



ACCREDITED COURSES - LEVEL 3 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Do you love animals and aspire towards a job in the animal care industry? We offer fully accredited 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. Our course lecturers have a wide range of experience in varying different sectors of animal care. The animal care team are dedicated and passionate about their role in inspiring the future generation of animal management specialists.

All of 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 experience needed to make them employable.

Our Education Department houses a wide range of animal species such as raccoon dogs, 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 260 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 within the animal care sector in a wide range of jobs.

Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management is a two-year course run in partnership with Birmingham Metropolitan College. Teaching takes place primarily on-site at WMSP, in the Safari Academy. The first year of 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.

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The course will also help 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.

In the second year, students' knowledge will be enhanced by studying topics such as Wildlife and Ecology Conservation, Aquatic Welfare and Breed Development. There will also be the opportunity to study animal biology on a cellular level with Inheritance and Genetics.

Units Covered (Year One)

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

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

Students will need minimum of five GCSEs at grade A*-C and/or a Diploma in Animal Care Level 2 (passed with at least a merit grade). A keen interest in the care of animals is essential.

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Delivery and Assessment

Assessment will be through coursework in optional units as well as a large synoptic assignment, an end-of-year biology exam, an end-of-year exam encompassing all mandatory units and a work experience portfolio.

Progression

After successful completion of the Year One units of study (a 90 credit qualification), students may progress to the second year (180 credit Extended Diploma). The combined two year course is equivalent to three A-Levels

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