

Joining Instructions

Horticulture

Welcome to the Horticulture 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. You will receive your programme handbook with key dates and further course information to support you starting your chosen course in September.

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.

Equipment

All students are required to provide their own stationery, to include: A4 lined note paper/exercise books, a pencil case including pens, pencil, highlighters, rubber and ruler.

It is expected that students will also have their own laptop or tablet device for their classwork. Students access their coursework and lesson resources through Microsoft Teams, so an electronic device is important.

If this is something you will be unable to provide, then please let us know. We do have some day loan laptops available.

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. Unit specific recommended reading lists will be provided by your course lecturer at the start of the course.

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 ALL 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. Long hair must be tied back.

Nail extensions or false nails and nail varnish are not permitted during practical activities, and you will be required to remove them as this could cause injury or health issues.

Students are able to purchase the following branded clothing items from our supplier
JS Teamwear:

- Polo shirt(s)
- Sweatshirt(s)
- Waterproof coat
- Steel toe cap boots – can be purchased from the above supplier or from any 'workwear' store

We recommend students wear waterproof clothing when appropriate which must be plain colour (black, green or navy) and appropriate for industry and are also available to purchase from any outdoor shop:

- Warm all weather jacket / Gillet
- Work gloves
- Cargo / Work trousers (not fashion jeans)
- Waterproof trousers

Trips and Guest Speakers

All students are expected to attend college educational enrichment activities as part of their course. We will also have guest speakers and employer masterclasses throughout the year.

Additional trips and residential trips maybe included throughout the academic year. Details of residential trips with costs will be provided closer to the time, providing parents and learners with sufficient notice. 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. This should be 150hrs and completed by Easter Holidays. Please look around your local area for businesses or organisations to complete the placement.

If you have already found a placement, please contact Ann Simpson (Ann.Simpson@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](#).

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