Equine Nutrition.

HND Equine Studies

This course offers a mixture of practical and theoretical equine subjects along with developing business, supervisory and organisational skills. Throughout this course you will develop the knowledge and skills required for a variety of roles in the equine industry.

Example modules: Equine Grassland Management; Brood Mare; The Stallion; Equine Behaviour; Equine Business Management.

HOW TO APPLY
Full-time study: via UCAS using code 1J68
Part-time study: direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
2 Highers at CC, including a science subject or English, plus 2 weeks of practical work experience. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Mathematics (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, unless you are applying for the non-riding version of the course. It would be advantageous if candidates held BHS Stage 1 and 2, or the Pony Club B test. Successful completion of NC Horse Care or Advanced Certificate in Horse Care will also be considered.

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Example modules: Equine Facility Management; Equine Anatomy and Physiology; Equine Fitness; Care of the Competition Horse; Equine Nutrition.

BSc/BSc (Hons) Equine Science and Management

Please see page 19 for full details of this new degree course.
Horticulture, Landscaping and Garden Design

Highly practical and industry-approved, a qualification in Garden Design, Landscaping, Horticulture or Horticulture with Plantsmanship will allow you to enter one of the largest and fastest growing employment sectors in the UK and beyond. Graduates will be equipped with the practical skills necessary for continued successful employability.

REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC

- SRUC offers extensive practical facilities including large hard landscape workshop, extensive campus grounds, greenhouses, gardens, workshops, design studios and landscaped areas.
- 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, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, The UK Skills organisation, Glasgow City Council and Gardening Scotland.
- Year after year SRUC students win major prizes at Gardening Scotland, the country’s premier show of horticultural excellence.
- Students 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 YOU DO?

A qualification in Garden Design, Landscaping, Horticulture, or the more specialist Horticulture with Plantsmanship can open up a wide range of career possibilities – from garden designers, labourers, maintenance workers, gardeners, design and build operatives to contract managers and estimators; many successful students now run their own small businesses.

Some graduates 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.

LEARNING AT SRUC

At SRUC we firmly believe that as well as having an in-depth and thorough knowledge of the Horticulture and Landscaping industry graduates must also be equipped with the practical skills necessary for continued successful employability.

Horticulturists of all disciplines must have a multitude of skills including; science, technology, design, plant knowledge and excellent practical abilities. At SRUC these skills are enhanced via experienced tutors, industry visits, real-life projects and students benefit from studying in an institute renowned for its research and consultancy to industry.

The horticulture and landscaping industry contributes over £10 billion to the UK economy each year and employs over 300,000 people.
SRUC offers the following opportunities in the subject area of Horticulture and Landscaping:

- SVQ Production Horticulture at SCQF Level 5 and 6
- SVQ Landscaping at SCQF Level 5 and 6
- SVQ Parks, Gardens and Green Spaces at SCQF Level 6
- SVQ Horticulture at SCQF Level 5

These opportunities vary depending on the qualification.

**Access Course**
- NC Introduction to Horticulture
  - Duration: 1 year if studied full-time, or 2 years part-time
  - Campus: Elmwood
  - 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

**Level 5/6**
- NC Horticulture with Landscape Construction
- Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) Modern Apprenticeships
- Duration: 1 academic year
- Campus: Oatridge
- Requirements: Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 3 National 4s including English.
- How to apply: Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

**Level 7/8**
- HNC Landscape Management
- HNC Horticulture
- HND Horticulture
- HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship
- HND Garden Design

**Degree**
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantsmanship
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design

**Postgraduate**
- MSc Sustainable Plant Health

**NC Horticulture with Landscape Construction**

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, plant husbandry, tree and shrub planting, use of hand tools, lawns and lawn care, plant identification, soft landscaping, hard landscaping includes; surveying, use of basic equipment, bricklaying, block and stone work, fencing, paving, concreting, and woodworking.

**Example modules:** Introductory Horticulture; Hard Landscape Theory, Design and Construction; Right Plant; Right Place; Machinery Maintenance and Use.

**TERENCE FALLA**
- NC Horticulture with Landscape Construction

“I loved the landscaping part of my course the most; we learned about monoblocking and I was really intrigued with how in-depth the process is and all the different designs that were possible. I’ve been involved with Gardening Scotland this year as well, building a Show Garden with my lecturer and classmates which won a Silver Award at the show.”

Terence graduated in 2019 and has been accepted for an apprenticeship with OCS working in the royal parks and based in Hyde Park in London. Terence says: “I’m excited about moving down south, and continuing my learning from other experienced hands.”

“I won a Silver Award at Gardening Scotland this year as well.”

**How to apply**
- Direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/horticulture
**NC Horticulture**

The course content reflects current trends in the industry and provides you with the recognised skills and knowledge to develop your career. It encourages you to improve practical skills and techniques whilst widening your understanding and identification of plants. This course is designed to meet the needs of those 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, machinery, estate maintenance, plant nutrition, plant husbandry, introductory garden design, plant identification, lawns and lawn care.

**Example modules:**
- Introduction to Plant and Soil Science
- Introductory Horticulture
- The Growing Process
- Right Plant: Right Place
- Machinery Maintenance

**How to apply**

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

**Campuses**
- Barony, Elmwood, Oatridge

**DURATION**
- 1 year if studied full-time, or 2 years part-time at the Oatridge campus

**Entry Requirements**

Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 5 National 4s including English. Applicants with a mature attitude who are seeking a change in career will be assessed individually.

**SVQ Horticulture (Production and Amenity)**

These qualifications (offered at SCQF Level 5 and Level 6) are designed to equip trainees with the core skills necessary for a career within the Horticulture industry in production or amenity situations. The Horticultural sector offers diverse employment opportunities including garden centres, plant nurseries, soft fruit and general crop production.

The courses cover a wide range of topics 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 a business environment, establish crops and plants, prepare growing media and assist with the control of pests, diseases and disorders.

**Example modules:**
- Retail
- Propagation
- Crop Maintenance
- Production Horticulture

**How to apply**

Full-time study: via UCAS using code [62K](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Campuses**
- Elwood

**DURATION**
- 1 academic year if studied full-time, 2 years block release

**Entry Requirements**

If full-time, direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

For block-release, contact SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**HNC Landscape Management**

Throughout the course you will develop your landscaping, construction and horticultural experience and increase your practical, design and scientific skills. You will gain transferable business skills and will develop practical skills and knowledge for the landscape industry through the study of specialist modules in hard landscaping and surveying.

The practical content of the course is taught both in our extensive ornamental campus grounds and on various other sites local to the college where we work with community partners to complete real tasks including tree planting, bulb naturalising, beddying display, hedge trimming, garden design, and more.

**Example modules:**
- Design, Process & Composition in the Landscape
- Practical Landscaping
- Horticulture: Plant Recognition
- Soil Management: Constructing Hard Landscape Features

**How to apply**

Full-time study: via UCAS using code [298K](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

Part-time study: direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Campuses**
- Oatridge

**DURATION**
- 1 year if studied full-time

**Entry Requirements**

2 Highers at GC, 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 comparable 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.

