



**UNIVERSITY
CENTRE
HADLOW**

Part of North Kent College

**Kent's only
rural and
land-based
college**

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES 2024/25

Partner of



**UNIVERSITY of
GREENWICH**

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Welcome

A Welcome from the Chief Executive and Executive Principal

I am delighted to introduce the 2024–25 University programme guide. Choosing which university to attend is one of the most exciting and important decisions you will make. The course you choose now will help shape your future career and we are committed to helping you make the right choice.

Our North Kent College portfolio incorporates Kent's only rural and land-based college, Hadlow College, with a specialist rural university experience and state-of-the-art facilities. North Kent College also offers three other campuses in Dartford, Gravesend and Tonbridge. All our campuses serve their local communities, and each individual campus has its own unique identity but together we offer a broad range of programmes, enrichment, and progression opportunities.

We are committed to providing our students with the best learning experience possible and welcome all students, whether joining us from school or college or returning from a break in their studies.

Our work with employers and the local community leads to many wide ranging and



diverse progression opportunities and you will find within this guide several case studies from current and past students where you will see their journeys and chosen career paths.

Take your time to explore this guide and you can find even more details on our website. Make sure to visit our year round open events including our popular lambing weekend or simply give us a call or drop us a message on our social channels. Don't just take our word for it though make sure to watch the student testimonials and video interviews to find out why they have made us their number one choice.

David Gleed Chief Executive and Executive Principal

We are **committed** to providing our students with the **best learning experience possible**

A Welcome from the Vice Principal, Hadlow College

Thank you for considering Hadlow College for your next step along your educational journey. Our aim is to provide you with a solid foundation upon which you can build your career or further studies. Hadlow College has a proud heritage within the land-based sector and we pride ourselves in being a community.

For over 50 years we have been based at our current site, just outside of Tonbridge, and our history can be traced back over 100 years. Former students have won major prizes in several prestigious national events and are a key part in the county's rural economy.

Our staff are highly skilled in supporting you along this path; helping you settle in, make new friends and get the most out of your time with us. However, even before you start, our impartial careers advice can help you choose the right course and support you through the application and enrolment process.

Our history can be traced back over **100** years



During your course you will benefit from a number of exciting learning opportunities, both in the classroom and outdoors.

You will gain real-life skills and experience a real-life work environment, guided by our expert lecturers. Follow our social channels to keep up to date with everything that is happening at the College. I also would recommend that you consider attending one of our recruitment events and speaking to our tutors. I hope you enjoy finding out about Hadlow College.

Chris Lydon
Vice Principal, Hadlow College

Open Events

and Campus Tours

Our open events are held at regular intervals throughout the year and take the form of online or on-site events.

We want you to explore our facilities whilst having the opportunity to speak to tutors and current and past students. You can also apply for a September 2024 start with us here at Hadlow at our Open Event on June 5th from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Make sure you keep an eye on our website for full details and to pre-register!

2024



Lambing Weekend

**Saturday and Sunday 20th
and 21st April
11:00am–4:00pm**

Come and visit our newborn lambs, activities include tractor rides, birds of prey, food and craft stalls and so much more! Plus you can take a look at what we have to offer in all our course areas.

**Sorry,
no dogs
allowed**



**Make sure you keep an
eye on our website for full
details and to pre-register!**

www.hadlow.ac.uk/events

NEED HELP APPLYING?



We're here to help you. Apply online via UCAS on our website. Our careers team can help you apply.



1. Explore our state-of-the-art facilities with cutting edge technologies
2. Speak to tutors – industry professionals
3. Speak to our current students

Why choose

Hadlow College?

Partner of



01 SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

Our exciting new decarbonisation and sustainable development – the creation of a new ‘robotic orchard and vineyard’ aimed at promoting sustainability, which is now a vital part of land-based industries. The cutting-edge orchard and vineyard has been planted with vines and stone fruits and will enable students to use and learn about automated spraying, robotic harvesting and the use of drones for such things as mapping yield. We’ve got state-of-the-art technology to ensure our students are at the forefront of the sustainable farming industry.

02 RESEARCH

As part of your degree programme, you’ll have the opportunity to undertake research into your areas of interest and provide industry with forward-thinking creative solutions. Past students have examined how technology could improve the global standards of “paddock to plate” with the traceability of meat in the livestock industry, developed variety trials to improve the resilience of asparagus, berry and grape crops, trialled new feeds in aquaculture to improve fish growth rates and examined the welfare of dairy calves at weaning.

