



Writtle  
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College



# YOUR PASSION, YOUR CAREER

COLLEGE COURSE GUIDE  
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# DISCOVER WRITTLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**Due to government restrictions in the COVID-19 pandemic, we have developed new ways for you to visit us and learn more about our courses.**

**Visit our Virtual Open Day Hub** – fantastic resource with videos, course booklets and subject presentations as well as information about how to apply, learning support, student finance and student life at WUC.

**Come to a Campus Facility Tour** – Subject to government restrictions, we have campus facilities tours running through the year to allow you to tour our campus.

**Join one of our Subject Webinars** – learn about our courses and participate in a live Q&A with our teaching teams

**Bookable 1:1 Online meetings** – The opportunity to have a personal online meeting with our teaching team.

Email [askalecturer@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:askalecturer@writtle.ac.uk) to request a telephone or Microsoft Teams meeting.

Visit [www.writtle.ac.uk/virtual-hub](http://www.writtle.ac.uk/virtual-hub) for more information on our events and to book your place today!

Visit our website to stay up to date with our latest events.

**Book your place today on one of our Virtual College Course Events.**  
[writtle.ac.uk/College-Course-Events](http://writtle.ac.uk/College-Course-Events)



If you have any questions which you would like to ask before the event, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

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E [askalecturer@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:askalecturer@writtle.ac.uk)





# WELCOME FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

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We are delighted that you are considering studying with us at Writtle University College. Everything we do is designed to enable our students to reach their full potential and enter their chosen career.

- Our courses are created with an industry focus.
- Our staff are experts in the subjects they teach.
- Our facilities provide hands-on experience.

Students come to WUC to discover their passion, focus on what they really want to do and develop what they excel at. They leave us as enriched, ambitious individuals who are job-ready and passionate about their chosen career.

If you want to be part of this – then join us at WUC.

**Professor Tim Middleton**  
**Vice-Chancellor**

# EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE AT WUC

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by Ofsted



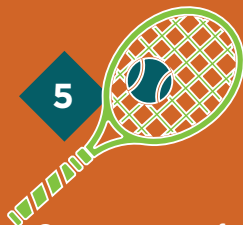
Friendly  
environment  
for learning  
and socialising



Inspiring portfolio  
of vocational  
courses



Courses  
designed  
to prepare you  
for the world  
of work



Great range of  
sport and  
social activities  
available

6



Opportunities to progress on to a university course at WUC or elsewhere

7



Ideal blend of theory and practical learning

8



Beautiful campus just two miles from the city of Chelmsford

9



Good transport links across Essex and into London

10



Chances to improve your English and Maths

# HOW TO FIND US

Writtle University College is located in the village of Writtle, 2 miles from the only city in Essex, Chelmsford. The University College is accessible from Chelmsford by bus, car and cycle path.

Postcode for Sat Nav is:  
CM1 3RR

## By Car

Writtle University College has ample on-site parking for students and visitors. We are clearly signposted from the A414 Writtle bypass. If approaching from the east, take the A1060 Sawbridgeworth Road from Chelmsford, as far as Lordship Road, and follow the signposts to Writtle University College.

## By Rail

Chelmsford station is approximately 10 minutes' drive from Writtle University College. Chelmsford has regular services from Liverpool Street and Norwich and Colchester.

## By Shuttle Bus

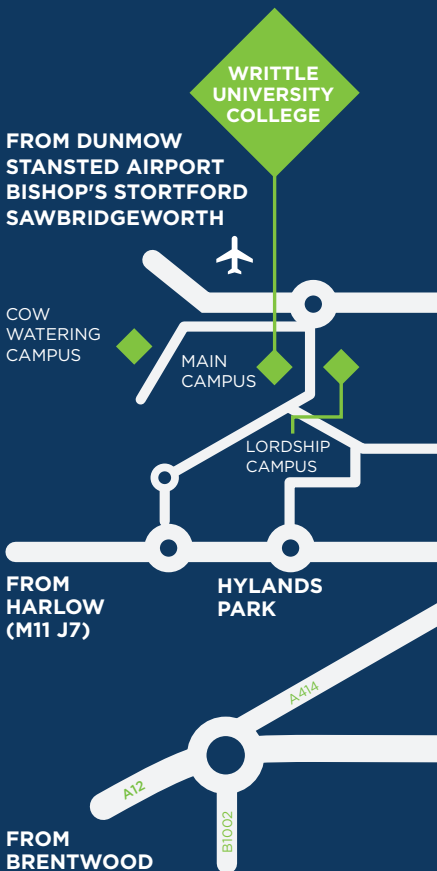
There is a free shuttle bus from Chelmsford Railway/Bus Station area on a first come, first served basis during term time, during peak times.

## By Bus

First Buses Nos 45 and 32 take you to Writtle Village Green, approx 10 minutes walk from the main campus. Route No 46 stops right outside the campus.

## By Bike

There is also a cycle route that leads directly into Chelmsford which takes approximately 20 minutes.









# MAKING YOUR JOURNEY EASIER

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Getting to and from our campus should be the least of your worries! Thankfully, there are plenty of transport options to make your journey to WUC as easy as possible.

## Shuttle Bus

We run a shuttle bus\* to and from Chelmsford train and bus stations. There's no fee and no need to book - seats are on a first come, first served basis.

## WUC Minibus Scheme

We run a minibus service\* on three direct routes\*\* across Essex. Places on the WUC minibuses are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis. Priority is given to full-time students between 16 and 19 years old. Depending on availability, the service is available to part-time students for a standard fare.

## Travel Assistance

If you are a student between the ages of 16 and 19 and live in Essex, you can apply for assistance with travel fees to WUC through Essex County Council, as part of their Post 16 Transport Scheme. Each local council operates their own travel scheme and policy. Please contact the council in the area you live in for specific information. Students at WUC can get discounted fares with Greater Anglia Railway and First Essex Buses.

*\*During term-time only \*\*Subject to demand and availability, routes and location may change or be discontinued*



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION ON  
DISCOUNTED BUS AND  
RAIL TICKETS



For further information please  
contact us and we will be  
happy to help:

T 01245 424262  
E [transport@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:transport@writtle.ac.uk)  
W [writtle.ac.uk/transport](http://writtle.ac.uk/transport)





# OUR CAMPUS

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Over the past five years we have invested over **£8.9m** in our facilities so that you have the latest equipment and resources to work with and the best possible student experience.

## Main Campus

- Main Building
  - Library
  - Careers Advisory Service
  - Learning Support Hub
  - IT Support
  - Academic Writing Support
  - Computer suites
  - Landscaped gardens
  - Halls of Residence
  - Students' Union office
  - Restaurant, café and bar
  - Recreation and Fitness Centre
  - Design studios
  - Glasshouses
  - Amenity Building
  - Multi Faith Room
  - Reservoir
  - Titchmarsh Centre for Animal Studies
  - Canine Therapy Centre
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## Equine/Cow Watering Campus

- Two large indoor riding arenas
- Floodlit ménage
- Two therapy barns
- A variety of stable facilities
- A stud facility
- Resources include a water treadmill, horse walker, round pen, solariums and a mechanical horse



## Sturgeon's Farm

- 135 hectares of arable land
- Variety of livestock
- Agricultural machinery

## Lordships Campus

- Northumberland Lecture Theatre
- Sports Science Centre
- Scientific and research laboratories
- Floristry and Art & Design Centre (Turner Building)
- Research glasshouses
- Lordships Café, run by the world-famous Tiptree jam makers Wilkin and Sons



# STUDENT LIFE AT WUC

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## The Students' Union

Writtle University College Students' Union (WUCSU) is a small but passionate team who will go above and beyond to look after your interests and enhance your student experience. As well as all the fun stuff like social events and sports, the WUCSU is there to:

- Work with WUC to improve resources and facilities for the benefit of all students
- Provide you with academic support and representation
- Give you welfare support if you're having issues with any aspect of student life

## Events

WUCSU is very active in organising a social calendar for all students all year round. There are themed nights, live bands and barbecues, as well as numerous RAG (Raise and Give) charity events.

There are three formal balls a year; in the past, they've featured Chase & Status, BBC Radio 1's Scott Mills and Chris Stark and Jaguar Skills!