**HND Horticulture**

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 as well as scientific organisations.

The course affords the opportunity to tailor specific interests by offering elective modules in the second year allowing students a degree of flexibility to meet career aspirations or personal interests. These are from Gardens and Greenspace, for careers in gardening and landscaping, or Production Horticulture where modules concentrate on careers in fruit or vegetable production, greenhouse protected edible crop production or ornamental plant production.

**Example modules:**
- Advanced Plant Propagation
- Hardy Ornamental Nursery Production
- Landscape Management & Maintenance
- Soils and Plant Nutrition
- Plants for Gardens: Specialised Plantings

**How to apply**

Full-time study: via UCAS using code [910D](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

Part-time study: direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Campuses**
- Edinburgh, Glasgow

**DURATION**
- 2 years if studied full-time

**Entry Requirements**

2 Highers at GC, including a science subject. Applicants should be able to offer National 5 (A-C) level or equivalent pass in English (for literacy) and in Maths (for numeracy). Examples of comparable qualifications can be found on page 100. 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.

**HND Horticulture with Plantmanship**

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 a good appreciation of botanical issues relevant to horticulture today and develop practical skills through the development of a 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.

**Example modules:**
- Plant Classification and Systematics
- Designing and Managing Plant Collections
- Landscape Design History
- Ecology and Conservation

**How to apply**

Full-time study: via UCAS using code [282D](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

Part-time study: direct to SRUC via [www.sruc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses)

**Campuses**
- Edinburgh

**DURATION**
- 2 years if studied full-time

**Entry Requirements**

2 Highers at GC, 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 comparable qualifications can be found on page 100. 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.
BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture

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.

Example modules: Vegetable and Fruit Production; Global Horticulture; Horticultural Plant Physiology; Landscape Horticulture; Multipurpose Woodland Management.

Mari Mac Ritchie  BSc Horticulture

Mari chose to study Horticulture at SRUC having completed a practical horticulture course at Glasgow Botanic Gardens through RBGE. Mari loved it so much that she decided to take her studies further.

“After completing the HND in Garden Design I designed a garden for a client in the holidays but decided this year to go back to the Horticulture course to get more knowledge on plant physiology and protection; I’m now studying the Horticulture degree at the Edinburgh campus. I want to have a small business in Millport where I can advise people how to select and grow plants that are suitable for their gardens and include both Horticulture and Garden Design.”

“My advice to prospective SRUC students is don’t leave everything till the last minute, I am quite slow with writing reports and drawings so felt if I gave myself plenty of time I could achieve the deadlines. Life on campus is great, I have everything I need you need you can normally find. Will I was there I also visited the laboratories where students can develop their own research.”

BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantsmanship

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 of 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.

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.

Example modules: Ethnobotany; Horticultural Plant Physiology; Horticultural Taxonomy; Victorian Horticulture; Conservation of Gardens and Designed Landscapes.

WILL PURDOM  BSc (Hons) HORTICULTURE WITH PLANTSMANSHIP

Will, from Lowestoft in Suffolk, decided to study Horticulture with Plantmanship at SRUC to broaden his knowledge of the industry.

“The reason for studying the course was to further my knowledge within the horticultural sector, especially on plants grown in Botanical gardens and the legislation and laws around wild collecting as well as starting to exhibit and rare flora, called Botanico. Other than sending out many parcels we are also developing a new nursery, our own micropropagation facilities as well as starting to exhibit at many horticultural shows such as ones run by the Royal Horticultural Society.”

“Whilst studying at SRUC the laboratories where you get to work was a key highlight, offering some of the latest up-to-date scientific breakthroughs within the horticultural sector. The facilities at SRUC are very good, anything you need you can normally find. When I was there I also visited the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.”

“Whenever I visit the Botanico I am amazed by the range of high-quality plants they grow and the dedication of the staff. I advise students wishing to join the Horticulture with Plantmanship course would be to use your time wisely and do more than the course, study your interest.”
HNC Garden Design

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, including graphics, surveying and planting design.

Example modules:
- Design Process and Composition in the Landscape
- Landscape Graphic Design
- Designing Gardens
- Planting Design
- Fundamentals of Landscape Surveying

How to apply:
- Full-time study: via UCAS using code K64W
- Part-time study: direct to SRUC via www.sruc.ac.uk/courses

Entry requirements:
- 2 Highers at C/D 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 comparable qualifications can be found on page 100. 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.

Example modules:
- Garden Design Practice
- Landscape Design History
- IT in Landscape Design and Management
- Plants for Gardens: Specialised planting; Show Gardens.
- Environmental Aspects for Garden and Greenspace Design
- Advanced Techniques in Digital Media

BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design

This course opens students up to the world of landscape design at a range of scales from the domestic garden to public greenspace and the wider environment. The creation and management of successful greenspace is becoming ever more important as more and more of us live in cities and we are faced with increasing environmental pressure.

In the first two years of the degree you will study the fundamentals of garden design alongside those on the HND Garden Design course. Year three opens with the exciting opportunity to visit a foreign destination as part of the International Design Project module, and the approach of supporting classroom teaching with working out of the lecture theatre into the wider landscape continues throughout the course, with site visits to parks and open spaces, augmented by involvement in projects with real clients. In the final year of the honours degree students research relevant topics of their choosing in the field of landscape design.

Example modules:
- Advanced Techniques in Digital Media
- Environmental Aspects for Garden and Greenspace Design
- International Design Project
- Garden and Open Space Management
- World Climate Zones and Ornamental Plants

The first year of the HND follows the HNC course, developing competence and knowledge in design, project management, construction, planting, communication, and horticulture.

Garden design and business skills are further developed in the second year. By the end of your course you will have been exposed to all aspects of the design and construction of gardens as well as the principles of garden design, history and the context of design within society and environmental conditions.

Example modules:
- Garden Design Practice
- Landscape Design History
- IT in Landscape Design and Management
- Plants for Gardens: Specialised planting; Show Gardens

Each year our students are involved in Gardening Scotland, the country’s premier show of horticultural excellence, with students designing and work not only being on display to the 50,000 visitors to the show each year, but winning numerous awards, medals and public and industry recognition.
Professional Cookery

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, product development, speciality bars and bistros, food manufacturing and food safety to name just a few.

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.
- 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.
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WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD YOU DO?
Successful Professional Cookery students can find employment in a variety of positions ranging from Commis Chef to Head Chef and 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. HND graduates have successfully secured employment at Andrew Fairlie at Gleneagles. Some students also become self-employed.

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 students’ learning experience.
Feast of Opportunities for SRUC Hospitality Students

SRUC Hospitality students gain a wealth of experience during their time at Elmwood, from competing in national competitions to enjoying a two-week work placement in France. Students enjoy regular industry visits, tasting events and study trips.

