

Writtle College



Writtle College campus is a unique place. It is set in its own 220 hectare estate with landscaped gardens, working animal units, construction areas, workshops and retail, business and leisure operations.

There is a lively community atmosphere on campus, with students from over 50 different countries.

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Courses



Writtle College prides itself on the quality of its courses. Our classrooms do not have walls. Most students spend a large proportion of their course time outdoors, using the diversity of natural and built environments on campus for case study work, practical learning and hands-on work experience and business training.

What's on offer

- Land-based courses since 1893
- A continually growing postgraduate community specializing in Horticulture, Equine Studies and Business Management

- A wide range of degrees from a range of subject areas, all validated by the University of Essex
- Courses for 16+ school leavers looking for a practical alternative to A levels
- Over 100 short courses which range from a few hours to a year of part-time study. Many of the courses accredited by national organizations

Research is a significant part of our work at Writtle College and our active programme provides up-to-date information for land-based industries as well as teaching and training our students. The College aims to expose all undergraduate and postgraduate students to research and development to promote its importance in today's world.

The overall objective of our research at Writtle College is to provide the skilled staff and quality of information required by the land-based industries, to allow them to develop and compete in today's technological business environment. For more information on our ongoing research projects, follow the links to our four main research areas below.

Research Areas

Some examples of research projects currently being undertaken at Writtle College include:



[Crop Science: Production and Technology](#)



[Environment and Rural Affairs](#)



[Equine and Animal Science](#)



[Postharvest Technology](#)

Short Courses and Workshops

Foundation Degrees are offered in the following vocational areas:

Course Title	Course Code
Foundation Degree (FdA) Business Management	N202
Foundation Degree (FdA) Business Management (Event Management)	NN2V
Foundation Degree (FdA) Business Management (Marketing and Supply Chain Management)	NN2M
Foundation Degree (FdA) Digital Art and Design (formerly FdA Visual Design Communication)	W280 / E280
Foundation Degree (FdA) Professional Floristry	DW47
Foundation Degree (FdA) Spatial and 3D Design	W290 / E290
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Agriculture (Crop Production)	D490
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Agriculture (Farm Livestock Production)	D491
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Animal Management	D391
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Animal Science	D300
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Conservation and Environment (Biological Surveying and Habitat Management) (formerly Foundation Degree (FdSc) Conservation and Environment)	CF9R
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Conservation and Environment (Ecology and Habitat Management)	D449
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Equine Science	D428
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Equine Studies (Applied Stud Management)	D429 APP
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Equine Studies (Behaviour and Nutrition)	D429 BEH
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Equine Studies (Physical Therapy)	D429 PHY
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Equine Studies (Reproduction and Breeding)	D429 REP
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Equine Studies (Sports Horse Performance)	D429 SPO
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Garden Design	DK44
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Green Space Management (formerly Foundation Degree (FdSc) Landscape and Amenity Management)	DK4H
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Horticulture	D419
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Horticulture (Global	D453

Crop Production) (formerly Foundation Degree (FdSc) Horticultural Crop Production)	
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Horticulture (Landscape Construction) (formerly Foundation Degree (FdSc) Landscape Construction)	K300
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Horticulture (Plantsmanship)	D493
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Horticulture (Tree Management)	D518
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Social and Therapeutic Horticulture	D496
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sports and Exercise Performance	C601
Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sustainable Food Management	D615

Programme Structure

The Foundation Degree is made up of modules of study, each with its own credit value and set of learning outcomes. Each module falls into one of the three categories:

- Work-based learning in a chosen industry
- Subject study in relevant disciplines
- Technical and employability skills

The results of each module are recorded on a transcript and feedback is given so that students can track their own progress and decide on option modules for the future. With one year of full-time study completed (120 credits) or the equivalent in part-time studies, students are eligible to receive a Certificate of Higher Education (see page). The recognition of achievement may be appropriate if students decided to finish their studies or take a break for any reason. Most students would continue to accumulate a further 120 credits and achieve the full Foundation Degree.

Skills for employment

The Foundation Degree courses will provide specialist knowledge of the discipline field geared to the needs of employers. Each course has been developed in consultation with local and regional employers and organisations, so the essential skills required in the workplace can be incorporated within each programme of study. Communication skills, teamwork and problem solving are all part of the skills package and this can be recognised in an additional qualification, the Essex Skills Award, awarded by the University of Essex, achieved by compiling a portfolio during the study period.

Personal Development

Students enter Higher Education with varying levels of certainty about what they want to achieve - some have very clear academic and/or career plans, others have no idea and many find themselves somewhere between these two extremes. The Foundation Degree programme will help you to make decisions and plan to achieve your personal goals. This is done through the modules of study, such as Career Development and Learning Methods, and with special course tutorials and discussions with our Industrial Liaison Officers, careers advisors and your own personal tutor.