Many of the events are held at the bar, called the Baa, which has a warm and inviting feel for all students. It has audio visual equipment to make the parties professional, a dance floor and a SubTV for live sport and Sky. Outside, there is a paved area and benches, outdoor music and lights.

## Meet for dinner, a snack or a Costa!

The 'Garden Room' is the main restaurant on campus. Students often meet in the outside seating area overlooking the pretty landscaped gardens. Here you can grab a Starbucks, snacks, breakfast, lunch and dinner. For students living on campus, this is where you can spend your meal allowance as well as Thyme Out.

'Thyme Out' is another place for drinks and snacks, including pizzas and wraps! You can also pick up a range of essential groceries and convenience products. There is also the Lordships Café on campus, which is owned by world-famous Tiptree jam makers Wilkin and Sons.

## WUC Sport

Writtle University College offers a range of activities, facilities and events that enables students to stay in shape whilst studying. We promote positive wellbeing through our YouTube channel and have created an online community via our app. We also have on-site facilities including;

- A gym with cardiovascular and resistance machines
- A functional free weights gym
- Sports hall for badminton and fitness
- Squash court
- Sport pavilion with cricket, football, rugby, netball and archery

We offer a range of fitness classes and beginner sport sessions as part of our give-it-a-go programme with activities including; core strength, touch rugby, LBT and rounder's.

Alongside our recreational activities, we offer a variety of sport clubs including men and women's rugby, netball, equestrian, cycling and football, with teams representing the institution in the British Universities and College Sport (BUCS) leagues.

For all information on the sport and activities here at Writtle please visit us online at [sport.writtle.ac.uk](http://sport.writtle.ac.uk)

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

T 01245 424200

E [studentsunion@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:studentsunion@writtle.ac.uk)

W [writtle.ac.uk/wucusu](http://writtle.ac.uk/wucusu)

 Find WUCSU on Facebook!

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*Being part of the student union is a wonderful experience; As students ourselves, we know the challenges of studying, which can be magnified by a university that does not adapt with its attendees. A sense of community has been well established by having a strong connection between students and the university, allowing student life to be improved when and wherever possible.*

*This, paired with our friendly support teams and knowledgeable lecturers make Writtle a fantastic place to study.*

Kelly Flude

*Students' Union President*



# A HOME FROM HOME

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If you're aged 18 and over and studying a full-time course, experience everything college life at WUC has to offer by living on our beautiful campus.



## What you need to know

- We have approximately 400 rooms in our halls of residence, half with en-suite bathrooms, and accessible rooms for students with disabilities
- We will make sure you're placed in the most suitable hall for you
- Each hall has a common room/ lounge area and a small snack kitchen
- Free WiFi
- Free safe provided in every room
- Contracts run from September to June, including the Christmas and Easter holidays





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*I love living on site because I am close to my lessons in the morning and don't have the hassle of an awkward drive. The campus is full of many stunning gardens making it a lovely place to work and stay. My room is spacious with a view over the fields and nice evening sunsets.*

William Charity  
Level 3 Horticulture Student



We know moving from home can be daunting for students (and parents) but, we are here to help.

\* A full guide including details of fees, and the accommodation policy can be found at: [writtle.ac.uk/accommodation](http://writtle.ac.uk/accommodation)



For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

T **01245 424000**  
E **accommodation@writtle.ac.uk**  
W **writtle.ac.uk/accommodation**



# A BRIGHT FUTURE

**Studying at WUC is just the beginning – all of our courses are designed and delivered to enable you to take the first step towards your dream career or continuing your education at a higher level.**

## **What is right for you?**

Our friendly and confidential Careers Advisory Service can give you impartial guidance and advice, in group or individual sessions.

We are here to help you:

- Decide about your future career and education options
- Find work, e.g. help with CVs, mock interviews and applications
- Find out more about being self-employed or running your own business
- Progress to Higher Education

- 89% of our Further Education Students progress to further or higher education or employment (Source - Further Education Destination Survey 2019/20)
- Our careers adviser is on the CDI professional register.



Our careers service is accredited with the Matrix standard for continuous quality and improvement, so you can be assured of receiving a professional service which is impartial and confidential.

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help.

T **01245 424200**  
E **careers@writtle.ac.uk**  
W **writtle.ac.uk/careers**



# IT'S ALL ABOUT ME!

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**Maths and English (ME) isn't just about words and numbers – a good understanding of both subjects will be valuable throughout your life. It means you are more likely to progress in education, find a job and grow in your future career.**

At WUC, you will continue to develop your skills in Maths and English throughout your studies, whatever your ability.

## **You are not alone!**

Around four out of ten teenagers leave school without a GCSE at Grade C or Grade 4 in Maths and English. A fresh start at college studying something you enjoy, can really help.

If you are 16 to 19 years old and don't have a GCSE at Grade C or Grade 4 in Maths and English, you will study English and Maths qualifications through Functional Skills or GCSE alongside your course. If you are over the age of 19, you will be encouraged to do the same.

If you already have a grade C, 4, or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will continue to develop your skills during your classroom sessions and assessments.

Don't worry! We will support you along the way and help you to be the best you can be.







## EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS

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**You might not want to stay on at school after you've finished your GCSEs, but you are required to stay in education or training until you're 18 years old. Or, you might be an adult learner looking to get back into education, either to make a career change or develop your skills or interests.**

Whatever you are searching for, Writtle University College could be the place for you!

We know it can be confusing choosing which study level is right for you. Whatever subject and course you choose, you will leave WUC with a substantial vocational qualification recognised by employers and universities, meaning you can find a skilled job or continue studying. From Level 3 you could also go onto studying at University Level.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

If you would prefer to gain a qualification whilst working in a paid job, you will find everything you need to know about apprenticeships at WUC on page 76.

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help.

T **01245 424200**

E **admissions@writtle.ac.uk**



To help, here's a quick guide to what some of the qualifications at WUC mean:

### Levels 2/3 Work-based Qualifications

These highly practical qualifications mean you will learn from work related tasks designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to do a job effectively.

### Level 2 Technical Qualifications

Your studies will be focused on enabling you to specialise in a technical job or area. You could go straight into employment or an apprenticeship or continue studying at a higher level.

### Level 2 Firsts — Certificates/Diplomas

Your studies will combine theory and practical learning in your chosen subject area. You could go straight into employment or continue studying at a higher level.

### Level 3 Nationals — Certificates/Diplomas/ Technical Diplomas

An excellent alternative to AS or A Levels, these courses are designed to give you the theoretical and technical skills needed to work in a particular industry. You could also go on to study at University.

# KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE ON CAMPUS

To help manage the safety of our student and staff community, we have put in a number of measures to help reduce the risk of transmission, whilst at the same time ensuring a quality learning environment and optimising our student experience. We pride ourselves on being a friendly, supportive environment helping students taking that first step on from school, or returning to education to learn new skills and develop a new career.

In line with government advice, and our WUC risk assessment, we are protecting our student community by:

- Blended approach to teaching to manage the numbers on campus, which includes some theory online whilst we continue practicals on campus
- New Covid-19 Student Code of Conduct, including wearing a face covering in communal areas
- A robust WUC Track and Trace System – with clear guidance on ensuring students stay at home if they have symptoms.
- Focus on student support at this challenging time – via our learning and wellbeing teams
- Visible signage on campus, including one way / keep left systems and no public access on campus
- Limited visitors to campus, and for essential reasons only

- Classrooms socially distanced with tables facing forward
- Enhanced cleaning regime and hand sanitiser stations in key locations
- Contactless takeaway services in our restaurant and café outlets

WUC will follow government guidance on the delivery of its courses from September 2021.









# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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The information below has been created to provide you with general guidance about our entry requirements.

Please note that entry requirements are subject to change and may vary with each individual course. Different qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. You can find the most up-to-date information on our website.

## Level 2 Certificate / Diploma

4 GCSEs A\* to D or 9 to 3

Must include English or Maths

Satisfactory reference from most recent school, college or employer.

## Level 3 Certificate / Diploma / Extended Diploma

5 GCSEs A\* to C or 9 to 4

Must include English and Maths

Satisfactory reference from most recent school, college or employer.

\* For the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Science we also require Science at a minimum of Grade 6, as well as the standard Level 3 entry requirements.