Students are also encouraged to participate in local food and drink events, even supporting celebrity chefs at live demonstrations. The student experience in the Elmwood hospitality department is very much enhanced by working with external bodies to organise and cater for functions, from small family occasions to large scale corporate events.

Elmwood regularly works with Macmillan Cancer Research, The Deer Society, The Coeliac Society, Savour St Andrews, Scottish Natural Heritage and Scotland’s Natural Larder. Training facilities within the department include two state of the art kitchens, bakery, training bistro and restaurant, situated on the top floor of the main campus building, offering stunning views across rural North East Fife.

The restaurant is open during term time to the public and students gain valuable experience both in the kitchen and front of house.

WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Scottish Vocational Qualifications and Modern Apprenticeships provide those who are in employment the opportunity to gain qualifications whilst at work. The amount you need to attend college can vary depending on the qualification.

SRUC offers the following opportunities in the subject area of Professional Cookery:

- SVQ Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 6
- SVQ Professional Cookery at SCQF Level 5
- Level 7/8 HNC Professional Cookery
- Level 6 HND Professional Cookery
- Level 5/6 Professional Cookery
- Modern Apprenticeships

Modern Apprenticeships can be achieved by completing these courses plus two enrichments which could include Food Hygiene and Health and Safety at Work Certificates. Students are in employment the opportunity to gain qualifications whilst at work. The amount you need to attend college can vary depending on the qualification.

PROGRESSION - KEEP GROWING WITH SRUC

SRUC offers many different academic levels of course, and you can progress from one to another to create your own learning pathway, joining us at whatever level is most appropriate for your experience and qualifications, and leaving us when you have reached your potential or career goals.

You can find more information about entry requirements for each course both in this prospectus and on our website.

After successfully achieving the HND:

Abertay University for entry into year 2 BSc (Hons) Food Nutrition and Health
Abertay University for entry into year 2 BSc (Hons) Food and Consumer Science

Professional Cookery Level 1 Diploma

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

The qualifications are gained at 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.

Example modules: Prepare and Cook Foods by baking; Roasting and grilling; Cold Food Preparation; Introduction to Employability in the Catering and Hospitality Industry; Introduction to Events; REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene.

HOW TO APPLY

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

Entry Requirements

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

Duration

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

Professional Cookery Level 2 Diploma

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 the 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, food safety in catering, applying workplace skills and preparing and cooking stock, soups and sauces. 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.

Example modules: Produce and Cook Desserts and Puddings; Prepare and Cook Meat and Offal; Catering Operations, Costs and Menu Planning; Healthier Foods Special Diet; Barista Qualification.

HOW TO APPLY

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

Entry Requirements

Applicants are normally expected to have a minimum of 2 National 4s and 2 National 5s including English and Maths, or have completed the Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery.

Duration

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

www.sruc.ac.uk/hospitality
Catherine Devaney from Cupar, set up her own bespoke event catering business, Harper & Lime after completing the Professional Cookery Level 2 Diploma at the Elmwood Campus.

Catherine wanted to return to education after a previous career in law and a break to have children. Although location was a big factor, it was a visit to the department that helped to make her mind up. “The friendliness, enthusiasm and professionalism of the lecturers and a fantastic reputation in the industry, with links to top restaurants in the area and the opportunity to work with Michelin starred chefs and gain industry experience was a real draw.”

“I was part of a team of students that helped cook a St Andrews Day Dinner for over 100 people at The Old Course Hotel, alongside chefs from top restaurants in the area. In preparation for that Geoffrey Smellie, renowned Michelin starred chef, spent a day in the college restaurant kitchen with us. It was such a privilege to have the opportunity to learn from a chef of that calibre.”

As well as running her business Catherine still finds time to write a regular food column in The Courier and takes commissions for food writing and photography.

Throughout the course you will develop your culinary skills to an advanced level and gain 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.

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

Example modules: Management of Food and Beverage Operations; Hospitality Financial Accounting; Gastronomy; Scottish Licensing Law; Kitchen Planning and Design.

Themes training restaurant

The training restaurant within SRUC’s Elmwood Campus is situated on the top floor of the main campus building. It offers a commanding view over the beautiful Fife countryside, a licensed bar and seating for over 50 diners.

The facilities for students include two state of the art training kitchens, a bakery and bistro, alongside the restaurant. The restaurant and bistro, run by the Professional Cookery students, are open to local residents and cater for all dietary requirements.
There are more than 14,000 Registered Veterinary Nurses in the UK.

**Veterinary Nursing**

Veterinary Nursing is a career that involves planning and providing care for a wide variety of patients; mainly dogs, cats, rabbits and other small mammals but also birds, reptiles and horses. Some vet 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.

**REASONS TO CHOOSE SRUC**

- A range of excellent facilities for practical work including clinical skills areas for theatre preparation, operating, recovery and diagnostic imaging.
- Dedicated Animal Care Training Centres with housing for many small animals, reptiles, birds and horses on site. BSc/BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing also utilises Barony’s dairy, beef and sheep farm and South of Scotland Wildlife Hospital.
- Staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas. Qualifications include RVN, MRCVS and MSc level as well as recognised teaching qualifications, and all staff undertake continuing professional development. SRUC’s top researchers teach many of the Honours year modules.
- 100% of our Higher Education Veterinary Nursing graduates and 100% of our Level 3 Diploma students secured employment at the end of their studies.
- The Animal Nursing Assistant course and Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistant incorporate work experience, which enhances knowledge and the learning experience, giving real insight into the industry.
- Visits, study tours and external speakers are included where appropriate and are important for studies.
- Opportunity to participate in Gap Africa student group trips to South Africa with a range of activities including conservation, veterinary treatment and game capture for relocation along with community work.

www.sruc.ac.uk/vetnursing
There are currently more than 5,000 veterinary premises spread throughout the UK.

WHAT TYPE OF JOB COULD YOU DO?
There are many opportunities to develop your career in veterinary nursing.
• RVNs may specialise in an area of veterinary nursing practice that interests them or in referral practices, emergency or veterinary/university hospitals.
• RVNs can also undertake further studies and gain advanced qualifications in various subject areas e.g. medicine, surgery, exotics, behaviour and emergency and critical care.
• Many veterinary nurses follow a career pathway that leads to senior nurse level, head nurse and also practice management or ownership.
• Often experienced nurses are involved in training student nurses in a vet training practice by becoming a Clinical Coach or a tutor or lecturer.
• Industry roles may involve pharmaceutical companies, pet foods, nutrition, and insurance companies.

Veterinary Terminology

ABC Level 2 Certificate Animal Nursing Assistant

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, paraclinical, nutrition, reception and communication skills. Four weeks work experience is also included within the course.

Example modules: Companion Animal Anatomy & Physiology; Provide Feed & Water to Animals; Deliver Basic Treatments; Animal Biology (SCQF Level 7).

Group Award

This group award will be suitable to be delivered to NC Animal Care and those who have successfully completed the Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Care Assistants (VCA) or the Level 2 Certificate Animal Nursing Assistant. It provides a level of study to prepare for entry onto the BSc in Veterinary Nursing.

