



EXPLORE



NEW TECHNOLOGIES, FRESH OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOME TO SPARSHOLT



I am delighted you are considering Sparsholt as your classroom in the countryside. It's a great choice – we have been established for over 120 years, but we never stand still.

We've recently launched the Sir Mark Todd Rider Performance Studio, established a new wetland area and opened a brand new outdoor rifle range and in 2021 we will fully launch the £2.5 million Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre to serve both our college level and University Centre Sparsholt students. We really care about our environment and are well on our journey towards carbon neutrality with exciting plans to develop this through our Green Agenda.

I was delighted with how our college community responded so positively, learnt and developed in the face of recent challenges. We also maintained support for our students' mental health and wellbeing. We know that, whatever the future brings, Sparsholt is ready!

We will equip you to compete successfully in the workplace or to go on to higher education. You will engage extensively with employers throughout your study programme – giving you the very best start to your future career as part of a highly skilled, specialist workforce.

We look forward to welcoming you to explore new technologies and fresh opportunities at Sparsholt!

JULIE MILBURN
PRINCIPAL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE





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EXPERIENCE MORE

@SPARSHOLT_COLL

Sparsholt students get to experience new technologies and environments with so many activities and visits. Our social media will show you more, and you can see Sparsholt through our students' eyes on Instagram with #studentview

We also love to keep in touch with our alumni and share where they are now!

NEW EQUIPMENT



Our Agriculture students have enjoyed getting behind the wheel of our new John Deere tractors!

INDUSTRY INSPIRATION



Thank you Hounds For Heroes for coming in to talk to our Equine and Animal Management students today!

#STUDENTVIEW



Getting hands-on with amphibians at the Animal Management Centre!
#studentview

COUNTRYSIDE CAMPUS



A beautiful sunset captured across our 100m Outdoor Rifle Range!

DISCOVER MORE



GET INSPIRED

Where do you want to be in the future? Working with animals, at university or running your own business? Use this space to make some notes about what inspires you and any careers questions you may have.

RESEARCH

Choose the course area you're interested in and check the entry requirements to see which level is best for you.

VISIT

We have Open Events throughout the year so you can see our beautiful campus for yourself and meet tutors and students! Find out more at sparsholt.ac.uk



APPLY

It's easy to apply online at sparsholt.ac.uk

APPLICANT WELCOME DAYS

We'll invite you in for a college session in your chosen subject – you can see the campus and tutors and meet your classmates-to-be!

ENROLMENT AND INDUCTION

You'll be invited in to enrol just after GCSEs (we'll write to you in the summer with the date).

Our Flying Start programme means there's lots of flexibility in your first few weeks. We give you time and guidance to make sure you're on the right course and level.

ON THE COURSE

Personal Tutors provide guidance throughout your course to support you to plan your future.

Additional optional qualifications boost your employability with practical skills for your future.

Trips and visits from industry experts provide information about careers after college.

Study tours are educational and fun.

EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS



SUPPORT WITH NEXT STEPS

Our Careers Advisors can help with UCAS applications, employment search and interview preparation. Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.*

*Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre



CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

We love to keep in touch with our students. Many progress on to University Centre Sparsholt and other unis and they often return to inspire our current learners.

MY COLLEGE CHECKLIST

**PULL OUT
AND USE TO
PLAN YOUR
FUTURE**

Name

Courses I want to know more about

Course title

Questions to ask

Course title

Questions to ask

First impressions

Pluses (+) and Minuses (-)

+

-

+

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+

-

+

-

What else do I need to find out?

Decision

YES

NO

UNDECIDED

Next steps

EXPERIENCE SPARSHOLT AT AN OPEN EVENT

The best way to find out about Sparsholt is to experience it for yourself!

Keep an eye out for updates on our open event webpages as well as our social media channels for information on how to experience our campus.



SPARSHOLT.AC.UK



Residential Services



SPARSHOLT FUTURES



We invited Year 8 and 9 students from across the region to our campus to help celebrate all things STEM at Sparsholt Futures!