## New GCSE Grade Comparison

Old Grades	New Grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDING PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U



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## OUR COURSES YOUR FUTURE

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**Our specialist college courses provide an excellent mix of both practical and theoretical learning, setting you up for a rewarding career once you have completed your studies with us. Our friendly and supportive staff are here to help you find the course which best suits your needs and level of experience.**

As part of your course, you will enjoy access to our picturesque campus and facilities which offer an idyllic setting for you to flourish and progress. Our Further Education courses are ideal for those that have just completed their GCSEs, as well as mature learners who are looking to get back into education.

People are more likely to find employment, earn more and progress in education and at work with a good level of English and Maths. If you are 16-19 years old and have not yet achieved A\* to C in English / and or maths, you will continue to study these; if you are over 19 you will be encouraged to do the same.



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*92% Overall  
pass rate across  
all subject areas  
2019/20*

To visit our Course  
Directory online:

or visit  
[writtle.ac.uk/  
further-education](http://writtle.ac.uk/further-education)





# AGRICULTURE

The world is facing a global food crisis. We need to produce at least 50% more food to feed a rapidly growing population of 9 billion people by 2050. To do that, the agricultural industry needs people like you to help tackle the issues with fresh thinking and new approaches.

## Did you know?

- There are over 30 million sheep, 10 million cattle and 4.5 million pigs in the UK that need skilled farmers to breed and rear them
- WUC has 135 hectares of arable land and a working farm; with a flock of 75 breeding ewes, an 80-sow intensive pig unit and a herd of beef cattle
- You will complete a work placement as part of your studies
- You will go on a variety of field trips throughout your studies, visiting farms, producers and manufacturers

At WUC, you will continue to develop your English and Maths skills throughout your studies. Turn to page 18 for more information.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

We offer Apprenticeships in Agriculture! Turn to page 76 for more information.

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*Writtle FE agriculture has given me the vital skills for not only day to day tasks for working, but for life too. I wouldn't be where I am today without the help from doing my diploma in agriculture at Writtle.*

Emily Stockle  
Former Agriculture student

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*Writtle kick-started and progressed my career. My course enabled me to broaden my knowledge of the agricultural industry and set a great foundation for networking within the industry!*

Hannah Kelsey  
Former Agriculture student  
Now works for R W Crawfords  
Agricultural Machinery Ltd



# AGRICULTURE

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## Could you be the difference?

Writtle University College is one of the leading land-based institutions in the UK and we welcome people of all levels of Agricultural experience. By studying Agriculture at WUC, you could play an important role in developing the future of British and International farming.

Food production is at the heart of the UK farming industry, including dairy, beef, pig, sheep, vegetables, cereals, and root crops – and our range of courses focus on this too.

You will learn theory in the classroom and apply it to practical experiences, giving you a greater understanding of the industry. You will get hands-on experience on WUC's farm and work extensively with our own livestock throughout your studies. You will learn about state-of-the-art technology and machinery, and develop useful skills such as; tractor-driving and forklift operations.

You will gain specialist knowledge in relevant issues such as animal welfare and sustainability, whilst improving your understanding of arable and livestock studies, and business management.

Study Agriculture at WUC and you will become highly employable in the industry. You may go into agronomy or agricultural engineering or find a job as a farm manager or contractor, tractor driver, sprayer operator, dairyman or shepherd.

Your course will also prepare you to continue your education at a higher level by studying towards a diploma or degree, which includes continuing your studies with us at WUC.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture	3	1 year	Page 24
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture	2	1 year	Page 24
General Farm Worker Apprenticeship (expected September 2021)	2	18 months	Page 76

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Agriculture](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Agriculture)

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## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Agronomist
- ◆ Agricultural Engineer
- ◆ Farm Manager
- ◆ Assistant Farm Manager
- ◆ Livestock Welfare Inspector
- ◆ Tractor driver
- ◆ Breeding advisor
- ◆ Crop Agronomist
- ◆ Sprayer operator
- ◆ Herd Manager or Assistant
- ◆ Shepherd



# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

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If you dream of working with animals and care about their welfare, habitats and conservation, a fascinating world of opportunity is waiting for you.

## Did you know?

- WUC has more than 250 farm livestock on site, 50 horses and 500 small animals
- Our dedicated animal studies centre has its own aquatic, reptile and companion animal rooms
- To enhance your learning, you will do work experience in the animal industry as part of your course
- You will have the opportunity to go on trips to places such as Colchester Zoo and animal rescue centres, as well as taking part in conservation work with local wildlife trusts
- You can follow the animal unit on Facebook by searching for 'Writtle University College Animal Unit'

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 18 for more information.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

We offer apprenticeships in Animal Care! Find out more on page 76.

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*Writtle was one of my first options for a college, I didn't know what I wanted to do but I knew I wanted it to be with animals. I'm so thankful for the involvement we have with them and look forward to spending however many years I have left with the college.*

Danielle Pomfrett  
Level 3 Advanced Technical  
Diploma in Animal Management

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*With completing the level 3 FE animal management course at Writtle, I found that the staff were so friendly, engaging and helpful, with the great resources and quality of lessons, I decided to go on to study the level 2 and 3 of dog grooming. Which I am really enjoying! I am now looking at potential university courses at Writtle, which I am excited to know more about.*

Caitlan Matthews  
Former Animal Studies student.  
Now studying Level 2 Dog  
Grooming course



# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

## Ready to discover?

Studying Animal Management at WUC is the ideal way to explore the diverse career opportunities available to you in the animal industry. There is an emphasis on animal science alongside practical learning covering topics such as husbandry, conservation and wildlife, zoo and exotic animals, and kennel and cattery management.

During your studies, you will delve into biology, anatomy, physiology, ecology and behaviour – and apply all the theory you learn to practical experiences.

You will learn how to safely handle and care for a wide range of species and to maintain and promote their health by looking

after their basic living and nutrition needs. You will practise basic veterinary nursing skills such as applying bandages or practising techniques for safely restraining different animals, and will also learn essential animal first aid, in addition to developing vital skills in customer care and business management too.

Choosing a course in Animal Management at WUC could take you into a range of roles such as a veterinary nurse, zoo keeper, animal collection manager, or rescue centre worker.

You could go onto study a higher education diploma or degree in animal science, management and behaviour, or zoology and veterinary nursing.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management	3	1 year	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management	3	Minimum 1 year	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care	3	1 - 2 years	Contact us directly
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Management	2	1 year	Page 24
Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care Work-based *	2	1 year	Contact us directly
Animal Care (Care and Welfare) Apprenticeship	2	12 - 16 months	Page 76

\* Subject to funding

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care)



## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Veterinary Care Assistant
- ◆ Zoo keeper
- ◆ Kennel or Cattery Owner / Worker
- ◆ Animal technician
- ◆ Animal collection manager
- ◆ Rescue centre worker
- ◆ Animal welfare worker
- ◆ Zoo Visitor Educational manager
- ◆ African Conservation Volunteer



# ANIMAL SCIENCE

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If you are passionate about a career in Animal or Veterinary Science, our new pathway in Animal Science will provide you with the necessary skills and experience to allow you to develop a career in this exciting sector.

## Did you know?

- This programme is equivalent to 3 A-Level in Science subjects and allows you to progress onto university to study Veterinary medicine, Veterinary Physiotherapy, Bioveterinary Science or Animal Science.
- WUC has its own dedicated animal centre, with dedicated aquatic, reptile and companion animal rooms.
- To enhance your learning, you will complete a relevant work experience placement in the animal industry as part of your course
- You will study a range of modules including Animal Health and Husbandry, Animal Behaviour and Communication, Biological Systems of Animals, Animal Welfare and Breeding, Biochemistry and Microbiology

For this course you are required to have achieved a minimum of a Grade 6 (or equivalent) at GCSE in Science.

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Danielle Pomfrett  
Level 3 Advanced Technical  
Diploma in Animal Management



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During your studies, you will delve into Fundamentals of Science, Biochemistry and Microbiology, Chemistry, Inheritance and Genetics and you will undertake a Science investigation – and apply all the theory you learn to a practical investigation.

You will learn how to safely handle and care for a wide range of species and to maintain and promote their health by looking after their basic living and nutrition needs. You will practise basic veterinary nursing skills such as applying bandages or practising techniques for safely restraining different animals, and will also learn essential animal first aid, in addition to developing vital skills in customer care and business management too.