Example modules: Veterinary Terminology (SCQF level 6); Animal Biology (SCQF Level 7).

See also...
If you would like to study subjects relating to animals, then you may also find the Animal Care, Animal Science or Horse Care sections of the prospectus of interest.
If you are looking to pursue a career as a veterinary care assistant, this is an ideal course. It leads to a nationally recognised Level 2 Diploma, takes one year and will provide you with an introduction to the principles of animal nursing and care.

You will cover 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 a 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 assistant, as well as for further study.

Example modules: Animal Handling and Care; Assisting with Care in the Veterinary Environment; Administrative Duties in Veterinary Care Environment.

DURATION: 2.5 years if studied full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
- Applicants are expected to have a minimum of 5 National 5s (A-C) or equivalent in English, maths and science. A minimum of 150 core hours per week experience in an approved Training Practice is required. Those attending the full-time course will benefit from placement experience at the Small Animal Hospital at Glasgow University Veterinary School in addition to a Veterinary Training Practice.
- Candidates are required to spend recordable practical training time in an approved Training Practice. Those attending the full-time course will benefit from placement experience at the Small Animal Hospital at Glasgow University Veterinary School in addition to a Veterinary Training Practice.

HOW TO APPLY:
- Direct to SRUC via www.sru.ac.uk/courses

A range of topics will be covered during the course including Communication, Anatomy and Physiology, Infection control, Practical Veterinary Nursing Care; Laboratory Techniques, Practical Veterinary Nursing Care, Laboratory Techniques, Diagnostic Imaging, Supply of Veterinary Medicines, Nursing Support of Small Animals, Anaesthesia and Preparing for Professional Registration.

You will develop knowledge and skills while in placement and during practical sessions. Practical training progress and assessment is recorded on an on-line Nursing Progress Log.

This course enables certificated candidates with successful completion of external exams, to apply for registration as a Registered Veterinary Nurse with the RCVS provided the recommended number of training hours has been achieved.

Example modules: Applied Animal Welfare; Health & Hospitality for Veterinary Nurses; Infection Control in Veterinary Practice; Supporting the supply of Veterinary Medicines; Veterinary Operating Theatre Practice; Preparing for Professional Registration.

DURATION: 2.5 years if studied full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
- Applicants are expected to have a minimum of 5 National 5s (A-C) or equivalent in English, maths and science. A minimum of 150 core hours per week experience in an approved Training Practice is required. Those attending the full-time course will benefit from placement experience at the Small Animal Hospital at Glasgow University Veterinary School in addition to a Veterinary Training Practice.
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LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA VETERINARY NURSING

FAY CARRISON LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA VETERINARY NURSING

Fay Carrison loves being a student vet nurse. She started her career as a structural designer in the oil and gas industry but following the birth of her children decided she wanted to pursue to follow a career she could be truly passionate about to make her children proud. Fay completed the National Certificate in Animal Care in 2018 and after completing several work placements in veterinary practices, she was required to be accepted into the Level 3 Diploma at Cradockton campus in Aberdeen. “I remember coming home from my first placement in a veterinary practice feeling like I had found my calling in life. It was a very pivotal moment motivating me hugely and this continues to this day.

“I enjoy the course so much as the tutors are always coming up with new ways to complement the learning environment.” Her favourite classes are anatomy and physiology, diagnostic procedures and ethics, although she also enjoys working in the laboratory during work placement, which involves taking and preparing samples for examination, examining samples and reporting the findings to the veterinary surgeon.”

“Craibstone is a brilliant campus which is hugely supportive of the students. It is an inclusive community with good facilities and is close to Aberdeen. The campus has multiple breakout areas where you can sit and relax, but also meeting rooms in the library for some quiet collaboration with your class. I enjoy that we are in practice three days per week as this allows us to build on what we have learned in class in a practical environment.”

“Finally, there is absolutely nothing anyone can say to prepare you for the intensity of this course but I wouldn’t trade it for the world. I have been lucky enough to get to experience embracing and some basic farm work, along with working in a referrals hospital, mixed practice and small animal practice. I work alongside some of the most amazing people, get taught by knowledgeable and passionate tutors and my class is filled with inspirational, kind and supportive individuals.”

“I can’t wait to see what the future holds for me.”
Scotland’s Rural College

Locally connected, nationally respected, and of global importance.

The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals are important, world-changing objectives that will require cooperation among governments, international organisations and world leaders. It seems impossible that the average person can make an impact, but change starts with you. Every human on earth is part of the solution.

www.un.org

Why choose SRUC?
• Scotland’s national provider of college and university level education in the land-based sector
• A choice of campuses in locations across Scotland
• Research excellence
• Extensive links with industry
• Real-life case studies and site visits 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

“Make a difference”

Whether your passion is for business, science, food, engineering, golf, plants, animals, sustainability, the environment, or just the great outdoors, you will find courses at SRUC tailored to meet the needs of a whole range of rural and land-based industries.

Our courses support local ambitions and global issues; environmental impact, food miles, sustainable communities, water and energy management, and climate action all impact on all our lives, and are of importance whether you have ambitions to manage a golf course or a farm, or run your own business or run the country.

Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC) is a specialist institution offering college and university level courses which relate to the ways in which we make use of the land and vital natural resources which surround us. SRUC’s courses consider the innovative science that supports land-based and rural industries, the way they interact with and support the environment around them, and the businesses that rely on them – from agriculture to veterinary nursing, and a huge variety of relevant topics in between.

“Our natural world has never felt so contested or at risk. We live in a time of unparalleled challenge to climate and biodiversity. Yet, paradoxically, it is nature that holds the key to sustainable economic growth and supporting technologies founded on renewable sources. Across our ever more inter-connected world, science and technology are finding solutions to grand challenges such as climate change and food security. For solutions to work, investment, collaboration and new ways of applying knowledge are required.”

Professor Wayne Powell, BSc, MSc, PhD, DSc, FLSW, FRSE
SRUC Principal & Chief Executive

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Learning at SRUC

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.

We want to ensure that you develop the necessary academic knowledge in your chosen subject area together with the transferrable 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 to meet with experts working in your field.

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 your 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 assessment.

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.
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.

Distance learning courses make use of a number of online delivery and discussion methods. In order to be able to interact successfully with the course, you will usually need a minimum standard of internet connection and computer equipment.

Further details can be found on our website: www.sruc.ac.uk/distancelearning
Progression: Achieving your goals

At SRUC we have created progression pathways through many of our courses and subject areas.

Those students who have the appropriate Higher level school qualifications are able to apply for a degree course, and will study with us for 3-4 years until they graduate, just like with any other university.

Some of our students however, may take different routes through the courses offered. Some, for example, may apply initially for a HNC or HND course, and choose to continue onto a degree once they have completed those first 1-2 years. Other students begin on college level qualifications such as NCs or Certificates, and decide to stay with us, progressing from one level of study to the next.