APPRENTICESHIPS



Our Greenkeeper Apprentices have been working hard at Littlehampton Golf Club.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES



Our Animal Management students are using 360-degree imaging to create enriching enclosures for our resident racoon dogs!

ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION



Each year, over 400 students make Sparsholt's countryside campus their term-time home, by staying in our on-site accommodation halls.

#STUDENTVIEW



At Sparsholt, learning isn't limited to the classroom! Get prepared for hands-on learning, giving you the edge when applying for work in industry #studentview

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Our students go on to do incredible work – check out ex-Agriculture student Sarah working on a 600 cow dairy herd in New Zealand!

WHAT'S NEW AT SPARSHOLT

Discover more with our latest facilities...

WORK CONTINUES ON £2.5 MILLION ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE RESEARCH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Work is well underway on the development of our new leading edge applied animal teaching facilities. Home of the National Zoo Academy, the first facilities to open at the Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre will be the newly renovated Veterinary Nursing Centre and a brand new state-of-the-art Hydrotherapy Pool.



THE CAREERS HUB IS OPEN!

Sparsholt College has officially launched our new Careers Hub. Based in the college library, this new space contains comprehensive information and support for students to explore when looking at life after college.

TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

Our Learning Technology Coaches aim to integrate technology into land-based subjects, educating students and staff to work with a wide variety of equipment such as a drone, 360-degree camera, Virtual Reality headsets and Swivl. Current students with a keen interest in technology, they are always exploring new opportunities to use this in learning, such as flying the drone over a crop to check growth patterns or helping create an impressive digital portfolio using Mahara.

Our students also benefit from a wide range of subject-specific technology to enhance their learning – look out for this icon on subject pages.



SPARSHOLT FUTURES



In 2019 we welcomed local school students to our 450 acre campus for the first Sparsholt Futures event. Four science fairs in one day in one amazing location, it opened Year 8/9 students' eyes to an amazing future of science, technology and engineering careers, showcased by our industry exhibitors and college teams. Drones in the air, small robots on the ground, virtual reality mixed with hands-on experience. It's not all about mud and muck – it's about science for a sustainable future!

Contact our Schools Liaison team on schoolsliaison@sparsholt.ac.uk to find out more.

EXPLORE SPARSHOLT

A campus in the countryside just four miles from the city of Winchester with all the resources you need to succeed in your specialism.

- 180 hectare farm including dairy, sheep, pigs and arable enterprises
- Award winning, high yielding, Dairy Unit

- Sports Centre with a full size sports hall, climbing wall, gym, fitness suite and sprung-floor dance studio
- Four football pitches

- Student Halls of Residence
- Shop and Bytes Café

- Library with excellent IT access and online resources
- Specialist industry standard laboratories and equipment

- In-house sawmill for forestry and arboriculture training

- Engineering Centre with agricultural and motor vehicle engineering facilities, including welding, analytics, fabrication and fast fit



- Game and Wildlife Centre
- Indoor Rifle Range
- Outdoor Rifle Range
- Sika Deer Herd

- BBC Radio 4 Gardeners' Question Time garden and the famous 'Potting Shed'
- Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice including tropical glasshouse and an established orchard



- Equine Centre with new Sir Mark Todd Rider Performance Studio and Racewood eventing simulator, indoor and outdoor arenas, cross country trail, horse walker and extensive stabling



- Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre with zoo licence, home of the National Zoo Academy and nationally recognised for its collection
- Industry-standard Veterinary Nursing Training Centre

- Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre housing a range of exotic and warmwater aquatic species
- One hectare lake, fed by spring water and well stocked with fish
- Salmonid Rearing and Nutrition Trials Centre



FIND OUT MORE AND VIEW OUR FACILITIES AT **SPARSHOLT.AC.UK**

ENJOY SPARSHOLT



There is so much to being a Sparsholt student – fun things to do, great places to eat and sociable accommodation. Whether you live on campus or travel in every day, there is always something going on.