Choosing a course in Animal Science at WUC could take you into a range of roles such as a veterinary surgeon, veterinary nurse, bio veterinary scientist, animal nutritionist, zoologist and many others. Scientific organisations, such as pharmaceutical or medical research companies employ animal scientists to undertake research. There are opportunities to be involved in protecting the food chain and increasing food supplies, or protecting welfare of animals in a variety of different settings.

You could go onto study a higher education diploma or degree in animal science, management and behaviour, or zoology and veterinary nursing or medicine.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
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For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care)

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## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Progressing to Higher Education in Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Physiotherapy or Animal Science
- ◆ Working in animal nutrition
- ◆ Research assistant (desk based)
- ◆ Lab technician
- ◆ Veterinary practice lab assistant





# ART AND DESIGN

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The UK is world famous for its creative industries, from art, architecture and design, to fashion, film and photography – it's thriving. If you want to be a part of this exciting industry, start by exploring your artistic talents with us.

## Did you know?

- Students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of workshops such as life-drawing classes delivered by the Royal Academy, and other workshops from visiting artists and organisations
- You will complete a work experience placement as part of your studies
- You will have the opportunity to visit galleries such as the Victoria and Albert Museum, National Portrait Gallery and Tate Modern, and will go on trips to other establishments such as the Curwen Print Centre

- Students have gone onto study art within a variety of different disciplines such as illustration, photography, animation, fine art and fashion
- You can follow the Art and Design department on Facebook and Instagram

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 18 for more information.



# ART AND DESIGN

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## Ready to create?

WUC is a unique place to study Art and Design – you will be inspired by the nature on our beautiful campus, with London's vibrant art scene just 35 minutes away.

We have four multidisciplinary Art and Design studios and a specialist computer suite providing industry-standard software for all students taking design-based studies.

During your studies, you will have time to explore and practise a range of art and design disciplines including fine art painting, drawing skills, printing, photography, mixed media, sculpture, fashion, textiles, graphics and 3D design. Experiencing such a variety of techniques will help you to identify your strengths and interests, and choose a specialism for your final project.

You will finish your course with a portfolio of work which will demonstrate a deeper understanding of art and design techniques and creative thinking

skills. The highlight of the course is the end of year exhibition, where you will also showcase your work to the public.

Our highly practical part-time courses in Photography will teach you how to use your camera and compose your photos before you take them. You will also learn how to edit pictures in Photoshop with confidence and produce a portfolio of your work.

Your studies are just the beginning of your creative career – everything you learn will prepare you for a variety of jobs in the creative sector and other industries. You could develop your craft and become a freelance artist, designer or photographer, work in visual merchandising, or find a job as a special effects makeup artist, magazine layout designer, animator, fashion merchandiser and more. There is a progression route to study arts related subjects at a higher level, including progressing onto a university course with us at WUC.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
UAL Level 2 Applied General Diploma in Art and Design	2	1 year	Page 24
UAL Level 3 Applied General Extended Diploma in Art and Design	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 1 Creative Techniques – Interior Design	1	7 weeks	Page 24
Level 2 Creative Techniques – Interior Design	2	26 weeks	Page 24

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Art-and-Design](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Art-and-Design)

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## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Freelance Artist
- ◆ Illustrator
- ◆ Designer
- ◆ Photographer
- ◆ Visual Merchandiser
- ◆ Special effects makeup artist
- ◆ Magazine layout designer
- ◆ Animator
- ◆ Fashion Merchandiser





## CANINE CARE

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**Veterinary professionals say the top three reasons for dog behavioural issues are a lack of puppy training, lack of socialisation and owners not being able to understand the behaviour of their dogs - and there are more than one million dogs in the UK that have received no training at all.**

### **Did you know?**

- Completing the course can be used as evidence to become an approved canine instructor with the Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme
- WUC has excellent links with industry professionals such as the Dogs Trust, Canine Partners, Kennel Club and the British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers (BIPDT)
- Students have gone on to work in kennels, rescue centres, become dog trainers through the BIPDT and the Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme. They have run puppy classes and their own businesses



# CANINE CARE

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## Are you ready to care for our canine companions?

To study Canine Care, Training and Management at WUC you will need some experience of handling and training dogs. Our courses are the ideal place to develop your own understanding of dogs or if you want a career working with one of the nation's best loved pets. Either way, with over nine million dogs in the UK, you will be helping to improve the wellbeing of our most loyal friends.

You will learn about the dynamic relationship between dogs and people, canine health, nutrition and behaviour and the role of dogs in today's society. You will study breeding, genetics and associated issues and the development stages dogs go through from puppies into adulthood.

Practical sessions include handling techniques and practising different training methods using toys, food and clickers. You will also learn basic first aid for dogs.

Studying Canine Care at WUC is the ideal foundation for starting your career with dogs. You could go on to further training to become a dog trainer, set up your own business as a dog walker or find a job at a rehoming centre or in an animal-related charity. You may also be able to study related subjects at a higher level.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Canine Behaviour and Training (Part-time)* **	3	12 weeks	Completion of Level 2
Level 2 Canine Care, Training and Management (Part-time)* **	2	30 weeks	Basic experience with dogs

\* Please note that these are full cost courses and no fee remission can be given as they are not government funded.

\*\* These courses are also not suitable for students under 19 as they do not count to being in education or training.

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For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care)

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## **POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- ◆ Dog Trainer
- ◆ Dog Walker
- ◆ Rehoming Centre Worker
- ◆ Dog Handler
- ◆ Animal Charity Worker



# DOG GROOMING

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Regular grooming isn't just about pampering pets, it's essential to their wellbeing. Clean dogs are more likely to be happy, behave well and have fewer health issues – and there are over 9 million dogs in the UK who need qualified professionals to help take care of them.

## Did you know?

- Our courses are accredited by City and Guilds, and the RSPCA advises pet-owners to look for dog groomers with these qualifications
- We have our own dog grooming parlour on-site. This treats approximately 60 dogs every week/month
- You will benefit from experts giving demonstrations in different dog grooming techniques for specific breeds or shows
- Students have gone on to manage their own parlours

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 20 for more information.

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*The teaching methods and high standard of tutoring ensures that learning a new skill is an absolute pleasure. Each week I gained confidence, knowledge and practical skills, which have enabled me to start my own grooming business.*

Natasha Harrison  
Former Level 2 and Level 3 Dog Grooming student

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*When starting the course I thought I would just come out knowing the basics of grooming, however the course definitely exceeded my expectations. The course covered practical sessions such as bathing, equipment handling, grooming, clipping and scissoring.*

Miranda Waymark  
Former Level 2 Dog Grooming student. Now studying Level 3 Dog Grooming



# DOG GROOMING

## Are you ready to groom our canine friends?

To study Dog Grooming at WUC, you will need some experience of handling dogs. Practical lessons take place in our dog grooming parlour. By working directly with the general public and their dogs, you will gain experience in customer care and hands-on dog grooming practice. Importantly, you will finish your studies with a qualification trusted by owners and the industry.

You will learn about all aspects of the dog grooming industry including points of the dog, techniques for safe handling and control, Kennel Club breed groups, normal and abnormal health and hygiene, how to care for different coat types, how to recognise and care for skin conditions, parasites

and infectious diseases and essential first aid for dogs.

You will practise techniques such as bathing, drying, caring for ears, eyes, skin and nails, using and looking after equipment including combs, scissors, and clippers.

You will also learn how to plan and design a grooming parlour and study basic business and management skills, as well as key legislation. To enhance your studies, we recommend you find work experience in a grooming parlour. Additionally, by Level 3 you are expected to have a work placement in a grooming parlour.

Study Dog Grooming at WUC and you could start your own business or go on to study at a higher level.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming (Part-time)	3	One day per week for 1 year 1 evening per week for 2 years	* Students must be over 18 for the evening course
Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants (Part-time)	2	One day or one evening a week	**
Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants 2 (Under 19 study programme)	2	1 year	***

\*Must have passed Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants

\*\* Contact us directly

\*\*\* U19 need at least 4 GCSE's at Grade 9-3 to include English and Maths. Alternative qualifications may be considered. A 16 hours per week placement in a grooming parlour is essential

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Animal-Care)



## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Senior dog groomer
- ◆ Assistant dog groomer
- ◆ Manager of a Dog-grooming salon
- ◆ Kennel worker



# EQUINE

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If you have some experience of horses and want a career in the equine industry, we have the resources and expertise to prepare you with the practical skills, knowledge and academic understanding you need to achieve your goals.