All our courses have been mapped against the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) to help you compare the academic level of study – you can see these listed in the table on page 100. These levels will help you to plot a study pathway from one level of course to another.

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.

"I am currently in my fourth year of the course but cannot express how grateful I am to SRUC to allow me to study flexibly. I work full-time but the support received on the course to fit into classes is second to none. The course teaches a variety of modules which have all enhanced my knowledge and helped me within my job. The modules also include case studies which take you to outside organisations which is something unique about SRUC."

NICOLA CLARK | RURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT STUDENT

SRUC offers a number of opportunities for studying our courses alongside other school qualifications. For example Rural Skills or similar programmes at SCQF Level 4 and 5 can be delivered in school or on-campus. We are also able to Higher Qualifications such as Geography, Biology and Environmental Science. Please contact the schools coordinator at your nearest campus for more information.

"I started at SRUC in 2011, after leaving high school, as I was unsure of what I wanted to do though I knew I wanted to work with animals. I was recommended to look at courses offered by the college and I became very interested in the animal science course. Unfortunately, I did not have the grades to meet the requirements for the Animal Science degree, though I was very lucky to be accepted into the HNC Bioscience. I was very excited to join SRUC as after talking to other students who were attending I realised the hands-on style of education that was on offer."

"When I started at SRUC I was rubbish at studying and had spent my high school education struggling and being told to just focus and work harder. At SRUC the lecturing staff listened to me and advised me to go for an educational assessment. It turns out that I am one of the many individuals who have dyslexia. SRUC gave me the support, time and care to help me learn how I can work with my dyslexia. Most importantly they gave me confidence and never once looked at it like it would hold me back in any way."

"I am now still with SRUC and working towards the completion of my PhD. I am looking forward excitedly to my future opportunities. I would love to stay with SRUC and progress my education. Hopefully through this I will be able to share my passion."

JILLIAN GORDON | RESEARCHER

Jillian Gordon enrolled for one year at SRUC and stayed on to study a PhD.
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 other 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 can provide you with further information or pick up a copy of our Work-based Learning Guide 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 course which combine college studies with industry-specific skills training and certification. Modern Apprenticeships (MA) usually require you to have at least 3 or 4 National 4s from school. 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 few and the number of subjects available is expanding – you study either 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.

“I would certainly recommend doing a modern apprenticeship to others.”

Daniel was offered a Modern Apprenticeship by Minto Golf Club in the Scottish Borders, and studied part-time for an SVQ in Sports Turf Management. During his time at SRUC’s Elmwood Campus in Fife, Daniel was also one of five finalists in the inaugural Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award.

“I decided to do the Modern Apprenticeship course rather than a full-time course as I was gaining experience whilst working, as well as undertaking the college work” said Daniel.

“It has helped me in my career because I have gained the qualifications but have also gained valuable experience in a working environment. This has given me a far wider understanding of greenkeeping, rather than just completing a full-time course at college.”

“I would certainly recommend doing a modern apprenticeship to others,” said Daniel. “It allows you to gain qualifications whilst getting paid and also gives you more experience in the workplace.”

It proved to be a good move for Daniel, who was subsequently offered a job as an Assistant Greenkeeper at SCHLOSS Rothesay Hotel and Golf Course.

SRUC Skills Training

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.

Enhancing your skills

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 industries 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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Apprenticeships

Modern Apprenticeships and the new Foundation and Graduate level Apprenticeships are specific forms of work-based learning course which combine college studies with industry-specific skills training and certification. Modern Apprenticeships (MA) usually require you to have at least 3 or 4 National 4s from school. 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 few and the number of subjects available is expanding – you study either 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.

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Daniel was offered a Modern Apprenticeship by Minto Golf Club in the Scottish Borders, and studied part-time for an SVQ in Sports Turf Management. During his time at SRUC’s Elmwood Campus in Fife, Daniel was also one of five finalists in the inaugural Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award.

“I decided to do the Modern Apprenticeship course rather than a full-time course as I was gaining experience whilst working, as well as undertaking the college work” said Daniel.

“It has helped me in my career because I have gained the qualifications but have also gained valuable experience in a working environment. This has given me a far wider understanding of greenkeeping, rather than just completing a full-time course at college.”

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It proved to be a good move for Daniel, who was subsequently offered a job as an Assistant Greenkeeper at SCHLOSS Rothesay Hotel and Golf Course.

SRUC Skills Training

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.

Enhancing your skills

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 industries offer.

Training can be tailored to your individual requirements to enhance the skills of your workforce and further develop your business.

Visit: www.sruc.ac.uk/training or contact training@sruc.ac.uk

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LAND-BASED MACHINERY OPERATION
- Tractor, Fork Lift, ATV, Plant Machinery
- PESTICIDE APPLICATION
- Foundation, Vehicle Mounted and Hand-held Sprayers (PA1, PA2 and PA6)
- AGRICULTURE
- Agronomy and Crop Protection
- LIVESTOCK
- Animal Transportation, Cattle Foot Trimming, Veterinary Medicines, Managing Matilis, Lambing
- CHAINSAW OPERATION
- Safety, Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling 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 & ESTATE MAINTENANCE
- Mowers, Hedge Trimmers, Pole Pruning, Brushcutters
- WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY
- First Aid, Manual Handling, Risk Assessment
- WORKSHOP SKILLS
- Welding, Abrasive Wheels, Airconditioning and Blacksmithing
- HOSPITALITY
- Food Hygiene, HACCP and Hazard Analysis, Personal Licence Holder
Postgraduate study at SRUC

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.

SRUC's taught postgraduate courses cover a wide range of industries and topics, such as agriculture, biological and plant sciences, animal science and welfare, environmental protection and global challenges of the future. Some of our programmes are delivered full-time, while others are offered by part-time distance learning.

SRUC also undertakes extensive nationally and internationally recognised research in a number of areas. Visiting our website is the best way to find out more about our work.

www.sruc.ac.uk/postgraduate

TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE COURSES

MSC/PGDIP AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
Developed by SRUC to meet an identified need for postgraduate qualified people in the agricultural sector.

MSC ANIMAL NUTRITION DISTANCE LEARNING
To provide students with knowledge and understanding of the principles and practices of animal nutrition in production and companion animals.

MSC APPLIED ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND ANIMAL WELFARE
A course with an international reputation offering a degree that will further your career in the animal behaviour and welfare community.

MSC ANIMAL NUTRITION
This degree is unique to SRUC and is currently the only specialised MSc in animal nutrition in the UK.

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MSC/PGDIP APPLIED POULTRY SCIENCE
The EU poultry sector is highly efficient, using sophisticated technologies, requiring graduates and postgraduates.

MSC BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS
Learn about the role that economics can play in the design and implementation of sustainable policies for ecosystem management.

MSC FOOD SECURITY
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Applying current science and research in animal, plant, and environmental health in relation to the human food chain.

MSC GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
Addressing complex challenges in food systems to sustainably improve food availability, access, and nutrition.