FUN AND FITNESS

With a sports centre including large sports hall, exercise studio, a fully equipped gym and a purpose built 8m x 30m indoor climbing wall, plus almost six hectares of sports fields for football and lots of routes to walk or run around our beautiful campus, now is the time to get involved and keep fit!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Pick from a full range of sandwiches and snacks, or get a takeaway Costa at our shop. Bytes Café has breakfast, lunch and dinner available, along with a Starbucks outlet. Fit Jyms is open in the evenings with soft drinks, milkshakes and alcohol (strictly for the over 18s) where you can grab a bite to eat too.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We organise a wide range of social events and activities for residential and non-residential students including several parties and balls, on and off-site sports activities, team games, shopping trips and much more.



OUR RESIDENTIAL PROVISION IS RATED AS 'OUTSTANDING' BY OFSTED



"As a residential student I've made lots of friends and lots of memories to go with them. The social events such as the Summer and Christmas balls are definitely among my best memories."

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Each year around 400 students make our on-site accommodation their home. Our residential provision was rated as **'OUTSTANDING'** by Ofsted so you'll be well looked after – our 24-hour Residential Support team are all dedicated to supporting and looking after students. You can focus on your studies and turn up to your classes feeling refreshed and ready to go with next to no travel-to-college time!

Depending on your age, you can choose between a range of en-suite and shared facilities, either self-catered or with an inclusive meal package.

Visit sparsholt.ac.uk/accommodation for more information on fees and the financial support available to help towards accommodation costs; bursaries are also available.

STRUGGLING WITH ACCOMMODATION COSTS?

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BURSARIES ON PAGE 102.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Starting college and studying a subject that you are passionate about is exciting, but it can be daunting too. We know how important it is to stay focused on your studies but recognise that life can get in the way sometimes. That's why we have a highly experienced Student Wellbeing team to ensure you are able to cope with any obstacles life throws at you and to offer information and support.

The team includes specialist wellbeing practitioners, counsellors and nurses who are dedicated to listening and empowering you to resolve any challenges you might face to enable you to be as successful as possible at college and beyond. From help with relationships to support for young carers, we are always on hand to provide a friendly, non-judgemental service, so if you have any concerns or need support please contact us on wellbeingteamsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk



Wellbeing

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

Our Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding' Residential Support team are here to help make your time at Sparsholt, safe, fun and memorable. We ensure that all residents aged 16–18 are given additional support so that they are fully safeguarded while under our care.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

We have a dedicated Additional Learning Support team, who want to help you reach your potential. They offer a wide range of support programmes, each tailored to the individual – from in-class support to study workshops. We also work closely with a variety of different partnership agencies to ensure the best experience for our students.



ENGLISH AND MATHS

You will need English and Maths for most jobs and if you want to go on to university. So if you are 16–18 and haven't achieved a GCSE Level 4/grade C in English or Maths we will provide additional study time for you to re-sit the course alongside your main programme of study. For more information, please see page 52.

MATURE STUDENTS

We have lots of older students at Sparsholt College due to the specialist nature of the courses we offer. Whether you're returning to study or choosing to retrain with our expert staff in our industry-standard facilities you will not be alone. Come along to an Open Event to discuss the course and your qualifications and experience, funding such as an Advanced Learner Loan, and whether your work experience can count towards your qualification.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Close to the historic city of Winchester, Stonehenge, on the edge of the New Forest and just an hour from London, Sparsholt College has an international reputation and attracts students from across the world. See page 101 for important information about fees and eligibility.

HELP TOWARDS TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Don't forget that we may be able to offer free or reduced cost travel! If your household income is under £32,960 you could receive up to 50% off transport costs from the Support to Study Bursary fund. Find out more on page 102 or sparsholt.ac.uk

Our Residential Bursary can help eligible students who need to live on site because they are not on a travel route to reduce their accommodation costs. Find out more on page 102 or sparsholt.ac.uk



CAREERS

We are serious about preparing students for life after college. We want each student to aim high. No matter what your goal is – university, apprenticeship or full time employment, we will support you every step of the way.