03 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

The smaller class sizes, and one-to-one contact time with tutors, gives our university centre students a personal experience.

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HIGH QUALITY EXPERIENCE

Our programmes are validated by the University of Greenwich and delivered by tutors who are experts in their subject.

Hadlow College is Kent’s only rural and land-based college.

APPLY NOW



05

FLEXIBLE APPROACH

Rather than being spread over a whole week, we try and condense our teaching into 2-3 days. This gives you time for other things.

06

FEES

Our fees are competitive and, together with financial support packages, ensures that university-level study is affordable.

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DEDICATED AREAS

University Centre students have dedicated areas for quiet study, socialising or discussing tutorial topics with classmates.

08

STUDENTS' UNION

As a student within our University Centre, you are automatically a member of the Students' Union. However, becoming an elected officer means you get involved with shaping your university experience. You can enhance your university experience, and develop graduate attributes, by becoming an elected official and playing a part in student involvement.

By becoming an elected Student Governor or Programme Representative, you will work with the curriculum and wider college teams to help shape the wider student experience. Elected Student Union Officers organise trips and social events for the student population.

Not only does this enhance knowledge and skills, but you also receive a free NUS extra card with complimentary entry to University Centre Hadlow events.

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STUDENT LIFE

During your time with us, you're able to take part in a variety of different activities which may include learning a new skill, helping other people within the community or local area, attending a workshop or sampling offsite activities.

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LEAVE CAREER READY!

In a competitive job market, you'll be taught by industry professionals and we have a strong job related element in all of our Higher Education programmes.





**APPLY
NOW**

AT A GLANCE...

Friendly atmosphere
of a Campus University

Rich student experience

Dedicated accommodation
and study areas

Thriving social life

Excellent practical
resources

Spaces for quiet study,
socialising or discussing
tutorial topics

Additional support on hand
throughout your degree

Strong alumni network

Smaller class sizes

For more about what makes us unique, visit:
www.hadlow.ac.uk/university or scan the QR code!



Our

Facilities



OUR BEAUTIFUL HADLOW MAIN CAMPUS

Our main campus is set in beautiful surroundings—a large managed estate including over **265 acres** of prime arable land, woodland, natural river, three commercial farms, established show gardens and horticultural glasshouses, lakes and other natural habitats. Including our brand new sustainable orchard and vineyard with all the latest technologies to learn sustainable farming techniques.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Our Animal Management Unit is one of the country's leading educational animal collections.

The collection houses over **500 animals** from over **125 different species**, which all the students study to develop their skills and expertise. With state-of-the-art aquatics, herpetology and nocturnal sections, students have the opportunity to experience a diverse range of working environments, while the opportunity to work with exotic carnivores, canids and mongoose species provide our students with first-class experience in a zoo environment. Many of the species we house are endangered and are part of national and international collaborative programmes with other UK zoos. The collection also has a substantial range of domestic species including pigs, goats, alpacas and poultry.



OVER 500
ANIMALS



OVER 125
DIFFERENT SPECIES



HORTICULTURE

Our Horticultural facilities comprises of a brand new glasshouse complex, access to fruit orchards and field production facilities.

Exciting new automated and sustainable developments with our **3 hectare robotic orchard** producing apples, pears, cherries and other crops using the latest harvest and management tools/ equipment and robots. A vineyard looking at the production requirements for English wine and grape juice.

A new commercial nursery was introduced during 2022 comprising glasshouses with hydroponic growing facilities.



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EQUESTRIAN



Our superb Equestrian stabling for **64 horses** along with two international size indoor arenas, outdoor arenas and paddocks. We regularly host competitions and lecture demonstrations from famous riders and trainers such as Mary and Emily King, Mark Todd and Monty Roberts.

FAULKNER'S FARM

Our fully functioning commercial farm is home to the College flock of **350 ewes**, lambing sheds and **66 hectares** of rotational grazing. Students are involved with lambing, shearing and care of the flock.



66 HECTARES

350
EWES



BLACKMAN'S FARM

Home to our herd of beef cattle. As well as land for grazing, the farm which extends to **57 hectares**.

We also have very close links with local dairy farms giving our students an all round experience with dairy and beef.



57 HECTARES

BEEF
CATTLE



See next
page for
more facilities.