## Did you know?

- WUC has a working stud unit which is home to a variety of broodmares, foals, stallions and young stock
- We have extensive links with organisations such as the British Horse Racing Authority (BHRA) and a variety of British Horse Society (BHS) approved riding schools
- As part of your studies, you will go on a range of trips throughout the year
- We also run BHS Stage 1 & 2, BHS Ride Safe training and exams on site (This is not part of the course but is an opportunity to expand equestrian knowledge with industry recognised qualifications)

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 20 for more information.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

We offer Apprenticeships in Equine Studies! Find out more on page 76.

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*I chose Writtle because of the fantastic industry links it has and the links to higher education so I could progress onto my Equine degree*

Kaile-Louise Sherry  
Former Equine Student  
Also studied BSc (Hons) Equine Performance and Business Management at WUC

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*On my Equine course at Writtle I graduated with a Distinction. This gives you a great 'base' to work within the equine industry. From here I was able to gain a part time job on an equine driving yard while I completed my Veterinary Physiotherapy degree. I now own my own business called Hooves and Hounds Therapy.*

Emma Moore  
Former Equine Student



Writtle  
University  
College

# EQUINE

## Are you ready to pursue your dreams?

By studying at WUC, you will spend most of your time on our dedicated equine campus which is home to around 50 horses, including those for riding. Our specialist facilities include two indoor arenas, an outdoor arena, and a horse walker. We also have facilities for breeding and stud work.

In the core modules of the courses you will learn about equine health, stable routines and tack fitting, but you will also study diverse and innovative units such as equine behaviour and therapy, horse training techniques, the biological systems of a horse, and event management. You will develop practical skills such as grooming, clipping, riding and lunging as well as equine first aid. Yard duties are also a key part of every course.

When you complete your studies, you will be equipped with the relevant experience you need to begin your career. You could go on to work in sports, such as racing, polo or training horses or train as a

riding instructor. You could find a job in nutrition, welfare or equine insurance or work as a competition groom or yard manager.

After your course, there are also opportunities to study at a higher level with us or elsewhere. Students can choose to stay on with us as we teach a variety of university courses in Equine.

Important information:

- Boots with steel toe caps must be worn on the stud unit
- All Jewellery and Piercings to be removed for practical sessions
- No clothing with hoods to be worn for practical sessions
- The weight limit for riding is 13 stone including riding apparel (hat/boots). Non-riding options are available
- All hats and back protectors should be up to the latest standards
- Ability of riders: Riding option is not guaranteed. This will be offered based on successful completion of a riding assessment. You must be at least the level of BHS stage 1

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management	3	Minimum 1 year	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care	2	1 year	Page 24
Equine Groom Apprenticeship	2	18 months	Page 76
Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeship	3	24 months	Page 76

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Equine](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Equine)





## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Riding instructor
- ◆ Nutritionist
- ◆ Equine insurance worker
- ◆ Competition groom
- ◆ Yard manager
- ◆ Riding Assistant
- ◆ Equine Radiographer
- ◆ Stud groom
- ◆ British racing groom/work rider
- ◆ Polo groom



# FLORISTRY

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The art of Floristry is said to be one of the happiest professions. This industry is worth over £2.2 billion in the UK and, with over 8,400 independent businesses in the country, it's where creative and artistic people like you can really bloom.

## Did you know?

- WUC awarded 'Florist Training Provider of the Year 2019'
- WUC has a track record for success and you could be involved with creating designs at Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
- You will have the opportunity to travel to Belgium to see an inspirational floral show
- You will have the option to do a workshop with a Dutch floral designer in Holland
- Previous students have gained employment with prestigious floristry businesses including Jane Packer, Claridges, Neill Strain, Jamie Aston and McQueens as well as jobs overseas

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 18 for more information.



## Love flowers?

If you want to explore whether the creative world of floristry is for you, our ten week college certificates are the perfect introduction.

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*An inspirational learning environment with a strong focus on high standards and best practice. Tutors are highly skilled and talented florists, preparing every student with the essential skills and knowledge for their future career in the floristry industry.*

Lesley Worboys  
Level 3 Floristry Part-time

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*I really enjoy studying at WUC. The college has such an impressive reputation within the floristry industry, and I know I'm learning from the best tutors. In addition to learning new skills, I've made some great new friends who share my passion for floristry.*

Amanda Fallan  
Level 2 Diploma in Floristry  
Part-time



# FLORISTRY

## Feeling inspired?

Our beautiful campus is in the heart of the Essex countryside with London – the creative centre for new floral trends – just 35 minutes away by train. By studying at WUC, You will learn about the theories and practices of art and design in floristry from engaging industry experts.

WUC has a purpose-built floristry building on campus, giving you exclusive use of four dedicated workshops throughout your studies. You will have extensive practise in creating hand-tied designs and floral arrangements for a range of briefs including weddings, funerals and sympathy tributes as well as styling and decorating venues. You will study and respond to emerging and in-vogue trends and colour palettes, and learn how to care for a diverse collection of plants and flowers.

You will have the opportunity to travel to flower markets, auctions

and growers in Holland and visit wholesalers, professional florists and markets across London. You will be required to find a work placement to get hands-on experience. You will do all of this alongside learning fundamental and relevant knowledge of the industry and business skills such as the buying of cut flowers.

Study Floristry at WUC and you could have a fulfilling career by establishing your own business or working as an assistant, working as a florist in the event and hotel industry, flower wholesalers or in styling for corporate businesses. With enough professional experience you could also go into teaching.

If you would like to study Floristry at a higher level you can progress on to the level 4 Higher Diploma in Floristry.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 4 Higher Diploma in Floristry	4	4 terms over 2 academic years	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry	3	1 year	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry (Part-time)	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Floristry	2	1 year	Page 24
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Floristry (Part-time)	2	2 years	Page 24
Advanced College Certificate in Floristry	3	10 weeks	Page 24
Intermediate College Certificate in Floristry	2	10 weeks	Page 24
Foundation College Certificate in Floristry	1	10 weeks	Page 24
Fun Floristry Workshops	1	4 week blocks	

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Floristry](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Floristry)



## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Florist
- ◆ Wedding Florist
- ◆ Assistant Florist
- ◆ Floral Designer
- ◆ Flower Arranger
- ◆ Florist Manager/  
Supervisor
- ◆ Flower Wholesaler  
Salesperson

# HORTICULTURE: GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

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Horticulture is the growing of flowers, study of plants, provision of sports turf, design of gardens and construction of landscapes. The industry, art and science of Horticulture is fundamental to our health, quality of life and enriching our environment. It's an extraordinary world.

## Did you know?

- Students achieved a Silver Gilt at the Ascot Flower show in 2018. Where they created a sustainable garden from recycled plastics and a water harvesting system
- Our courses are endorsed by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture
- We are an approved Grade 1 RHS Centre for the delivery of Level 2 and 3 Practical and Theory programmes
- You will have the opportunity to go on field trips to a range of botanical gardens including RHS Wisley, RHS Hyde Hall and Cambridge Botanical Gardens
- Our RHS students will take part in projects at local schools and businesses such as maintaining, planting, and designing gardens - which looks great on your CV

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 18 for more information.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

We offer apprenticeships in Arboriculture, Horticulture and Sport Turf! Find out more on page 76.

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*My tutors encouraged us to write more professionally and reference correctly to enable us to keep up with academic standards, to allow us to progress onto Degree level if we wanted. They also helped me through the university and finance applications to make us show off our full potential. Most of all, they just believed in all of us; that we could achieve whatever we set our minds to, and I couldn't have done that if I didn't study at Writtle.*

Chloe Waters  
*Horticulture Level 3 Extended Diploma*



# HORTICULTURE: GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

## Want to be a part of it?

By choosing a Horticulture course at WUC you will learn about garden design and history, landscape construction, plant and soil science, plant production and identification, and estate management.

You will gain in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience of planting, growing and caring for

plants, shrubs and trees - including fruits and vegetables - in our temperature-controlled glasshouse, gardens and large collection of plants across campus.