We do understand that some students are unsure, so we actively encourage exploration through a range of career activities including:

- Uni-Bound – Higher Education Progression event
- Employer and industry insight talks
- The Great Big Careers Day
- UCAS Trips
- OxBridge representative talk
- Apprenticeship information sessions

In addition, each student can expect specialist support with:

- The UCAS application process
- Personal statements
- Employability skills
- CV Checks
- Apprenticeship search and application



Students can book an hour long 1:1 appointment with the Careers Advisor or the SUN Progression Mentor. Those with a quick careers query can stop in to the Careers Hub during one of our designated drop-in sessions. In terms of online resources, each student has access to the UNiFrog, Pathways and eClips career platforms. For more information go to sparsholt.ac.uk/careers-advice

CAREERS HUB



INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENTS

As part of our Level 3 courses in land-based subjects, full-time students aged 16–19 will complete a work placement with an industry-specific external employer or voluntary organisation.

A win-win for both students and employers, industry work placements provide opportunities to apply knowledge learned at college to the workplace, develop relevant industry-specific skills, increase confidence, communication, team work and problem-solving techniques, test your career choices and aspirations and line up an employer reference for future use.

One dedicated placement day per week will form a part of our students' weekly timetable across the academic year. Students are expected to source a potential placement opportunity prior to the start of their course. Our Industry Work Placement team will be here to support and guide you from start to finish should you require their help. Find out more at sparsholt.ac.uk or email iwp@sparsholt.ac.uk

MY STUDENT STORY...

"The Industry Work Placement team are wonderful and helped me set up a placement investigating the effects of a new pesticide on honeybees. It was a great experience and I learnt a lot of new skills that I will take with me to university."

JASMINE,
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STUDENT

LOOK OUT FOR COURSES LABELLED WITH:
'THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT'

YOUR TECH TOOLKIT

In our library you can find specialist books and online journals, jump onto the suite of computers for research or focus on your work in a quiet, dedicated study space.

All students also get access to the following online facilities to support your studies anytime, anywhere:



MOODLE

Access your course material anytime, anywhere via Moodle.



MAHARA

Create digital portfolios of your learning and collaborate with coursemates on Mahara.



OFFICE 365

Access Office 365 on the web and download Microsoft Office on up to five devices for FREE!



WAM

Connect with your lecturers, tutor group and coursemates on WAM.



TECH ACCESS AND SUPPORT

Access PCs and laptops and get help with your technology and resource needs.



ATHENS

Access our online resources off-campus through the Athens gateway.



HERITAGE

Find details of all our books, ebooks and online videos in our catalogue.

MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST

Take your study skills to the next level with our short, free course to become a Microsoft Office Specialist. Widely recognised by employers this certificate will validate and prove your skills in universally used packages like Excel, PowerPoint and Word. Not only that – it will help you present your coursework and assignments professionally, getting you ready for your next step into employment or further study.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL

Please check individual courses for entry requirements.

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA/ EXTENDED DIPLOMA

DIPLOMA – 1 YEAR

Could lead to: Advanced Technical Extended Diploma, university or employment including apprenticeships.

EXTENDED DIPLOMA – 2 YEARS

Could lead to: University or employment including apprenticeships.

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE – 1 YEAR

Could lead to: Employment, Level 3 course or apprenticeship.

LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE – 1 YEAR

Could lead to: Employment, Level 2 course or apprenticeship.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

For students with special educational needs (SEN): to develop confidence and social skills for further learning and independent living.

Could lead to: Independent living, Level 1 course or employment.

GET UCAS TARIFF POINTS FROM LEVEL 3 COURSES TO TAKE YOU TO UNIVERSITY



Did you know Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications and BTECs give you valuable UCAS points just like A Levels so they are a solid route to university.