Our

Facilities

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR REPTILE WELFARE (NCRW)

The facility, the first of its type in the United Kingdom, provides refuge and care for up to **600 unwanted and vulnerable reptiles** and amphibians. Its aim is to re-home them through a national network of retailers and wholesalers, as well as improve the body of knowledge around the care and needs of these animals.

**600
VULNERABLE
REPTILES**



BROADVIEW GARDENS

Comprising **4 hectares** of beautiful individually designed themed gardens built by Hadlow staff and students, Broadview offers a great place to escape when you fancy a break from studying.





FLORISTRY

We have chillers, bespoke classrooms for floristry and cutting gardens.

FISHERIES HATCHERY

Our fully-stocked hatchery contains various species of tropical and cold water fish, in different types of industry-specific systems. Students learn about different methods of fish welfare, accommodation and husbandry.

We have **aquarium** tanks and several advanced Recirculating Aquaculture Systems which incorporate industry standard equipment such as commercial drum filters.



AQUARIUM TANKS

GROVE FARM FISHING LAKE

Comprising a **2-hectare mixed coarse fishing lake** and growing on ponds, Grove Farm operates as a commercial fishery and fish farm, providing our students with practical skills in carp husbandry, modern fisheries management practises and all aspects of fish farming and relevant legislation.



Decarbonisation and Sustainability Agenda

A man in a plaid shirt is seen from the back, looking out over a vast field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The field is filled with small, dark plants, possibly a field of wildflowers or a similar natural landscape. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.



Working towards a decarbonised economy

From Autumn 2023, Hadlow College is the first UK college to give their students the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on experience of sustainable fruit growing using cutting-edge technologies and automated systems.

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The establishment of a “concept orchard and vineyard” showcasing the latest technology in automated systems, including automated and AI management systems, innovative crop diversity, cleaner storage, and robotic fruit picking.

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We educate Hadlow students as the horticulturists of the future to operate and manage these sustainable systems and develop concepts for real change in the sector, for an efficient, economic, healthy and sustainable farming industry. In line with the collaborative project across Kent with the Chamber of Commerce and Kent’s Further Education Colleges, Hadlow College work on decarbonisation and skills shortages in identified industry sectors.





A Greener Garden of England

Hadlow College has a 3 hectare orchard growing a range of crops on the main campus. This exciting development focuses on sustainability, reducing labour where possible and allows us to work collaboratively with industry and importantly inspire the next generation of fruit growers and horticulturists.

The orchard is automated using a range of robotic equipment and sensors to remove much of the labour intensive aspects but develop the highly skilled labour requirements of orchard management.

The crops grown include Apple, Pears, Cherries, Apricots and other Prunus. A section of the orchard is devoted to viticulture producing a crop of grapes but with the training emphasis being on how to set up and manage a vineyard. Cherries grown under plastic and intensive production systems are used to maximise the potential yield of all crops. The planning of the orchard was conducted in conjunction with industry to ensure we are meeting future demands.

The crops are grown with sustainability in mind at all times. Drones are used to monitor bud set, predict yields and monitor the growth of the crop allowing precise applications of nutrition, pest and disease control methods to be used.

Sensors are installed throughout the orchard to monitor amongst other things moisture, relative humidity, PAR, rain fall plus other exciting sensors which are currently being developed.

Post-harvest technology will include new cold store facilities with lab based research storage facilities to help better understand the implications of long term storage of fruit. Hadlow College has a rich history of fruit production, working with industry and providing training opportunities for students. This latest development is an exciting opportunity for industry to engage with the college to shape the future of the fruit industry in Kent and further afield.



**A Greener
Garden of England**
Working towards a decarbonised economy

Our Courses

Course title	Level	Course Codes	Full/ Part-time
FdSc in Applied Animal Behavioural Science & Welfare	4 & 5	T3H144P	Full-time
FdSc in Zoo Husbandry & Animal Management	4 & 5	T3H142P	Full-time
FdSc in Equine Training and Management	4 & 5	T3H102P	Full-time
FdSc in Horticulture – Commercial	4 & 5	T3H149P	Full-time
FdSc in Horticulture – Commercial Part Time	4 & 5	T3H549P	Part-time
BSc Top Up in Applied Behavioural Science & Welfare	6	T3H143P	Full-time
BSc Top Up in Agriculture	6	T3H139P	Full-time
BSc Top Up in Animal Management	6	T3H147P	Full-time
BSc Top up in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management	6	T3H141P	Full-time

Location	Entry criteria	Duration
Hadlow Main Site	64 UCAS points	2 years
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Hadlow Main Site	64 UCAS points	2 years
Hadlow Main Site	64 UCAS points	2 years
Hadlow Main Site	64 UCAS points	3 years
Hadlow Main Site	Level 5	1 year
Hadlow Main Site	Level 5	1 year
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Our Courses:

Level 4 & 5

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FdSc in Applied

Animal Behavioural

Science & Welfare

UCAS CODE: T3H144P



HADLOW CAMPUS



LEVEL 4 & 5



2 YEARS

This is a University of Greenwich programme.