You will learn the principles and practices of garden and landscape design, including the use of software such as Vectorworks and

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture	3	1 year	Page 24
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture	2	1 year	Page 24
Level 2 Certificate in Garden Design	2	1 year	Page 24
RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture	2	1 year	Page 24
RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture	2	1 year	Page 24
RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture - Kings College Cambridge	2	1 year	Page 24
RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Development and Propagation	2	6 months	Page 24
RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance	2	6 months	Page 24
RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture	2	1 year	Page 24
Horticulture and Landscape Operative Level 2 Apprenticeship	2	20 - 24 months	Page 76
Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship	2	20 - 24 months	Page 76
Sports Turf Operative Apprenticeship (including football, rugby and cricket pitches)	2	20 - 24 months	Page 76
Arborist Apprenticeship	2	20 - 24 months	Page 76
Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor Apprenticeship Level 3	3	36 months	Page 76

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Horticulture](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Horticulture)



construction using a range of modern landscape materials in our amenity building. You will learn skills including paving, bricklaying and carpentry. You will also study health and safety and operate estate machinery from mowers to trimmers.

All of our courses combine theory with practical work and include work placements to enhance your learning. You will be highly employable, but will also finish your studies with the skills and confidence to set up your own business if you wish.

Study Horticulture at WUC and you could find a job working in historical and botanical gardens, landscape management, country parks, recreation and golf courses. For commercial horticulture, you may go into the growing of food crops, ornamental crops, hardy nursery stock production as well as floriculture and retailing.



## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Landscaping Manager
- ◆ Garden and/or Parks Maintenance Careers
- ◆ Historic/Botanical Garden Careers
- ◆ Plant & Garden Centre Manager
- ◆ Groundsman/Greenkeeper
- ◆ Arboriculturalist/Tree surgeon
- ◆ Garden Designer
- ◆ Owner of a business in any of the above areas



# LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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If you are passionate about sustaining and protecting the natural environment for the future generation, a fascinating world of opportunity is waiting for you.

## Did you know?

- That our campus is full of wildlife including reptiles, birds and mammals
- That our large open campus includes a reservoir
- To enhance your learning, you will do work experience in the animal industry as part of your course
- Students will be given the opportunity to take part in conservation work with local wildlife trusts

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 18 for more information.

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*Writtle was one of my first options for a college, I didn't know what I wanted to do but I knew I wanted it to be with animals. I'm so thankful for the involvement we have with them and look forward to spending however many years I have left with the college.*

Danielle Pomfrett

*Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management*

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*With completing the level 3 FE animal management course at Writtle, I found that the staff were so friendly, engaging and helpful, with the great resources and quality of lessons, I decided to go on to study the level 2 and 3 of dog grooming. Which I am really enjoying! I am now looking at potential university courses at Writtle, which I am excited to know more about.*

Caitlan Matthews

*Former Animal Studies student.  
Now studying Level 2 Dog Grooming course*



# LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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## Feeling inspired?

During your time at WUC you will learn about sustaining and protecting the natural environment for the future generation. If you are passionate about the countryside and looking for a career in the outdoors, our courses will allow you to develop the specific technical, professional skills and knowledge that will lead to meaningful employment in the land and wildlife management industry. Our beautiful rural campus will allow you to develop your practical experience, supported through classroom theory taught by knowledgeable and supportive academics.

During your studies, you will delve into Fresh water and Wetland Management, Coastal Management, Estate maintenance and much more.

Choosing a course in Conservation – Land and Wildlife Management at WUC could take you into a range of roles such as working in Country Parks, Wildlife Trusts and Charities.

This is just the beginning. You could go onto study a higher education diploma or degree in a related subject. You may also wish to learn more through an Advanced Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation or Game and Wildlife Management, which allows you to combine working for a wildlife trust or estate, or a similar job.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside Conservation)	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside Conservation)	3	1 year	Page 24
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Countryside Conservation)	2	Minimum 1 year	Page 24

For full course information go to:  
[writtle.ac.uk/FE-Conservation-Land-and-Wildlife-Management](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Conservation-Land-and-Wildlife-Management)



## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Estate worker
- ◆ Countryside warden
- ◆ Volunteer manager
- ◆ Estate supervisor
- ◆ Boundary contractor
- ◆ Biodiversity officer
- ◆ Conservation Officer/  
Manager
- ◆ Ecologist



# SPORT

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Health and wellbeing is a popular and expanding industry, with a growing range of job opportunities for people who want to work with professional athletes, are passionate about sports and leading an active lifestyle and want to help others improve their quality of life.

## Did you know?

- As part of your studies, you will go on trips to places such as Thetford Forest, Exmoor and Redbridge Cycling Centre
- WUC is ideally located in the heart of Essex with easy access to local outdoor sporting centres such as Danbury Mountain Biking, the Lock Climbing Wall, and Chelmsford Canoe Club
- Past students have found jobs in organisations such as the NHS, Nuffield Health and Harlow Town Football Club
- You will be able to work towards a CYQ Level 2 Fitness Instructor qualification as part of your course
- You will be encouraged to represent WUC by participating in the British University and AoC Sport League competitions
- Students have gone on to gain scholarships, most recently in athletics at Elon University in North Carolina
- You can follow the Sports department on Instagram. Search for @fe\_sport

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 18 for more information.

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*Writtle University College has helped me gain an in-depth understanding of how the body works, it has also taught me how to improve myself in the sporting industry.*

Adam Reid

*Level 3 Sporting Performance and Excellence Student*

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*Writtle University College has given me an insight into the different areas of sport. My tutors have helped me explore my options and I have now decided what I want to do in the future.*

Zara Mills

*Level 3 Sporting Performance and Excellence Student*



# SPORT

## Want to make an impact?

By studying Sport at WUC, you will learn from an established team of lecturers who have significant experience in the industry.

Our campus has extensive sporting facilities including floodlit tennis and netball courts, football and rugby pitches, a squash court, cricket square, and a sports hall.

Our recreation and fitness centre is equipped with cardiovascular and resistance machinery, with a functional fitness and free-weights area, and a fitness studio used for classes and teaching. You will have access to the latest equipment, such as watt bikes, video analysis equipment, health-screening tools and gas analysis equipment.

You will study topics such as anatomy and physiology, coaching and performance, sports psychology, nutrition, injuries and rehabilitation. And if you choose to specialise in outdoor adventure, you will learn how to lead land and water based activities such as navigation,

mountain biking, clay pigeon shooting, paddle-boarding and canoeing.

You will develop the knowledge and skills to support people to make significant healthy lifestyle changes and perform at the highest sporting levels. You will also be able to work towards a CYQ Level 2 Fitness Instructor qualification.

As part of your studies you will also complete a work experience placement in the industry.

When you've finished your studies, you could find a job in the sports industry and work in areas such as coaching, performance analysis, sports therapy, marketing, fitness centre management, nutrition, psychology, personal training or teaching. If you study outdoor adventure you could go on to work in outdoors or expedition planning and leading.

Your qualification will also prepare you to study a sports-related subject at a higher level, such as a higher education diploma or degree.

Course title	Level	Duration	Typical entry requirements
Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport	2	1 year	Page 24
BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Fitness	3	1 year	Page 24
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training	3	2 years	Page 24
Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	3	1 year	Page 24
Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities	3	2 years	Page 24
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Fitness with Girl's Football Academy	3	1 year	Page 24

For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Sport](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Sport)





## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Sports Coach
- ◆ Teacher
- ◆ Sports therapist
- ◆ Expedition planner or leader
- ◆ Fitness centre manager
- ◆ Outdoor activity Instructor
- ◆ Sports development officer
- ◆ Strength and conditioning coach
- ◆ Nutritionist
- ◆ Exercise physiologist
- ◆ Personal trainer
- ◆ Performance analyst



# VETERINARY NURSING

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Did you know that 50% of UK homes own a pet – including 9.9 million dogs, 10.9 million cats, and 1.5 million rabbits?\* The veterinary industry needs dedicated nurses who are committed to looking after and improving the health and welfare of our much-loved companions.

\*Source: PDSA.org.uk 2019

## Did you know?

- Students studying Veterinary Nursing at WUC achieve above average in final exams when compared to City & Guilds national average
- You will gain unique practical experience handling and caring for animals, including exotic animals
- WUC has established partnerships with veterinary practices within Essex and surrounding borders

At WUC, you will continue to study English and Maths throughout your studies, whatever your ability. Turn to page 20 for more information.

## Want to earn whilst you learn?

We offer apprenticeships in Veterinary Nursing! Find out more on page 76.

