

Joining Instructions

Equine Care/ Management Courses

Welcome to the Equine Care/Management team at Wiltshire College & University Centre.

Please find below details of course related costs and items you may need to get ready for the start of term.

Resource Fee

You will need to pay your £25 non-refundable Resource Fee before coming to enrol. This can be paid via the [WCUC Online Shop](#). You will need to bring a copy of your receipt to enrolment as proof of purchase. If you cannot pay online, please pay by card on enrolment day.

Stationery

All students are required to provide their own stationery, to include a memory stick, paper, pens, pencils, calculator and folders, A4 poly-pockets for completed assignments and folders for completing course work and in-class assessments.

Books

You are not required to purchase textbooks for this course as the Learning Resource Centre has a range of textbooks that you can access. Insight which is available from the SharePoint homepage will direct you to available E-books, journals, and articles relevant to your course. Unit specific recommended reading lists will be provided by specific lecturers throughout the academic year.

Equipment, Uniform & PPE

All students are required to have specific clothing and PPE, which must be worn in all practical sessions.

We do not provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and this must be purchased before you start your course. If PPE is not present at the start of term, this may exclude you from practical sessions.

If your place is conditional on your exam results, please be mindful about buying items until your place is confirmed at your enrolment appointment.

For Health and Safety reasons **no** visible piercings are permissible during practical activities. All jewellery must be removed including necklaces and rings (except wedding rings).

Nail extensions or false nails and nail varnish are not permitted in the Animal Resource Centre (ARC) and you will be required to remove them for practical sessions as this could cause injury or health issues to horses or yourself.

All students are required to have the following clothing, which must be worn in all practical sessions; hoodies are not permissible during practical activities:

- Riding Hat (to British standards) – [Horse Riding Helmets: Fitting & Safety | The British Horse Society](#)
- Black/brown long riding boots or jodhpur boots/chaps
- Jodhpurs/breeches (solid dark colours)
- Gloves (navy or black)
- Whip (long schooling whip and shorter 30 cm whip suggested)
- Body protectors BETA 2018 Level 3 standard (blue label)

All items must be a plain colour (black or navy) and appropriate for industry.

Students are required to purchase the following clothing items from our supplier [JS Teamwear](#):

- College Polo Shirts
- College Sweatshirt crew neck or $\frac{3}{4}$ zip neck
- Wiltshire College waterproof coat

Samples of clothing available to order can be viewed at enrolment.

Students also have the option to purchase the following additional items from the online shop, but these can also be purchased from alternative suppliers:

- Gilet
- Soft shell jacket
- Riding tights
- Gloves
- Waterproof trousers
- Other equine items available for purchase

Trips and Guest Speakers

All students are expected to attend college educational enrichment activities as part of their course. These could include a visit to equine welfare and behaviour specialists, Badminton Horse Trials, race days and visits to various equestrian businesses. We will also have guest speakers and employer masterclasses throughout the year. Your course lecturer will let you know when the trips are available for additional payment via the [WCUC Online Shop](#).

Work Experience

As part of your course, you are required to find and carry out a work placement. Please look around your local area for businesses or organisations to complete the placement.

If you have already found a placement, please contact our Placement Officer on Lucy.Goverd@Wiltshire.ac.uk about the establishment you have found and their contact details.

Financial Support

We understand that we are in a financially challenging time, and the costs of attending college can put pressure on a lot of families. Bursary funding is designed to help students overcome the financial barriers to attend and participate on their chosen course. Information about the criteria for applying bursary funds can be found on our website – [Bursaries - Wiltshire College & University Centre](#).

Bursary payments for anything other than meals and bus passes will be paid after 6 weeks of continued attendance, therefore please be mindful of this if you choose to purchase items yourself then.

Warm-up activities

Students who are keen to get involved in all things equestrian, we thought you would enjoy checking out these links for ideas on what you could get up to over summer:

[Rideathon | The British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](http://bhs.org.uk)

[Body Condition Scoring \(baileyshorsefeeds.co.uk\)](http://baileyshorsefeeds.co.uk)

[Baileys Horse Feeds Podcast](#)

[Horse Learner Fitness – YouTube](#)

<https://drdavidmarlin.com>

Suggested retailers for riding clothes and safety wear:

- Wadswick Country Store
Manor Farm
Wadswick
Corsham
Wiltshire
SN13 0NY
01225 810700
- Robinsons Equestrian: www.robinsonsequestrian.com
- Horsey things
Unit 3
Richmond Farm
Brickworth Road
Whiteparish
Salisbury
SP5 2QG
01794 884234
- Mole Valley Farmers
Standerwick
Frome
Somerset
BA11 2PN
01373 831114
- Mole Country Stores
Churchfields Road
Salisbury
Wiltshire
SP2 7PP
01722 336886