The programme will be of interest to students who enjoy the biological sciences and have an interest in pursuing a career in the animal management industry. There is a broad diversity in the career opportunities available that relate to animal behaviour and welfare and these can often involve roles that offer both practical and theoretical elements.

The varied styles of teaching delivery within the programme are therefore ideal for creating graduates that can make the most of these career opportunities. Students will develop a range of practical biological science and practical animal skills in the first year whilst studying specific animal behaviour and welfare course materials. This establishment of fundamental skills is then developed further as students progress into year two and if they wish to proceed to a full Honours degree, into year three, where subjects taught cover a diverse range of relevant areas such as Behavioural Ecology and Psychopharmacology and Neuroscience.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

64 UCAS points are made up from A Levels, preferably one in a science-based subject, or a relevant level 3 vocational qualification. All applicants should have GCSE Grade C or above in English, maths and science and have spent two years studying at Level 3. Applications from mature students, without the standard entry requirements, who are working in the industry are considered on a case by case basis.



ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include coursework, individual and group oral, presentations, mixed media formats, research reports, case studies and assignments, and closed and open book examination.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will find a diverse range of career opportunities available at the completion of the programme which can involve practical based jobs as well as roles within organisations that have more of a campaigning role. Typical employers include animal rescue centres, animal charities, zoos and wildlife parks, as well as educational institutions and retail outlets.

TOP UP AVAILABLE



**BSc Top Up in Applied
Animal Behavioural Science
& Welfare | Level 6**

See page 34 for more information on top-up courses.

*subject to minimum cohort numbers



For more details and the most up to date information please scan.

FdSc in Zoo Husbandry & Management



UCAS CODE: T3H142P

 HADLOW CAMPUS

 LEVEL 4 & 5

 2 YEARS

This is a University of Greenwich programme.

The FdSc in Zoo Husbandry & Management is aimed at students wishing to take a vocational programme to provide them with the skills to work in the zoo industry. The programme is aimed to equip students with a range of skills needed by the industry such as aquatic species management, native species management, project management, horticultural practices as well as direct practical animal management skills on a wide range of species

The range of modules ensures that students are able to apply for a range of job roles after completion. This includes private collections, zoos, wildlife parks, education establishments and charities.

The Animal Management Unit has now developed a range of diverse **125** species and **500** animals which fit the larger zoo industry.

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ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include coursework, individual and group oral, presentations, mixed media formats, research reports, case studies and assignments, and closed and open book examination.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students may move into practical job roles on completion of the course such as zoo keeping, education officers, technical instructors, record keeping roles, zoo horticultural roles or aquatics based positions.

TOP UP AVAILABLE



BSc Top Up in Animal Management | Level 6

See page 34 for more information on top-up courses.

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UNIVERSITY of
GREENWICH

FdSc in Equine Training and Management



UCAS CODE: T3H102P

 **HADLOW CAMPUS**

 **LEVEL 4 & 5**

 **2 YEARS**

This is a University of Greenwich programme.

Enabling students to gain a solid understanding of the equine industry in a vocational way, this programme is divided between the classroom, practical sessions, visits and lecture demonstrations.

You will be given the necessary management skills for a career within the equine industry and, by the end of the programme, be particularly suited to work in the competition horse industry as either a coach, trainer, rider, stable manager, centre manager or events co-ordinator. This programme can be structured to your individual experiences.

On our HE courses, you will benefit from the wide breadth and experience of our expert lecturing team and the exciting and highly-varied facilities and resources

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

64 UCAS points made up from A levels, preferably one in a science based subject, or relevant Level 3 vocational qualification. All applicants should also have a GCSE grade C or above in English, maths and preferably science. Applicants wishing to take the optional riding modules will need to undertake a riding assessment before starting. Life experiences are taken into account when considering applications.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include coursework, individual and group oral, presentations, mixed media formats, research reports, case studies and assignments, and closed and open book examination.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Typical employers include competition centres, yards, research centres, feed manufacturers, event management agencies, equine welfare organisations, riding schools, racing yards, studs and equine veterinary clinics.