Progression

Each of the Foundation Degrees is matched with an associated honours degree course in a relevant discipline and it is possible to achieve this award with one year of additional full-time study. This seamless progression may suit some students as an immediate follow-on or may be something to return to following a period of employment or break from studies.

Entry requirements

Each applicant will be considered on merit. Whilst educational qualifications such as A levels, National Diplomas and HNCs will be considered, enthusiasm, experience and commitment are just as important. Further details are available through Admissions at HECUK.

Students' Union, Social Events and Entertainment

The Students' Union is here to help you make the most of your time at Writtle. We are an enthusiastic group of mad volunteers, who get involved with everything around the College, and above all look after your interests!

- There are 10 Students' Union committee members and our office is based in the main building next to the Accommodation office
- Elections for the new Union are held in April, with the new members taking up their posts in September.

The Students' Union organises a range of social events including discos, barbecues, sports nights and comedy nights throughout the year. We like to have a ball at Writtle - so that's why we organise three balls each year!

- The Freshers Ball,
- The Xmas Ball - themed
- The Summer Ball is the main formal event of the year with huge marquees, big name bands (including [The Hoosiers](#)) and fairground rides - all taking place on the College grounds



The Writtle RAG is a long held tradition at the College. Students pick good causes to support, and then raise as much money as possible in very imaginative ways, e.g.

- Themed party nights;
- RAG BBQ;

On the occasions when you fancy a change of scenery, the town centre of Chelmsford and the surrounding areas offer an exciting and varied scene every night of the week.

- The main nightclubs: Dukes, Reds, Chicago's and Basement Indie Club all hold student nights during the week and special promotion nights at weekends. Average price for a pint of lager is £2.00.
- There's plenty of choice on the pubs and bars scene too, with Yates, Chicagos, Que Pasa, Edwards, Lloyds and Smith's.

The two-day 'V' music festival is held in Hylands Park just down the road from Writtle College. Headliners have included Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Coldplay, Travis, Stereophonics, David Gray, Manic Street Preachers, Kasbian and the Foo Fighters.

Freshers Week

This is your first taste of the College social life, which is why we pack the week with lots of fun events, discos, quizzes and themed nights. A full programme of exactly what is going on will be available when you arrive, but the main events are:

- Find a Friend Night - the first disco, an opportunity to meet up with like-minded individuals and sample the range of beverages from the College bar.
- Battle of the Bands- Live Music.
- Freshers' Ball - the culmination of the week with live bands and a disco.

Recreation Centre & Sports

The recreation centre is the social and sporting focus for the student community at Writtle. The centre consists of Squash, badminton, basketball, volleyball and netball courts, a sports hall, Outdoor tennis courts and football, rugby and hockey pitches. All students are automatically enrolled to use all these facilities.

Also available is a fully equipped gym which is available at a subsidised fee. The facilities are overseen by the Head of Sport and Recreation and his dedicated team. Within the Recreation Centre there is also a college Bar, the centre for the student entertainment. Functions and events are held regularly and the facility is managed by the Bar Manager, with all student functions organised by the students Union.

Sports Facilities

- Large indoor sports hall which can be used for indoor football, badminton, volleyball, basketball, netball, trampolining, fitness classes. Two squash courts are also available.
- The recently extended and re-furbished Fitness Centre has 25 work stations with a wide selection of cardio-vascular and resistance equipment, a member of staff is available to provide assistance and programmes.
- The College has very high standard sports pitches and tennis courts which are available all year.

Bar and Chef



The newly re-furnished College Bar and Chef provides an attractive centre piece for the student social scene. It is modern and spacious with state of the art audio/visual equipment enabling all events held to be of a high quality. The Bar is regulated by national legislation and therefore under 18s are unable to be served any alcohol. A wide range of snacks are also available from the Chef.

Opening hours are:

- Bar - 12.00noon - midnight and additional times for special events
- Chef - Monday - Friday 10am-2pm and selected evenings in conjunction with social events

Chapel

The inter-denomination Chapel is used not only for services, bible study and meetings of the Christian Union but also for music and singing practice.

Clubs and Societies

Rugby (men's and women's), football (2 x mens and women's), clay pigeon shooting, hockey (men's, women's and mixed), netball and cricket are the main team sports played.

Fixtures are arranged in the British University Sports Association (BUSA) and Southern England Student Sports Association (SESSA) leagues and cup competitions, with a supporting programme of friendly fixtures and tournaments.

Other clubs include the Equestrian, Mountaineering, Climbing which utilise the brand new climbing wall at the College, Overseas students, Christian Union, LGBT Society and various others that arrange various activities throughout the year.

International Students Fees:

Ranges from £6500 to £12000 depending on courses, for more information please contact HECUK at info@hecuk.org

