



ACCREDITED COURSES - Level 3 Animal Management

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.

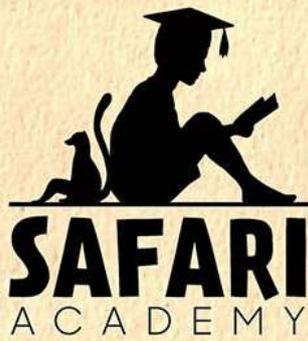
All our courses have both practical and theory-based lessons as well as work experience elements to ensure that students gain the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to make them employable.

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 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management is a year-long course run in partnership with Kidderminster College. Teaching takes place primarily on-site at WMSP, in the Safari Academy, with Tutorial time being delivered at Kidderminster College. This course is designed to develop students' core skills and knowledge to enable them to accomplish tasks such as the calculation of dietary requirements for animals at different life stages, identification of signs of ill-health in a variety of exotic and domestic species and a strong understanding of biological systems. The course also helps students to understand the role of evolution in the domestication of animals and enable them to delve into different areas of animal behaviour and communication.

Like all 'Technical' animal qualifications, 150 hours of work experience is a mandatory part of this course.

There may be the opportunity to progress into a second year of Level 3 (**Zoo Pathway**) which roughly equates to 3 A' Levels and the accompanying UCAS points. In this second year, students' knowledge is enhanced by studying topics such as Wildlife and Ecology Conservation, Aquatic Welfare and Breed Development. Animal biology is studied on a cellular level with Inheritance and Genetics.

Units Covered (Year One)

- Principles of Health & Safety
- Animal Health & Husbandry
- Animal Feeding and Nutrition
- Animal Behaviour and Communication
- Biological Systems of Animals
- Animal Welfare and Breeding
- Work experience placement
- Exotic Animal Health and Husbandry
- Undertake Estate Skills

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Units Covered (Year Two)

- Wildlife and Ecology Conservation
- Population Surveys, Ecology and Conservation
- Avian Health and Husbandry
- Inheritance and Genetics
- Business Management
- Aquatics Welfare and Breed Development
- Zoological Collections
- Customer Care and Retail Merchandising
- Undertake a Specialist Project in the Land-Based Sector

Entry Requirements (Year One)

Students will need a minimum of five GCSE's grade 4 or above including Science and English OR maths and/or Animal Care level 2 (passed with a 'Merit' grade or better). A successful interview is essential along with a visit to the Safari Academy.

Delivery and Assessment

Assessment will be through coursework as well as a large 'Synoptic' assignment of practical and theory tasks, a biology exam, a theory exam encompassing all mandatory units and a 150-hour work experience log book.

Progression

Progression into Year 2 is attainable by achieving a 'Merit' in Year 1.

If you would like further information about our accredited courses, please attend an Open Evening at the Safari Academy or email animal.care@wmssp.co.uk

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