For more details and the most up to date information please scan.

FdSc in Horticulture

Commercial

UCAS CODE: T3H149P

 HADLOW CAMPUS

 LEVEL 4 & 5

 2 YEARS

This is a University of Greenwich programme.

Aimed at students who wish to gain a foundation degree qualification in horticulture commercial, this programme gives you the opportunity to specialise in either nursery production, fruit production, medicinal plant production or retail. Following the production route will allow you to develop skills in propagation, growing on, harvest and post harvest care for a range of crops from ornamentals for the garden centre trade through to cut flowers, medicinal crops and fruit. Other aspects include machinery, soil science and common pests and diseases in the environment. Teaching and assessment methods include, coursework (assignments, written reports, case studies and presentations) as well as final examinations.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

64 UCAS points made up from A levels, preferably one in Science based subject, or a relevant Level 3 vocational qualification. All applicants should also have a GCSE grade C or above in English, maths and science.

Life experiences are taken into account when considering applications.



ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include coursework, individual and group oral, presentations, mixed media formats, research reports, case studies and assignments, and closed and open book examination.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career prospects are excellent at technical sales and managerial levels. This programme is recognised by the Institute of Horticulture as leading towards membership.

Typical employers include nurseries, fruit farms, garden centres and glasshouses in a horticultural research and new product development capacity.



For more details and the most up to date information please scan.

PART TIME

FdSc in Horticulture

Commercial

UCAS CODE: T3H549P

 **HADLOW CAMPUS**

 **LEVEL 4 & 5**

 **3 YEARS**

This is a University of Greenwich programme.

Are you looking to upskill or already working in the Horticultural industry?

This course, linked closely with industry, offers you the opportunity to learn skills in essential areas of commercial Horticulture including protected crops and systems, such as hydroponics which are delivered in our state-of-the-art Venlo glasshouse. Ornamental Horticulture allows students to develop skills in propagation, growing on and making full use of our propagation systems. Plants grown are used in our own 10-acre formal garden or sold via our weekly pop-up plant sales. Cut flowers are also grown in a dedicated area.

All the skills are delivered to students through practical experience and lectures. You will learn all areas of production but for those with a keen interest in fruit or Viticulture we have a sustainable orchard and vineyard which are grown using innovative and sustainable techniques employing robots, drones, apple harvesters, blossom thinners, mechanical weeders and more traditional equipment and techniques. Practical aspects cover plant and soil science, pest and disease control techniques which is essential for all horticulturists to enable you to produce the best crop.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

64 UCAS points made up from A levels, preferably one in Science based subject, or a relevant Level 3 vocational qualification. All applicants should also have a GCSE grade C or above in English, maths and science.

Applicants working in industry are encouraged and will be considered on experience.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained within this guide is accurate, Hadlow College cannot be held responsible for omissions and errors. We reserve the right to introduce changes to the information at any given time. Information accurate at time of print.



ASSESSMENTS

Assessment methods include, coursework (assignments, written reports, case studies and presentations) as well as final examinations and tests. All exams are taken in the classroom.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Our Courses Explained

Level 4 & 5

WHAT ARE FOUNDATION DEGREES (FDSC)?

Foundation Degrees (FdSc) are the equivalent to the first two years of a traditional University course at Level 4 and Level 5. The Foundation Degree is designed to combine practical workplace learning with academic study and therefore they aim for you to develop skills for specific jobs. Foundation Degrees are often favoured by students who want to work and study at the same time. Upon completion of your Foundation Degree, Hadlow College have approved 'top up' pathways available that enable you to complete a full degree classification.

*subject to minimum cohort numbers

Level 6

WHAT ARE TOP-UPS?

Top-Ups are developed for graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills and gain a full undergraduate degree by combining previous certificates with a year of full-time study. They provide a route for students to achieve a Bachelors degree. Top up your degree to help on your career journey today!

*subject to minimum cohort numbers

Level 6 Courses



To find out more please scan the QR codes below or visit:
www.hadlow.ac.uk/courses



Agriculture



**Aquaculture
and Fisheries
Management**



**Animal
Management**



**Applied Animal
Behavioural
Science & Welfare**



Residential

Accommodation



A REAL UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Living on site places you in recently renovated accommodation right in the heart of our charming Hadlow Campus.