MSC INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE ETHICS AND LAW
Delivered by researchers and teachers from both SRUC and the Jeanne Marcig International Centre for Animal Welfare.

MSC SOILS AND SUSTAINABILITY
This programme focuses on food security concerns food production systems, supply chain development, patterns of inequality, and the exchange value of commodities.

MSC/MSCOPD ORGANIC FARMING
This degree is unique to SRUC and is currently the only specialised MSc in Organic Farming in the UK.

MSC VETERINARY EPIZOOTIOLOGY
This innovative MSc addresses the global grand challenges of animal health and food security.

MSC/PGDIP WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SRUC accepts a wide range of qualifications as appropriate for entry to our courses. 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, including syllabus, and the course they wish to apply for so that advice may be given.

All teaching, learning materials, and assessments are in English, competency in written, spoken and the understanding of English must be demonstrated. SRUC follows the Academic IELTS exam as proof of English language level. 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 provide all necessary information to the Home Office to enable a Tier 4 visa to be issued. Please note that under current regulations, your course must be full-time and at least SCoE 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 becomes unconditional.

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 and can be subject to change, so we only print limited information here in our prospectus. For the most up-to-date guidance, please visit our website.

www.sruc.ac.uk/internationalstudents

VISAS AND IMMIGRATION

The UK operates 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 16 and intending to study on a 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.

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Joining the SRUC family

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.

While studying with us, you may receive support for your studies or travel funded by donations from SRUC’s alumni community. Visit the alumni website to see the benefits available to SRUC alumni, and sign up for our newsletter to keep in touch with some great stories of what people like you have gone on to do after college. We look forward to welcoming you!

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.

Our typical entry requirements for degree study are BBCC at Scottish Higher, or BCC at A-Level (or comparable qualifications).

SRUC undergraduate degree courses: Studying a Degree at SRUC

- BSc/BSc (Hons) Agricultural Technology*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Agriculture
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Animal Welfare and Behaviour*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Companion Animal Science*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Environmental Management*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Equine Science and Management*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Garden and Greenspace Design
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantmanship
- BA/BA (Hons) Rural Business Management
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Sustainable Food Production and Land Use*
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Wildlife and Conservation Management*

SRUC works with partner universities to give you access to prestigious university degrees. Depending on your subject, our degrees are awarded by the University of Glasgow or the University of Edinburgh.

We highly value our close links with these ancient Scottish universities both of which are among the best in the world, giving you a degree with international recognition.

SRUC is also proud of its strong links with the University of Edinburgh’s Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security, and the University of Edinburgh’s School of Geosciences and Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, delivering our expertise into partner courses.
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:

Q: What do I need to apply for the course I want to study?
A: You’ll need qualifications, a personal statement and a reference. For some courses you may also need to come to an interview or provide evidence of relevant work or voluntary experience. If English is not your first language, you will normally need to provide evidence of your English language skills through qualifications. We call these our entry requirements (see page 100 and below).

You also need to apply on time. For degree and HND courses, you should ideally apply before the 15th January prior to the start of your course. You apply for these courses through UCAS if you want to study full-time. We do accept “late” applications, after the 15th January, but some courses may already be full once the first round of applications have been processed. For all other courses, or for part-time study, you should apply directly through SRUC’s website. Other courses may have application deadlines – these will be clear on the course information page on the website. In general, the sooner you apply, the less likely the course will already be full, though some courses are able to take applications right up until the start date of the course.

Q: Am I a widening access student?
A: We aim to identify each applicant’s full talent and potential and look beyond grades to do this. We consider you to be a widening access student if you:
• have successfully completed a pre-entry programme;
• live in a target postcode area; or
• are care experienced or a young carer.

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.

Q: What qualifications and grades do I need?
A: The qualifications or grades you need will vary by course. They may also depend on whether you are a widening access or ‘mature’ student.

In this prospectus we list the entry requirements for each of our courses. Below is an example of how this information is presented:

The application process for full-time and part-time courses:

APPLY

APPLICATION REVIEWED

OFFER

ACCEPT

UNSUCCESSFUL

DECLINE

CONSIDER

ALTERNATIVE

COURSE START

DO YOU WANT TO STUDY?

PART-TIME

FULL-TIME

WHILE AT WORK

WORK-BASED LEARNING

DO YOU WANT TO STUDY?

OTHER COURSE, NOT DEGREE, HND OR HNC COURSE

DEGREE, HND OR HNC COURSE

DISCUSS WITH YOUR EMPLOYER
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.

When to apply

Applications for courses starting in September 2021 will open in late October 2020 and will remain open until the course starts, as long as there are places still available.

Find your course

The easiest way to apply for a course is on our website. Find your course at www.sruc.ac.uk/courses and choose the Apply Now option. You will be able to apply online for one course along with a reserve choice (which will only be looked at if your first choice is unsuccessful).

Apply

On the online application form you will need to complete information about your qualifications and experience, and a personal statement about why you would like to do the course. You also need to provide us with the contact details of two referees. If you have any problems completing the form online, please contact us – paper application forms are also available.

FAQs

You can save the content of the form mid-way through if you need to leave and come back to it – just remember your login details.

Your personal statement is important and is read by the admissions staff – it should try to let us know why you want to study the course and show us that you have a realistic idea of what the course is about.

References

If you are at school then your teachers can provide references for you. If you are no longer at school, choose referees who are not family members but who know you well and can vouch for your suitability for the course – e.g. a current employer/manager. Please make sure you ask them before you give us their contact details.

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.

Interview

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.

If your interview has been unsuccessful you will receive a letter from us to let you know.

Review

Your application will be reviewed to see if the course you have applied for is suitable for you. If your application is successful you may 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.

You will be considered for your first choice and your reserve will only be looked at if your first choice is unsuccessful. If your application has been unsuccessful you will receive a letter from us to let you know.

Interview

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.

If you are successful at this stage you will get either an offer or an invitation to an interview.

After the interview, if we are able to offer you a place on the course, you will receive a “conditional” or “unconditional” offer by letter.

If your offer is unconditional, that means you have met all our entry requirements.

If it’s a conditional offer, you will have to meet specified requirements before your place is confirmed – achieving grades in your exams for example.

If your offer is conditional you will be sent a letter to let you know.

Accept

If we have offered you a place, you must reply to the offer we have sent you within 14 days.

As we get nearer to the course start date, please make sure you keep in touch with us. e.g. let us know the results of any of your exam/qualifications you have been waiting for, and notify us of any change in contact details.

Let us know at any point if your circumstances have changed and you no longer want your place on the course – others will be waiting to step in.

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

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:

Institution Name: SRUC
Institution Code: S01

Campus Location:

X – Aberdeen
Y – Ayr
B – Barony
Z – Edinburgh
E – Elmswood
G – Glasgow
O – Oatridge

Course Code:
The code for each course is listed in the course index at the back 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 or 8M1L.

WHEN TO APPLY

The first UCAS deadline for applications for courses starting in September 2021 is the 15th January 2021. SRUC will accept 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.

