

Joining Instructions

Land and Wildlife

Welcome to the Land and Wildlife 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: A4 lined note paper, pens, pencils, rubbers, 30cm ruler, A4 folder and dividers.

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.

However, highly recommended general Countryside Management resources, some of which can be found as electronic versions online, include the following:

- History of the Countryside Oliver Rackham. Published by: Orion Publishing Co, 2020
ISBN: 9781474614023
- Ecological Census Techniques: A handbook Sutherland, W(ed) Published by:
Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition, 2006
ISBN: 9780521606363
- Ecology: The Experimental Analysis of Distribution and Abundance: International Edition.
Charles J. Krebs. Pearson Education 2013
ISBN 9780321604682
- By All Reasonable Means, least restrictive access to the outdoors. Published by Sensory
Trust, www.sensorytrust.org.uk
- Farming and Wildlife: A Practical Management Handbook Andrews, J & Rebane, M
Published by: RSPB, 1994
ISBN 978-0903138673
- Nature in Towns and Cities. David Goode. Published by Harper Collins, 2014.
ISBN: 9780007242399
- TVC (The Conservation Volunteers) Handbooks [TCV | The Conservation Volunteers](#)

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.

Please be aware no hoodies, leggings or joggers are permissible for practical sessions.

Students can purchase the below branded clothing items from our supplier [JS Teamwear](#):

- College polo shirts
- Sweatshirt crew neck or $\frac{3}{4}$ zip neck
- Waterproof coats

We recommend students wear the following clothing when appropriate which must be plain colour (black, green or navy) and appropriate for industry:

- Steel toe cap boots
- Warm all weather jacket / Gillet
- Cargo / Work trousers
- Waterproof trousers
- Overalls
- Raincoats/jackets/Gillet
- Wellies / Walking boots
- Spare socks
- Work gloves

Trips/ Visits 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 may be 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 Placement

Each academic year you are required to achieve employer involvement experience. This is mandatory and requires you to complete Countryside Management (Land and Wildlife) related work experience, please look around your local area for work placement opportunities. These could include Countryside Management consultants; Wildlife Trust, Pest Controllers; Woodland Trust; Forestry Commission; The National Trust; Ecological Consultants; Forestry and Arboriculture Contractors; The Canal and Rivers Trust; RSPB; Conservation Charities amongst many other businesses and organisations linked to the Countryside Management (Land and Wildlife) sector.

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 Land and Wildlife, we thought you would enjoy checking out these websites for ideas on what you could get up to over summer.

Useful Websites

There are lots of organisations and useful websites related to Countryside Management. Here are just some:

CIEEM <http://www.cieem.net>

Countryside Jobs Service <https://www.countryside-jobs.com/>

Game & Wildlife Conservation trust - <https://www.gwct.org.uk>

Natural England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england>

The British Deer Society- <https://www.bds.org.uk/index.php/advice-education/species>

The Countryside Management Association <https://countrysidemanagement.org.uk/>

The National Trust <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/our-cause>

The Royal Forestry Society <https://rfs.org.uk/>

The RSPB <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Sensory Trust <https://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/>

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust <https://www.wwt.org.uk/>

The Wildlife Trusts <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/>

The Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

The Forestry Commission <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/forestry-commission>

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Places to Visit

Look online for your local nature reserves, for example via the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

The New Forest is our nearest National Park.

Slimbridge Wetland Centre, Gloucestershire

The National Nature Reserve at Pewsey Downs

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