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	UCAS Points †	A Level
D*	112–168	A* A*/ A* A* A*
D	96–144	A A/ A A A
M	64–96	C C/ C C C
P	32–48	E E/E E E

† The number of UCAS points you can gain depends on which Diploma pathway you take. Talk to our Careers team to find out more.

GOLD STANDARD DEGREE TEACHING AND FACILITIES



Stay here, go far and progress from your Level 3 or Access Course on to a degree.

We have a thriving degree programme at Sparsholt so it is natural for our Level 3 students to continue their higher-level studies at our University Centre.

The Centre, which is rated TEF Gold for the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, offers Foundation, Bachelor and Master's degrees so you can go much further than you think at Sparsholt. Our degrees are validated by the prestigious University of Portsmouth (UoP), also holding a TEF Gold award.

During your time studying further education at Sparsholt you will also benefit from the higher-level facilities and equipment used for degree level study and will attend lectures and presentations from our expert University Centre lecturers.

FIND OUT MORE AT
[SPARSHOLT.AC.UK/UNIVERSITY-CENTRE](https://sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre)

97%

of graduates progressed to employment or further study (DLHE 2017)

89%

Overall Student Satisfaction (NSS 2019)

UNIVERSITY CENTRE
SPARSHOLT



DEGREES AT SPARSHOLT:

AGRICULTURE

- FdSc and BSc (Hons) Agriculture

ANIMAL SCIENCE AND ZOO BIOLOGY

- FdSc Animal Management and Applied Science
- FdSc Applied Zoo Science
- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science
- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour
- BSc (Hons) Zoo Biology
- MSc Applied Zoo Biology

EQUESTRIAN SCIENCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- FdSc and BSc (Hons) Equestrian Performance Management
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- MSc Equine Behaviour Performance and Training

FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND MARINE STUDIES

- FdSc Sports Fisheries and Aquaculture
- FdSc Marine Ecology and Conservation
- BSc (Hons) Aquaculture and Fishery Management

VETERINARY NURSING SCIENCE

- FdSc Veterinary Nursing Science

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

- FdSc and BSc Wildlife Ecology and Conservation



MY STUDENT STORY...

"I've always been a Sparsholt student – first a Diploma, then a BSc in Equine Science, before switching it all up with MSc Applied Zoo Biology. It was a no-brainer when considering where I wanted to take my education further – it had to be Sparsholt. The campus is absolutely stunning, the facilities and lecturers are brilliant and it is so positively recognised in the industry."

**BERNADETTE,
TRAINEE KEEPER**

Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.

Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre



FIRE IT UP WITH A SPARSHOLT APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money and gain a nationally recognised qualification through a combination of on-the-job training and college study. Sparsholt and Andover College work with over 1,100 employers across more than 40 different industries.

Apprenticeship standards are employer-led and outline the skills, knowledge and behaviours required to carry out a certain job role. They include elements of on-the-job and off-the-job training leading to industry recognised standards, and all apprentices take an independent assessment at the end of their training to assess their ability and competence in their job role.

HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

Being an apprentice means that you will be employed in the relevant industry while you learn. Before you start your apprenticeship you will need to find employment and you can go about this in a number of ways:

- Speak to our dedicated team who have excellent links with local and national companies
- Visit the Apprenticeships website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship to find a vacancy
- Contact local companies and see if they are hiring and willing to take on an apprentice

Once you are employed and registered on an Apprenticeship programme your training will be arranged at the College, and at your place of work. The College will also ensure that you have sound English and Maths qualifications to accompany the apprenticeship.

MY STUDENT STORY...

"I was keen to start a career without getting into debt, to learn from professionals, and to get the broadest range of experience. An apprenticeship was clearly the way forward.

I'm now studying the Kew Diploma in Horticulture at the Royal Botanic Gardens. The apprenticeship was certainly the stepping stone to this, but it was more than that too; I enjoyed it thoroughly for its own sake."