WHEN TO APPLY

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.

WHEN TO APPLY

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.

WHEN TO APPLY

Further advice on your application can be found on both the SRUC and UCAS websites.

WHEN TO APPLY

You will need someone to act as a referee for you – if you can’t get that person to provide one online, don’t worry. Enter their contact details and note on the application that the reference will follow. Email admissions@sruc.ac.uk with your details and the details of the referee and we will tie this up with your application.

WHEN TO APPLY

We only interview for particularly competitive courses, to give you the best chance of being offered one of the limited places. You will be sent full details if this applies to you.

WHEN TO APPLY

If we are able to offer you a place on the course, you will receive a “conditional” or “unconditional” offer. If your offer is conditional 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.

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How to Apply ... continued

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 (a small portion of a full-time course), you need to apply directly to SRUC. 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. We may also offer you entry into Year 2 of a degree course with certain A-Level or Advanced Higher qualifications. 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 on your application, please contact the department in advance of your application to discuss your position.

Do you need more help?
If you have any issues relating to an application, please contact SRUC via our Freephone number 0800 269 453 or by emailing admissions@sruc.ac.uk

These sections of the prospectus may also be of use:
- Different ways of studying: page 85.
- International students: page 91.
- Entry requirements: page 99.
- Comparable qualifications: page 100.

Entry Requirements
Our aim, like yours, is to place you on a course which is right for you. We are as flexible as we can be with our entry qualifications, while aiming to ensure that each student is able to achieve the required academic standard to be successful. Maturity, work experience and motivation are recognised as alternatives to formal qualifications wherever possible, and SRUC accepts a wide range of access-level and non-standard qualifications.

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. SRUC also recognise National 4/S and Higher ESOL in lieu of English where students have been attending school in Scotland.

Physical requirements
Many of SRUC’s courses are very practical and/or physical in nature. Some examples are given here for additional guidance. 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.

Examples include managing and working large and heavy machinery, working outdoors, bending and digging, building and carrying, construction and other manual activities, walking medium-long distances, handling knives or other implements, and handling potentially dangerous equipment or chemicals. Some courses have specific physical/practical standards which you must meet, for reasons of health and safety, in order to be offered a place on the course.

Horse Care/Equine Studies applicants may need to be a competent rider and also be physically able to handle and care for the horses. It is advised that all students feel they can offer relevant experience in place of qualifications are encouraged to contact the College to discuss their application.

Veterinary Nursing courses can be both physical in nature and emotionally demanding. Those with additional needs should note that the reasonable adjustments we are able to make for these courses are limited to those which will enable you to practice as a Veterinary Nurse. Disability guidance on the recruitment of veterinary nursing students and information on fitness to practice for student veterinary nurses can also be found at www.rcvs.org.uk

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.

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 comparable (see over). In certain circumstances applicants may be invited for interview to discuss their application further with SRUC staff.
Comparable Qualifications

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

**A-LEVELS:**
- 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.

**IRISH LEAVING CERTIFICATE:**
- Degree courses which require 4 Scottish Highers at BBCC, require 4 Irish Leaving Certificate subjects at Higher Level at H3, H3, H3, H3.
- HNC/D courses which require 2 Scottish Highers at CC, require 2 Leaving Certificate subjects at Higher Level at H3, H4.

Those offering alternative qualifications such as AVCE, Diplomas, SVQs, NVQs, National Certificates, 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.

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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. Please refer to the Student Support section (page 102) and Physical Requirements information (page 99) for more information or visit: 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 may be working 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.

www.sruc.ac.uk/study

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

EXCELLENCE THROUGH DIVERSITY
SRUC is committed to creating and sustaining a positive teaching and learning experience for our students, where everyone is equally valued and respected and students are encouraged to thrive academically. 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. For example, these barriers could be removed by making changes to provisions, criteria or practices, physical features or by introducing auxiliary aids for students. SRUC tries 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. Prospective students are encouraged to let SRUC know if they need to discuss adjustments, even if you are not sure, so you can be supported and the required reasonable adjustments made wherever possible. If you do not meet the course competence standards required and adjustments are not possible for your course of choice, staff will support you to consider other pathways. Please also refer to the information about physical (page 99) and additional (page 101) requirements within the Entry Requirements section.

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. For example, these barriers could be removed by making changes to provisions, criteria or practices, physical features or by introducing auxiliary aids for students. SRUC tries 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. Prospective students are encouraged to let SRUC know if they need to discuss adjustments, even if you are not sure, so you can be supported and the required reasonable adjustments made wherever possible. If you do not meet the course competence standards required and adjustments are not possible for your course of choice, staff will support you to consider other pathways. Please also refer to the information about physical (page 99) and additional (page 101) requirements within the Entry Requirements section.
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 whether you’ve had funding for study before.

How to ask for help:

• Email student.funding@sruc.ac.uk
• Visit www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding
• Contact the Funding Student Support Tutor at your chosen campus

This information is for guidance only and may be subject to change 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.

Accommodation is usually the biggest cost you will have to consider. It can be expensive if you are not living at home while studying. You can find some useful accommodation information on page 108. Aside from that, there are many online budget calculators which will help you plan for the costs you need to consider while studying – a good independent one is www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-budgeting-planner

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

Information for non-Scottish students

Full-time students from England, Wales or Northern Ireland may receive funding from their local authority. Please contact Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales or Student Finance NI as appropriate. You can also apply to SRUC for an RUK (Rest of the UK) bursary which will give you a reduction in your tuition fees. Further information can be found on our website www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding by clicking on the Undergraduate Courses link.

In common with most universities, SRUC charges different tuition fees depending on whether you are a Scottish, Rest of UK, EU or international student. Guidance on your fee status can be found on page 91. SRUC targets it is unable to offer any additional financial support to international students, who will be required to pay the full tuition fee rate even if they are in receipt of additional funding – please refer to the additional funding for current students section opposite. Additional advice for international students can be found on page 91.

Additional funding for current students

SRUC offers a number of different additional bursaries, some of which are open at time of application, and some of which are open to you only while you are a student with us. Further information can be found on our Student Funding web pages. For example, the SRUC Centenary Bursary is open to any SRUC registered student who may otherwise be unable to participate in an SRUC course due to financial barriers. 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 course level to another.

INFORMATION FOR SCOTTISH STUDENTS

STUDYING COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

Tuition fees are normally waived for students on full-time courses at SCQF levels 2-6 who are eligible (e.g. 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.

For living costs, 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 age of 16-19 years of age can apply for an EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) for living expenses.

Students can also apply for discretionary funding, and students who are liable for childcare costs may apply to the Childcare Fund. If you are successful in securing a place on a course, you will receive funding information form around the end of June. The College will assess your eligibility for all the potential funding that you may be entitled to.