“ ”

*Writtle has made me feel at home and my tutors are so easy to talk to. I really enjoy applying the theory element to practical's in my course. Despite being a mature student, I have never felt out of place with my classmates.*

Vanessa Seager  
Level 3 Veterinary Nursing  
Student



# VETERINARY NURSING

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## Are you ready for the challenge?

To study Veterinary Nursing at WUC, you will be interested in animals, biological sciences, anatomy and physiology. You will be good at problem-solving and be prepared to uphold a position of responsibility in a complex and high-pressured environment.

This is a work-based qualification; to apply you must already be employed as a student veterinary nurse in an approved training practice. There, you'll complete 1,800 practical hours and will attend WUC one day a week.

You will learn important practical skills including administering medication, taking x-rays, monitoring anaesthetics, minor surgical procedures such as suturing, in-patient care, applying bandages and dressings, taking observations and maintaining records of treatment.

You will also gain experience in a laboratory, examining bloods and other samples for bacteria and viruses. You will be providing information to, and educating owners about, the best care

for their pets and learn how to run clinics covering issues such as weight-management and socialisation.

Study Veterinary Nursing at WUC and you will become a registered professional with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and be licensed to practice as a qualified Veterinary Nurse. You will also leave with a SQP (suitably qualified person) qualification and be entered as an SQP-C on the VetSkill register.

You may go on to specialise in a variety of veterinary practices including surgery, exotic animals, nutrition, or emergency, and critical care, or could find employment in related industries including animal nutrition, pharmaceuticals, research and teaching.

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Typical entry requirements</b>
Veterinary Nursing Apprenticeship (To include Level 3 Diploma)	3	36 months	Page 76

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For full course information go to: [writtle.ac.uk/FE-Veterinary-Nursing](http://writtle.ac.uk/FE-Veterinary-Nursing)

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## POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Head Nurse/Practice Manager
- ◆ Veterinary Nurse
- ◆ Animal Nutritionist
- ◆ Pharmaceuticals
- ◆ Researcher



# APPRENTICESHIPS

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**When it comes to deciding which path to take for your future career, it is crucial you pick the option that suits you. Apprenticeships offer an exciting, hands-on way to start or progress your career whilst being in paid employment and gaining nationally-recognised qualifications – what a great combination!**

We are excited to offer Apprenticeship Standards, which have been specifically designed by employers to meet the needs of industry and provide you with the skills and knowledge you will need to work in your chosen career. Each course blends practical hands-on experience with the underpinning knowledge required. As you approach the end of your Apprenticeship you will be assessed and graded by an independent industry expert to demonstrate you are at the required standard to achieve your Apprenticeship.

## **What Apprenticeships do we offer?**

We provide Level 2 and Level 3 Apprenticeships. Our subjects cover:

- Arboriculture (New course)
- Agriculture – General Farm Worker (from September 2021)
- Animal Care and Welfare Assistant
- Equine Studies – Equine Groom and Senior Groom

- Horticulture - Horticulture and Landscape Operative or Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor Level 3
- Golf Greenkeeping
- Sports Turf Operative (including football, rugby and cricket)
- Veterinary Nursing

As an Apprentice at WUC, you will:

- Work in your chosen industry for a minimum of 30 hours per week
- Get paid at least the Apprenticeship Wage\*
- Complete work-related tasks and assessments
- Study in a flexible way – depending on the subject, students can attend College on a part-time basis or study predominantly in the workplace
- Complete Functional Skills in English and Maths or there is the option to study for Maths and English GCSE
- Receive mentoring visits in your workplace from your WUC Training Officer, who will provide support, as well as assessing and reviewing your progress



## How do I apply?

To apply visit page 79 or visit [writtle.ac.uk/apply-online](http://writtle.ac.uk/apply-online). An apprentice needs to be in paid employment, so whilst you can apply for the Apprenticeship before you find an employer, you will need to be employed before you can start the course. Many of our Apprentices already worked or volunteered for the companies who then decided to support them



Apprenticeships

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help.

T **01245 424255**  
E [apprenticeships@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@writtle.ac.uk)  
W [writtle.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://writtle.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

Alternatively, book onto one of College Open Events or Virtual Webinars. See page 3 for details.

through their Apprenticeship. We are always happy to give your employer the information they need about potentially employing an Apprentice and can offer advice, however small or large their businesses may be.

If you are interested in becoming an Apprentice, but don't have an employer, please visit our website for tips on how to find an employer and to see a list of our current Apprenticeship vacancies: [writtle.ac.uk/Apprenticeships-Job-Vacancies](http://writtle.ac.uk/Apprenticeships-Job-Vacancies).

## What could you do next?

After completing an Apprenticeship at Level 2, you could go on to the Advanced Apprenticeship. After this you could continue studying by progressing on to a Higher Education course or alternatively you could take-up full-time employment within the industry.

\*Please visit:

[www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](http://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)

# MAKE A CHANGE

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**As an adult learner we know that getting back into education or changing career isn't always easy – especially when studying needs to fit in around your existing lifestyle, family, or job.**

If you're fed up of the City and are looking for a new start, want to study to enhance your existing skills and business, or you simply want to pursue your passion, you're welcome at WUC.

Many of the full-time courses we offer can be studied on a part-time basis, for example over two years instead of one. We also run a number of other part-time courses, which typically take place one day or evening per week over a number of weeks or months, including:

- Canine Care
- Dog Grooming
- Floristry
- Horticulture

**Are you ready to make a change?**

Find out more at:  
[writtle.ac.uk/change](https://www.writtle.ac.uk/change#makeachange)  
[#makeachange](https://twitter.com/writtleacuk)

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*The right time for education is when it's the right time for you.*

David Gilbert  
Adult Learner at WUC

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

T **01245 424200**  
E **admissions@writtle.ac.uk**  
W **writtle.ac.uk/admissions**





Lordship Campus

Main Campus

King's Lodge Campus

Titchmarsh Centre



## SHORT COURSES

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Short Course Training at WUC offers a range of subjects and delivery options. We have half-day taster sessions and programmes delivered over a number of weeks. Our courses run throughout the year with some subjects available in the evenings and at weekends.

### What is your goal?

If you are looking for essential professional training or want to learn a new skill or hobby, Short Courses provide a low cost and flexible option. They are an excellent solution for those thinking of a career change or considering getting back into education.

We also provide vital, accredited training in Machinery Operation for employers and individuals.

**Whatever your reason, you can choose from a wide range of subjects, including:**

### Animal Care

Courses in everything from Beekeeping to Livestock Husbandry, as well as a range of programmes aimed at Dog Owners which includes Canine Behaviour, Canine First Aid and Canine Massage.

### **Arboriculture**

Essential City & Guilds/NPTC qualifications and testing solutions for skills including Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting, Felling and Processing Trees, Climbing and Aerial Tree Rescue and many more.

### **AutoCAD, Digital Photography and Photoshop**

Develop a new interest such as Photography or Interior design. Come and be creative! Learn how to design a makeover for your home.

Develop creative computer skills through our Photoshop, SketchUp and AutoCAD courses.

### **Equine**

Choose from a range of courses in preparation for British Horse Society (BHS) exams including the BHS - Ride Safe Award. Additional workshops include Equine First Aid, Horse Clipping and more.

### **Horticulture, Gardening and Landscaping**

From garden design to growing your own fruit and vegetables, our practical short courses are ideal for beginners, green-fingered gardeners and professionals looking to expand their skills. Also included are our very popular Paving and Brickwork courses

### **Machinery Use and Maintenance**

These training programmes are vital for anyone requiring certification on how to safely operate machinery such as Tractors, Ride-on Mowers, Hedge Trimmers and Abrasive Wheels.

Pesticide application training and testing is available throughout the year.

We also offer fun activity days in Tractor Driving and operation for those who want to experience working on the land!

### **Only the best**

All of our Short Courses are delivered to the highest standards, developed in collaboration with business and leading awarding organisations.

If you cannot find what you are looking for just speak to our Short Course Training Team as many programmes can be adapted to suit your needs.

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

T **01245 424286** or **424287**  
E **shortcourses@writtle.ac.uk**  
W **writtle.ac.uk/shortcourses**

# YOU MATTER TO US

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Starting college should be an exciting, challenging and enjoyable time and we are keen to help you get the most out of your time at WUC. Some students need a little help, advice and support along the way and that's where specialist support teams can step in.

