



DART Course Information Advice and Guidance – Agriculture

AGRICULTURE – PROGRESSION ROUTES

Agriculture courses provided at DART and other Training providers.

LEVEL	Supplier
Entry Level progressing onto Level 1 Study Programme and Traineeships	See Key
<p>Traineeships Traineeships provide a young person with a good quality work experience placement and help them to become ‘work ready’. Course duration: 6 weeks to 5 months maximum Course link: http://www.darttraining.co.uk/traineeships.html</p>	D
<p>L1 Pathway to Agriculture (for entry level progression). L1 Work based Agriculture L1 Land based Operations. Practical based qualifications with some knowledge based components. Course link: http://www.darttraining.co.uk/gardening-study-programme.html</p>	D
<p>L1 Foundation in Agriculture including L1 work based Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 1 year full time Entry requirements: Some GCSEs at grades E/F Course link: http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/courses/agriculture/foundation-level-1-agriculture/</p>	Re
<p>L1 Introductory Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 1 Year full time Entry requirements: You should have grades 1-2/E-G at GCSE and a sound interest in agriculture. Course link: http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/courses-subject-list?controller=courses&task=details&cid=&courseType=School%20Leaver%20Vocational&courseid=12685&searchKeyword=&ItemId=1316&currarea=47</p>	DC
Level 1 Learners progressing onto Level 2 programmes	
<p>Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Agriculture Duration:15-18 months Course information: Apprentices need to be employed for at least 30 to 40 hours per week on a farm. Apprentices complete an appropriate Agriculture Pathway in livestock, crop production, mixed farming or Poultry. Course link: http://www.darttraining.co.uk/farming-training.html</p>	D
<p>L2 Diploma in work based Agriculture Learners who choose not complete an Apprenticeship can complete this qualification alone in livestock, crop production or mixed farming. Learners need to be 19 year of age or older. Please contact DART training to discuss.</p>	D
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<p>L2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Agriculture Duration:1 year Entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade D or above Course link: http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/courses-subject-list?controller=courses&task=details&cid=&courseType=Apprenticeship&courseid=13080&searchKeyword=&ItemId=1316&currarea=47</p>	Re
<p>L2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Agriculture Duration: 12-24 months Entry requirements: Preferably GCSEs at grades C or above Course link: http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/courses/agriculture/agriculture-apprenticeship/</p>	Re
<p>L2 Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 1 year full time Entry requirements: Some GCSEs at grades C/D/E, or Foundation L1 or Practical farm experience. Course link: http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/courses/agriculture/level-2-diploma-agriculture/</p>	SSC
<p>L2 Diploma in Agricultural Engineering Duration: Completion of individual modules within terms Entry requirements: The entry requirements are 4 GCSE's at D grade or equivalent ,ideally including English, Maths and Science Course link: http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/courses/agriculture/?courseid=QRF2AGEM&ml3=AG</p>	D
<p>NPTC Certificate of competence qualifications at Level 2 Course information link: http://www.darttraining.co.uk/nptc-training.html http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/adult-learners/nptc/</p>	
<p>L2 Technical Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 1 year full time Entry requirements: A minimum of three GCSEs at grade D or above including English and/or Maths OR an Introductory Diploma in a related subject Course link: http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/courses-subject-list?controller=courses&task=details&cid=&courseType=School%20Leaver%20Vocational&courseid=12692&searchKeyword=&ItemId=1316&currarea=47</p>	DC
<p>Level 2 Learners progressing onto Level 3 programmes</p>	
<p>Advanced Apprenticeship In Agriculture Course information: Apprentices need to be employed for at least 30 to 40 hours per week on a farm. Apprenticeships complete an appropriate Agriculture pathway in livestock, crop production, mixed farming or Poultry. Duration: up to 24 months Course link: http://www.darttraining.co.uk/farming-training.html</p>	D