ROOMS AND ON SITE FACILITIES

You'll get a single study bedroom, shared bathroom or shower facilities, a communal lounge and a kitchen equipped with cooker, fridge and freezer.

You will also be able to make use of an onsite gym, bar and common room and have access to a programme of enrichment, health and wellbeing activities and events.

HOW TO APPLY FOR RESIDENTIAL

All full-time students are eligible to apply for accommodation; however, preference is given to those who live a considerable distance from the College. In addition, course hours are taken into consideration, particularly for those courses that have early morning or late practical duties. If you are interested in applying, please complete the online form by scanning the QR code or visiting

www.hadlow.ac.uk



Our accommodation package includes:



We offer half-board or self-catering options.



All utility bills.



A member of staff available at all times. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when students are in accommodation.



Pastoral support and personal and social development opportunities.



Cleaning and maintenance support.



Access to student zone activities and facilities.



Fees and Finance

University Centre Hadlow tuition fees are set by the awarding body. As an indication, the fees for University of Greenwich programmes, for students starting their studies in September 2023 were:

BSc (Hons) Degrees (Top Up)
Level 6 | 1 year full-time course
£9,250 per year

Foundation Degrees (FdSc)
Level 5 | 2 year full-time course
£6,165 per year

These fees could change/increase for 2024/25. Part-time fees are pro rata the above full-time rates.

STUDENT FINANCE

While you're a student you'll have two main costs - tuition fees and living costs. Most students can apply for help with these costs via student finance. Full details and to apply online please visit: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

TUITION FEE LOANS

Most full-time UK or EEA students will not have to pay fees from their own means before beginning their course, nor whilst they are studying. Most students will be eligible for a student tuition fee loan to cover the costs of fees during the period of study, regardless of family income. The tuition fee loan is designed to cover the cost of tuition up to a maximum of **£9,250** a year; this is paid directly to the University of Greenwich. Most students, regardless of family income, are eligible for this government loan, however, it will need to be paid back following graduation and once you are earning over **£25,000** per annum.

MAINTENANCE LOANS

Maintenance loans are available to most full-time UK students to help with living costs such as food, accommodation and travel. The amount of loan depends where you live and where you study and is also based on your household income. For example, if you live at home and study outside London, then the maximum loan available is **£7,529** per year, however, if you decide to live away from home and study outside London this increases to **£8,944** per year. The maintenance loan will need to be paid back following completion of the course, once you are earning over **£25,000** per annum.



REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

All loans (tuition fees and maintenance loans) are grouped together and will automatically be deducted from your salary once you have completed your course and are earning over **£25,000** per annum. If your income falls below **£25,000**, your repayments stop until you start earning **£25,000** again. Repayments will start the April after you graduate and will be based on 9% of any salary, which is over the threshold of **£25,000**, with the term of the loan being 30 years; after this time, any remaining loan will be written off.

Below is an indication of how repayments of your student loan will work once you have finished your course:

DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE (DSA)

You can apply for this allowance if you have a physical disability or mental health condition (for example depression or anxiety) or learning difficulty (for example dyslexia or dyspraxia). This grant is non-means-tested and available to both full and part-time students. Help is usually in the form of additional support/extra time during exams as well as specialist equipment. This is a grant and does not need to be repaid.

CHILDCARE GRANT (CCG) AND PARENTS' LEARNING ALLOWANCE (PLA)

If you have children in registered childcare then the ChildCare Grant can help with up to **85%** of your costs. There is also a Parents' Learning Allowance to help with course related costs, up to **£1,915** per year. These are means-tested grants and will not need to be repaid.

ADULT DEPENDANTS' GRANT (ADG)

If your partner or another adult (usually a family member, but not any of your children) depend on you financially, you could be eligible the Adult Dependants' Grant, up to **£3,354** per year. This is a means-tested grant and will not need to be repaid.

ACCESS TO LEARNING FUND (ALF)

This fund can provide additional support to all eligible HE undergraduate Greenwich University Centre Hadlow students, who are facing extreme financial difficulty or unexpected financial crises. Applications are direct to the University and ALF usually opens from October to June every academic year.