## Providing an equal platform

We welcome applications from students who have a disability, learning difficulty and/or mental/medical health conditions, and actively encourage early disclosure of support needs. This helps us consider reasonable adjustments and/or allows us to look to put in place some additional support for you right from the start of your course if you are likely to need it.

If you are deaf or hearing impaired, we can provide one to one support to assist you throughout your course. We have our own specialist team of communicators who can provide British Sign Language (BSL), Sign Supported English (SSE), note-taking or a combination of all three. Communication support can be available for off-site visits, tutorials, one-to-one sessions, open days and interviews. Our two largest teaching spaces are also fitted with hearing loop systems.

We may be able to make special arrangements if you need specific adjustments for examinations and assessments. Access arrangements vary depending on your needs but could include extra time, use of a computer, readers/scribes and adapted materials.

If you are struggling with your course work, you do not need to have a diagnosed disability or specific learning difficulty to benefit from the support available. You can contact the learning support team at any point to discuss what support you may be able to access.

## Wellbeing Support

Students at WUC benefit from being part of a small and close knit community. You will be assigned a course and personal tutor who you will have regular contact with and you would be able to address any concerns about your course or college work. In addition, in the wellbeing team, there a small team of Advisers, who can provide help and advice on personal, emotional or practical problems, as well as specialist mental health support. Through our trained BACP Counsellor we are able to offer a term time confidential counselling service.

In addition, the Wellbeing team run wellbeing events & initiatives throughout the year and provide:

- Residential student out of hours support;
- Safeguarding advice, help and action & Sexual Violence Liaison Officers to support survivors of sexual violence;

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*Learner Support staff helped me, initially, to find my way around the University College and they regularly help me to access all of the buildings and facilities in my electric buggy. A member of staff is always in my classes helping me to take notes in lectures and copy diagrams if I can't complete them in time myself.*

Nicholas Greenslade

## Celebrating British Values

At WUC we are proud to promote British values. With a focus on democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs, we aim to ensure all students are fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

[writtle.ac.uk/British-Values](http://writtle.ac.uk/British-Values)

- Referrals & signposting to other specialist agencies that can help/support our students;
- Easy access to a range of self-help resources/information and online mental health support.

## Accessibility

For our over eighteen students who choose to live on campus in our halls of residence, there are rooms which have been specially adapted for students with mobility

difficulties or hearing impairments. There are also designated car parking bays across all campus sites. If you have accessibility needs, it is really helpful if you talk to our support teams before you start with us, so we can discuss individual reasonable adjustments.

## Children's Day Nursery

As a student, you can benefit from subsidised childcare on campus at the Kiddi Caru Day Nursery, which cares for children from 0-5 years old.

T **01245 421341**

E [writtlecollege@kiddicarucollege.ac.uk](mailto:writtlecollege@kiddicarucollege.ac.uk)

W [kiddicarucollege.ac.uk](http://kiddicarucollege.ac.uk)

## Multi Faith Room and Chaplain

We are fortunate to have a Multi Faith Room on site, which provides a welcoming space for worship and prayer, faith group meetings and quiet contemplation. Our Chaplain can provide spiritual support and guidance and/or can signpost to other faith societies/groups.

## Your Safety

We all have the right to live our lives free from abuse, violence, mistreatment, radicalisation and/or extremist behaviour. WUC students have access to help/support via a team of trained Safeguarding Officers, if they are experiencing any type of abuse (whether it's physical, sexual, emotional, financial, psychological or discriminatory) or feel at risk in any way.

Contact us on **07766 255829** or email [safe@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:safe@writtle.ac.uk)



# MONEY MATTERS & SUPPORT

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## Course costs

If you are attending a fundable full-time course and are under 19 years of age on 31 August in the year the course commences, then no course costs are payable.

Some courses may require a contribution towards the cost of equipment, study tours and visits. For further information, please contact the relevant department.

All students aged 19 or over on 31 August in the year commencing the course are required to pay course costs; however, some learners may be entitled to 100% reduction on tuition fees. The reduction does not extend to full cost courses. Full details on eligibility for fee reduction can be found on the Skills Funding Agency website: [www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance)

Students aged over 19 at the start of their course and studying Level 3 qualifications may qualify for an Advanced Learning Loan to help pay the fees charged. For further information, visit:

**[www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/overview](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/overview)**

For further information about course costs and loans please contact us and we will be happy to help:

T **01245 424200**  
E **[admissions@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@writtle.ac.uk)**

### Money worries?

Students who find themselves experiencing financial difficulties can apply to our Further Education Bursary fund, once they have commenced studies. Depending on your situation, we may be able to provide financial support to assist with travel, course related costs, meals, childcare and accommodation.

### Free school meal entitlement and learner support funds

Free school meal entitlement has been extended to post-16 students. You may be entitled to free meals at college if you are:

- Aged between 16 and 18 on 31 August AND are from a low income household

- OR aged between 19 and 25 with an Education Health Care Plan

### Care to Learn

Care to Learn is for students aged under 20 years who require assistance with childcare fees and associated travel costs in order to study at college. The young parent must be the main carer and in receipt of Child Benefit for the child(ren). Applications should be made via email to **[C2L@studentbursarysupport.co.uk](mailto:C2L@studentbursarysupport.co.uk)** or via phone on **0800 121 8989**.

### Hardship Assistance

The most vulnerable and disadvantaged learners are prioritised for funding to help remove barriers to education or training. Application forms are available on our website:

**[www.writtle.ac.uk/Financial-Hardship-Assistance](http://www.writtle.ac.uk/Financial-Hardship-Assistance)** and from the Student Finance office.

This information is correct as at the date of printing. However, please note it is subject to national guidelines and funding availability.

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

T **01245 424200**  
E **[studentfinance@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@writtle.ac.uk)**  
W **[writtle.ac.uk/moneymatters](http://writtle.ac.uk/moneymatters)**

# KEY LINKS

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Explore our  
Campus Virtually



Visit our Virtual  
Open Day Hub



Book onto  
one of  
our FE  
Webinars







# HOW DO I APPLY?

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**We hope you have found a course or apprenticeship you will really enjoy at WUC. The next step? Make an application!**

Courses can fill up quickly so don't miss out, apply today! Simply download a form online at [writtle.ac.uk/apply-online](http://writtle.ac.uk/apply-online)

If you are accepted onto a course, you will have peace of mind knowing you have secured a place at WUC. You can apply at any time, right up to the beginning of the new academic year subject to place availability.

We will let you know as soon as we've received your application. For some of our courses, before we issue you an offer you will be required to come in for an interview or assessment day.

Finally, we will then send you a letter telling you whether you have been offered a place on your chosen course.

Good luck!



**Apply now**

## **Availability of courses**

We provide courses that are cost effective. This means that each course must recruit a minimum number of students. Occasionally this does not occur and, as a last resort, it may be necessary to cancel a course. Please be assured that this is a situation we will do our utmost to avoid. In the event that we cannot offer you a place on your preferred course for this reason, we will, wherever possible, offer you a place on an alternative course.

New courses are continually being introduced and current courses may be updated, so you should contact us or view our website for full details. We will contact you to offer you an alternative course if the course you have applied for has significantly changed.

Visit our Virtual Open Day Hub – This fantastic resource provides you with videos, 360 virtual tours, course booklets and subject presentations as well as information about how to apply, learning support, student finance and student life at WUC.  
[www.wuc-virtualhub.co.uk/](http://www.wuc-virtualhub.co.uk/)

For further information please contact us and we will be happy to help:

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W [writtle.ac.uk/admissions](http://writtle.ac.uk/admissions)

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Every attempt has been made to ensure the information contained within this prospectus is correct at the time of going to press, however, the University College accepts no responsibility for any errors or omissions. New courses are continually being introduced and optional modules revised so applicants are advised to contact the University College for up-to-date course details. The University College reserves the right to withdraw courses or parts of courses where there is insufficient demand, to charge an administration fee to cover aspects such as study visits and learning materials, and to vary modes of delivery. Our offer to you, and your acceptance of a place at Writtle University College, will be subject to this express condition. The General College Regulations and the Academic Regulations are contained in the Student Handbook, which is available on request. The University College is not responsible for the content of external internet sites that are included in this prospectus.

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