<p>L3 Diploma in Work Based Agriculture Duration: 1 year Learners who choose not complete an Apprenticeship can complete this qualification alone in livestock, crop production, mixed farming or Poultry. Please contact DART training to discuss. This would be a privately funded qualification</p>	D
<p>Technical Baccalaureate in Agriculture leading to L3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 2 years full time Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade C or above to include English, Maths and Science at grade B, or relevant Level 2 Diploma at Merit or above with GCSE grade B in Maths and English. Course link: http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/courses/agriculture/tech-bacc-agriculture/</p>	Re
<p>Agriculture Diploma L3 Duration: Two years full time Entry requirements: A minimum of 4 GCSE grades A-C are required. Course link: http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/courses/agriculture/?courseid=QRF3AG&ml3=AG</p>	SSC
<p>L3 Diploma in Agricultural Engineering Duration: Completion of individual modules within terms. Entry requirements: A minimum of 4 GCSE grades A-C are required as entry to a Level 3 programme OR Completion of a Level 2 Diploma in Agricultural engineering. Course link: http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/courses/agriculture/?courseid=QRF3AGEM&ml3=AG</p>	SSC
<p>L3 BTEC Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 2 years full time Entry requirements: Four GCSEs including Science at grade C or above and including Maths or English at grade 4 / grade C or above. With flexibility Course link: https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/courses/find-your-course/animal-rural-environmental-sciences/fe/2017-18/agriculture</p>	Br
<p>L3 Technical Diploma in Agriculture Duration: 2 years Entry requirements: A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English and/or Maths OR an Intermediate Diploma in the chosen subject at Merit standard or higher, including English and Maths.</p>	DC
Level 3 learners progressing onto level 4 programmes and above	
<p>L4 Award, Certificate or Diploma in Work based Agriculture Duration: Dependent of route taken. Please contact DART for further advice. Entry requirements: Ideally Level 3 qualification in agriculture and a minimum of three year's practical experience in the sector. Learners undertaking this course should be employed and in a position of responsibility. Course link: http://www.darttraining.co.uk/agriculture-level-4.html</p>	D

Nottingham Trent University Higher Education courses

- Animal Biology, BSc (Hons)
- Ecology, BSc (Hons) (2018 entry only)
- Ecology and Conservation, BSc (Hons)
- Environmental Science, BSc (Hons)
- Food Science and Technology, BSc (Hons) (2018 entry only)
- Wildlife Conservation, BSc (Hons)
- Wildlife Conservation and Management (final year top-up), BSc (Hons) MSc /MRes
- Animal health and Welfare MSc / MRes Global Food Security and Development

BMC

Brooksby Melton College

- FdSc Animal Management (Science and Welfare)
 - BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Science and Welfare) (Top Up)
- Courses link: <http://he.brooksbymelton.ac.uk/our-offer/our-courses/>

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Harper Adams University

- Fdsc Agri Business
 - Extended Foundation Degree programme in Agriculture
 - Bsc (Hons) / Bsc (Top up degree or Undergraduate)
 - Fdsc Agriculture
 - Bsc (Hons) /Bsc Agriculture with Animal Science (Top up Degree or Undergraduate)
 - Bsc (Hons) / BSc Agriculture with Crop Management.
- Course links: <https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/courses/course-search.cfm?q=agriculture&type=&yoe=2017>

Further information

Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship - A certificate in livestock or crop production or diploma in farm business management.

Level 4 unit Route - A single or couple of level 4 units on specific subjects such as economic milk production or crop production.

Foundation Degrees - Can be done full or part-time and focus on specific aspects of agriculture or rural land use. Land use and management or other related degrees

Farming discussion groups - Subject based on dairy, beef, sheep, arable, machinery.

Benchmarking Group- e.g. Kite consulting

Lead specialist discussion groups- Grassland society in your area

Technical updating- e.g. Agricultural and horticultural Development Board (AHDB)

NPTC Certificates of Competence at DART	
PA1/PA6 Pesticide Spraying	D
Safe use of Sheep clips	D
Farm Vermin Control	D



Forklift – Telescopic handlers	D
Safe use of veterinary medicines	D
Tractor Driving (level 2)	D
CS30/31 Chainsaw Training	D
ATV – Quad bikes	D
Movement of livestock by road	D

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