MORE INFORMATION



If you require any further information or guidance regarding student finance, please contact our HE Student Financial Guidance Officer on email:

studentservicesfinance@hadlow.ac.uk

How to Apply

For higher education courses, all full-time students should apply online through UCAS (the University and Colleges Admissions Service). It is no longer possible to apply in paper form.

To use 'UCAS Apply', you must first register with the system at www.ucas.com/apply If you're applying through a school or College they'll probably have a 'buzzword', which you need to use.

When you've completed the form, you'll need to send the application to your referee. They'll check and approve your application, add a reference and send the completed form onto UCAS for you.

If you're not applying through a school or College you'll need to answer a set of questions as part of your application. You'll also need to supply a reference from someone who knows you well enough to write about you.

The good news is that applications do not need to be completed in one go. You'll be able to use your username and password to log onto your application form and update it as many times as you need.

Once it's sent though you won't be able to add more information or change the information that it contains. Payment can be made to UCAS either with a credit or debit card.

Once all the steps have been completed on the application form and payment has been made, it'll be sent on to your chosen universities and Colleges for consideration.





WHEN TO APPLY

Since a number of our programmes fill up quickly, you are advised to apply, as soon possible. However, if you can't quite make up your mind then don't worry - University Centre Hadlow, in partnership with the University of Greenwich, considers late applications wherever possible if places are still available.

Student Welfare





EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED

We are proud to provide an environment where equality of opportunity is embedded, and diversity celebrated in everything we do. We expect anyone studying at the College to contribute towards this environment so that it remains a welcoming and inclusive place to study and to live.

We actively celebrate diversity and will vigorously challenge any form of discrimination or bullying.

We are happy to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that students with a disability do not face any disadvantage in studying and achieving at the College.

YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

As a student of the College, you can be sure that we will do everything possible to ensure your safety and well-being. Upon enrolment you will be given a student identification badge which must be worn whilst you are on campus. This identification also enables you to borrow books from the Learning Resource Centre and be served in the restaurant. The Welfare & Safeguarding team work closely with a range of emergency and support agencies to ensure the well-being of our students and to provide guidance where appropriate.

COUNSELLING & SUPPORT

The Welfare & Safeguarding team can help you with a range of problems, including family or friendship difficulties, financial or health related issues (including mental health).

Our Welfare & Safeguarding Officers and Counselling service will work with you to help you to find solutions to the things that are a barrier to your learning.

STAYING HEALTHY



During the year, we promote health and well-being, offering events like Mental Health Awareness week, healthy eating, drug and alcohol awareness, Blue Monday and Time to Talk.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER



All students can benefit from impartial careers advice and guidance through one to one appointments at the dedicated Careers Hub, workshops and group tutorials. During the year, the College runs industry specific careers fairs and higher education workshops.

ALL FAITHS & NONE



To help you in your personal and spiritual growth, we have a dedicated Contemplation Room for prayer and quiet reflection, and we can also support you in making contact with local faith groups.

Location,

Location, Location

Some popular destinations for our students to visit when they are not in lectures include:

THE KENT COAST

Just **35 minutes** away by train and stretching for over **350 miles**, the Kent coastline offers vast sandy beaches, quiet bays and impressive natural assets, which make it an ideal destination for a number of different water sports. From here, you can catch a boat or train to the continent or explore



Kingsgate Castle on the cliffs above Kingsgate Bay, Broadstairs, Kent



THE HIGH WEALD AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Ashdown Forest (a magical woodland that inspired Winnie The Pooh). Also an ancient area of open heathland occupying the highest ridge of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, some 30 miles south of London in East Sussex.

MAIDSTONE

The county town of Kent and the centre of our agricultural 'Garden of England', ranked in the top five shopping centres in the South East of England for shopping yields, boasts more than one million square feet of retail floor space. Much of this is contained in its two main shopping centres – Fremlin Walk and The Mall – however, other areas include a multiplex cinema, nightclubs, restaurants and bars.

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

An historic spa town that was a popular resort to the monarchy and received its 'Royal' prefix in 1909. Today, its shopping centre - Royal Victoria Place - comprises 29,414 sqm of retail space and the town is home to a range of specialist boutique shops in the Pantiles and side streets. With convenient rail connections, a bus station and located at the hub of a series of major roads, Royal Tunbridge Wells is very easy to reach from our Hadlow Campus.



