



ACCREDITED COURSES – LEVEL 1 Land Based Studies

Do you love animals and aspire towards working in the animal care industry? We offer fully accredited City & Guilds courses designed to prepare students for future careers within animal care.

Here at West Midland Safari Park (WMSP) we provide a unique opportunity for students to engage with animals in a live, natural setting. With a state-of-the-art Academy which has 5 fully equipped classrooms and an array of its own animals, it really is a wonderful learning environment. Our course lecturers have a wide range of experience in various sectors of animal care. The Education team are dedicated and passionate about their role in inspiring the future generation of animal management specialists.

All our courses have both practical and theory-based lessons as well as work experience elements to ensure that students gain the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to make them employable.

Our Education Department houses a wide range of animal species such as meerkats, tenrecs, reptiles and small mammals, providing students with practical experience in handling exotic species. Learning in such a unique environment also allows for the observation and study of many of the 140 species WMSP also cares for.

Many of our students progress through the levels within animal management courses, but there are also progression routes into work-based learning or other Higher Education courses, as well as the opportunity for direct employment in a wide range of jobs within the animal care sector.

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Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies (Animal Care)

The Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies is a year-long course run in partnership with Kidderminster College. Teaching takes place on site at WMSP in the Safari Academy with Tutorial time being delivered at Kidderminster College. The course is designed for students who are just starting out in animal care who will gain basic skills and knowledge to work in a supervised role within the animal care industry. Students will work with domestic and exotic species such as small mammals, reptiles and invertebrates. Knowledge in Health & Safety and Legislation will be gained. There will be practical aspects of this course which will focus on assisting with the daily care of animals and their accommodation. Students will gain valuable animal handling experience throughout this course and assist with health checks and enclosure maintenance.

Entry Requirements

3 GCSE's at Grade 2 or above and a passion for caring for animals. A successful interview and a visit to the Safari Academy is essential.

Delivery and Assessment

The units covered in this qualification will be assessed internally by coursework and 2 multiple choice exams. This is validated by City & Guilds where students can achieve a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Progression

After this course, students may have the opportunity to continue their studies with the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care at WMSP, a Work Based Animal Care course at Kidderminster College or enter employment within the animal industry.

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