INFORMATION FOR SCOTTISH STUDENTS

STUDYING UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES

Scottish students (those Scottish domiciled) on full-time courses at SCQF levels 7-10 in Scotland can apply to have their tuition fees paid by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). For eligibility criteria please check the SAAS website www.saas.gov.uk

For most students, financial support from the Government for living expenses will be in the form of a means-tested loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC). Other sources of funding, such as the Disciplinary Fund and Childcare Fund, may also be available to you, depending on your circumstances. Mature and part-time students may be eligible, grants and bursaries. Part-time students study at a slower pace and pay a tuition fee proportionate to the full-time fee and may be eligible to apply to SAAS for a Part-Time Fee Grant which can be used towards tuition fees. Further information is available from www.saas.gov.uk/party_time_fee/index.htm

SRUC is registered with the Ministry of Defence’s Enhanced Learning Credits Scheme www.enhancedlearningcredits.com

Useful links

Student Awards Agency Scotland www.saas.gov.uk
England www.gov.uk/student-finance
Northern Ireland www.studentfinanceni.co.uk
Wales www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Student Loans England www.slc.co.uk
Student Loans Northern Ireland www.studentfinanceni.co.uk
Skills Development Scotland www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk
EMA Scotland www.mygov.scot/ema
Skills Development Scotland www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk
www.ukcisa.org.uk
Student Budgeting Planner www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-budgeting-planner
SRUC www.sruc.ac.uk/studentfunding

www.gov.uk/ema
www.mygov.scot/emu
www.gov.scot/topics/education
www.ukcis.org.uk
www.ukcisa.org.uk
WALK THIS WAY
Your Students’ Association

SRUC Students’ Association (SRUCSA)
Comann nan Oileanach Colaiste Dhùthcail na h-Alba

We are here to ensure that you have the best possible student experience at SRUC. Our aim is to build the student community and develop a culture of confident and successful students who are proud to be part of SRUC. We aim to achieve this by harnessing opportunities for students to further develop their student experience with effective communication, representation and engagement.

SRUCSA operates a democratic network made up of class representatives, liberation officers, three full time student vice-presidents (one per region) and a student president. Together, across all six SRUC campuses, SRUCSA officers represent the student voice as one. This allows the opinions and issues raised by students to be heard and addressed among the student body, SRUC staff, the SRUC Board, and at the National Union of Students.

The Students’ Association offers a platform to allow students to make changes and provides the opportunity to share and improve their own experience. With SRUCSA working alongside the student body, SRUC and the Alumni team, we ensure every student is supported and welcomed from the moment they start at SRUC, through graduation and into the world beyond.

For more information head to: www.srucsa.org.uk

Sports

SRUC has established clubs offering participation in multiple sports, from relaxing yoga sessions to rapid football games. SRUCSA also supports students playing in individual events including triathlons, golf and much more. This is a great opportunity to play sport in a casual, social setting with the opportunity to compete against other local colleges and universities.

clubs and societies

Founded, led and co-ordinated by students, we have clubs and societies open to all. With farm management societies, horticulture groups, animal science societies, rural skills clubs and environmental societies you’re sure to find something of interest; but if not, why not start a new one?

Student Communities

At every campus there is the opportunity to be part of our liberation communities: Black and Minority Ethnic, Disability and Mental Wellbeing, International Students, LGBT+, Mature Students, Parent Students, Postgraduate Students, and Women’s. These give our diverse range of students the platform to discuss experiences and issues and have a voice not only at campus council meetings but at conferences nationwide with the National Union of Students.

Awareness campaigns

We hold regular cross-campus awareness campaigns such as Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness, Dyslexia Awareness Week, Black History Month, Purple Friday, Period Poverty, Thera-pets and charity fundraisers.

Events

SRUCSA provides funding and support to Campus Councils so students can organise events they want on their campus. In the past this has included regular favourites such as the Ayr Winter Ceilidh, Barony Bash & Burns’ Supper. Throughout the year students, clubs and societies hold events that involve guest speakers, trips, theme nights and social events.

SRUC Life!

Do you want to do more than just study? SRUCSA provides opportunities and support for students to find the necessary balance between study and relaxation. This could be through taking part in some events at SRUC, or participation in the various clubs, societies and communities that are available for all!

For more information head to: www.srucsa.org.uk

SRUC Students’ Association (SRUCSA)
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.

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 Lorn, 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.

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.

Aberdeen campus

Self-catering accommodation is available on-campus for 98 students 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 and canteen, along with a licensed bar and multi-gym. Some students also find shared flats to rent privately in the city of Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

Barony campus

Set in the countryside within a 230 hectare estate, the campus has accommodation onsite for up to 70 students. The well-equipped sports hall, fitness room and licensed bar with pool table are a 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 and 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.unitestudents.com
- www.iqstudentaccommodation.com
- www.mansionstudent.co.uk
- www.crm-students.com
- www.collegiate-ac.com

The city of 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 on the outskirts of Cupar and is in easy walking distance of local shops and adjacent to the local sports centre and swimming pool. Students may also choose to live in the town and surrounding area.

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Environmental Impact

SRUC takes pride in promoting sustainability

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 (SRUCSA) and staff worked together to fulfill the criteria, and continue to improve their impact by completing tasks from the action plan. SRUC and SRUCSA were re-accredited to the programme in 2018 after a series of student-led interviews assessing the collected evidence and speaking to members of staff and SRUCSA.

SRUC focuses on students by offering them the opportunity to participate in the All Campus Sustainability Programme. This extracurricular projects-based programme challenges students to work together to improve sustainability within the campuses or grounds through their own ideas and projects. Creativity is fostered and students are encouraged to think big!

Elmwood Golf Course holds the Golf Environment Organisation (GEO) Eco Mark and is considered an exemplar site in the sector. The site works to be a sustainable, naturally managed Golf Course, using minimal pesticide. The course works closely with Resource Efficient Scotland and has a Green Team of staff from all areas that identify environmental objectives and work towards better performance throughout the year.

SAC Consulting Environment Group leads on the Scottish Government funding Farming for a Better Climate project where farmers are encouraged to participate to discover how their farm can reduce its carbon footprint whilst increasing profitability, while SAC Consulting Food and Drink assists 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 is a member of the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC), collaborating with local and national topic support networks alongside other educational institutions.

SRUC are signatories to the Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland, formalising our commitment to work toward Scottish Government climate targets and support both the Scottish and UK ambitions for emissions reductions by 2020. At time of print we are working with our Carbon Management Plan which aimed to decrease overall carbon emissions by 43% by 2020. Carbon emissions have been reducing over the years, with overall emissions dropping 39% between 2014/2015 and 2018/2019.

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/module/content; the course structure; module(s) of delivery; methods of assessment; entry requirements. We may need to discontinue courses, 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.

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 2020. You should always check our website for the most up-to-date information.
# Index of Courses

These course tables give you a full listing of all our courses together with their campus locations.

SRUC offers a range of qualifications at different levels of study. The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) levels of each course are also given below. More information can be found at [scqf.org.uk](http://scqf.org.uk).

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Come and visit us!

www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays

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

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

www.sruc.ac.uk/courses
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.
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