**High Weald panoramic view
towards Guestling in East
Sussex south east England**

Royal Tunbridge Wells



UCAS Tariff

UCAS Tariff points translate qualifications and grades into a numerical value. Many qualifications (but not all) have a UCAS Tariff value, which will vary dependent on the qualification size, and the grade achieved.

A-LEVELS (ADVANCED GCE & VCE)

A*	56	C	32
A	48	D	24
B	40	E	16

NATIONAL DIPLOMA

MM	64
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LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma 1080 (taught from 2019) and Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate (taught from 2016)

D* OR D*D*D*	168	DMM	112
D*D*D	160	M OR MMM	96
D*DD	152	MMP	80
D OR DDD	144	MPP	64
DDM	128	P OR PPP	48



For more information visit:
www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator

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A circular button with a green-to-white gradient is located in the bottom left quadrant. It contains the text 'APPLY NOW' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within the circle.

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NOW

The logo for University Centre Hadlow is located in the bottom right quadrant. It features a stylized white 'H' with a leaf-like shape on its left side. To the right of the 'H' is the text 'UNIVERSITY CENTRE HADLOW' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines.

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Success Stories

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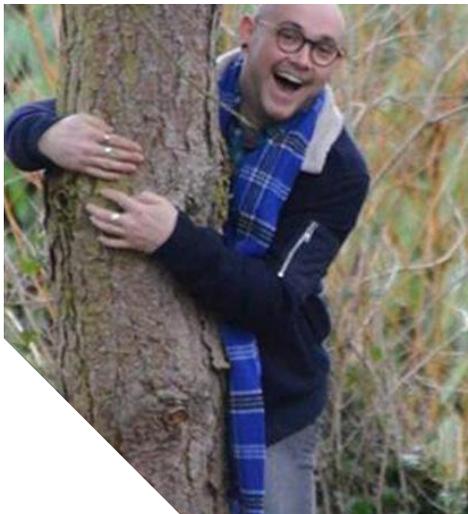


Rachel O'Sullivan

**Technical Nutritionist & Nutrition Advisor,
Saracen**

BSc Equine Science

I am currently a Technical Nutritionist & Nutrition Advisor, responsible for managing formulations and labelling at head office, as well as offering nutrition advice to a variety of owners and riders, from happy hackers to Olympic athletes. My career highlights to date have been working with high level riders as part of their team. Knowing you have played a small part in the horse and rider's success is one of the best parts of my job.



Kenny Raybould

Head Gardener, Regents Place London

BSC (Hons) Commercial Horticulture

My career since leaving Hadlow has been a massive whirlwind. It's full-on and never stops! I now reside as Head Gardener for Regent's Place in London under the company Gavin Jones, an industry leader. Fundamentally, as Head Gardener for Regent's Place my role is to keep the grounds green and healthy, designing the flower displays. I have a close working relationship with the client, driving well-being, future-proofing and ethical practice as well as writing our blog and building the urban horticultural brand of Regent's Place.

Lindsey Ward

Lecturer at Hadlow

Level 5 Masters Diploma in Professional Floristry

Lindsey Ward graduated Hadlow College with a Level 5 Masters Diploma in Professional Floristry then secured herself a job as Hadlow's very own Floristry Lecturer for the last seven years! Whilst studying for her Level 5 Masters Diploma it involved competing at RHS Hampton Court and RHS Chelsea, where her team went on to win gold medals on both occasions! Lindsey claims she has experienced first-hand what it is like to be a student at Hadlow, and it fuelled her desire to become a lecturer and completed her Diploma in Education and Training.



Scott Nowers

Employed at Chessington Zoo

Foundation Degree in Zoo Husbandry & Management

Scott Nowers graduated Hadlow College with a Foundation Degree in Zoo Husbandry & Management, he gained a two week work experience placement at Chessington Zoo then secured himself a fixed-term role whilst still studying! Scott mentions how Hadlow were accommodating and in particular his course tutor, Suzie. Since then, he gained a full-time role and works on all sections with Tigers, Lions and Gorillas just to name a few!

Lucy Bennett

Animal Presentations Team at Chessington Zoo

Foundation Degree in Zoo Husbandry and Management

Having previously worked in the NHS, Lucy is now part of the Animal Presentations Team at Chessington World of Adventures! Lucy described her time at Hadlow as the best two years of her life so far, saying "only because of Hadlow have I been able to get into the role I'm currently in as a Zoo Keeper, the Animal Management Unit gave us skills that work placements were really looking for!"



How to Find Us



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