**TIM, HORTICULTURE
OPERATIVE APPRENTICESHIP**



APPRENTICESHIPS AT SPARSHOLT

- Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Standard Level 2
- Keeper and Aquarist Standard Level 3
- Arborist Standard Level 2
- Forest Operative Standard Level 2
- Butcher Standard Level 2
- Countryside Worker Standard Level 2
- Crop Technician Standard Level 3
- Stockperson Standard Level 2
- Mixed Farming Standard Level 2
- Digital Marketer Standard Level 3
- Equine Groom Standard Level 2
- Senior Equine Groom Standard Level 3
- Horticulture Operative Standard Level 2
- Landscape Operative Standard Level 2
- Greenkeeper Standard Level 2
- Infrastructure Technician Standard Level 3
- Network Engineer Standard Level 4
- Underkeeper Standard Level 2
- Veterinary Nurse Standard Level 3

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR ANDOVER CAMPUS:

- Accounts/Finance Assistant Standard Level 2
- Assistant Accountant Standard Level 3
- Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician Standard Level 4
- Autocare Technician Standard Level 2
- Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) Standard Level 3
- Bricklaying Standard Level 2
- Carpentry and Joinery Standard Level 2
- Customer Service Practitioner Standard Level 2
- Business Administrator Standard Level 3
- Team Leader/Supervisor Standard Level 3
- Early Years Practitioner Standard Level 2
- Early Years Educator Standard Level 3
- Hair Professional Standard Level 2
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional Standard Level 3
- Adult Care Worker Standard Level 2
- Lead Adult Care Worker Standard Level 3
- Leader in Adult Care Standard Level 5
- Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician Standard Level 3
- Teaching Assistant Standard Level 3



For current apprenticeship vacancies, visit the Apprenticeships website at www.apprenticeships.gov.uk or for more details contact the Apprenticeships team on **0845 850 0916** or email apprenticeships@sparsholt.ac.uk

SPARSHOLT
BUSINESS TRAINING
INCORPORATING ANDOVER COLLEGE

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION, LAND-BASED STUDIES

LEVEL 3

ONE YEAR

This one-year course prepares adult learners who want to study at degree level but do not currently have the qualifications to apply. This course is specifically designed to give you the foundation skills and knowledge for studying a land-based degree.



WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Provides a fast-track route to higher education – 95% of students progressed to degree study in 2020
- Continuous assessment with no end of year exams
- Gain important GCSE English or Maths alongside this course
- Includes three weeks' work placement

“We’ll help you make that step up to higher education – the whole focus is about support and preparation.”

Validated by



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The course includes elements of chemistry, plant and animal biology and bio science, along with the specialist study skills needed to study at higher education, and undertake a small scale research project.

You will study a range of core subjects and follow some specialist units in either animal studies, equine studies, ecology and conservation or fishery studies.

Teaching is delivered through a supportive mix of taught sessions, seminars, tutorials and practical lessons, which will help you build your knowledge and understanding of your chosen specialism, while gaining the ability to research and present your ideas as reports and presentations.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This intensive programme is assessed throughout the course, without final exams. Assessment will include essays, presentations, class assessments and reports – all of which will prepare you for higher education.

This course gives you UCAS tariff points for entry to University. Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

Applications will be assessed on individual Merit and whilst no formal qualifications are required, evidence of previous study is essential.

You will need to have either English or Maths at GCSE (or Level 2 equivalent) and will be offered the opportunity to study the other if required.

Most students will progress to a relevant degree at Sparsholt and you will be supported by your tutors.

Most students are aged 19 or above at the start of the course, however entry at 18 may be possible – please contact the College for more details.

WHERE CAN I GO FROM HERE?

By the end of the course you will be fully prepared to progress on to a range of FdSc or BSc (Hons) degree programmes and take the next step towards your career goals.



MY STUDENT STORY...

"Thanks to the small class sizes and continued support and encouragement from the staff at Sparsholt, it was easy to apply for a degree after finishing my Access course."

HANNAH, ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & APPLIED SCIENCE STUDENT

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are over 19 you can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover tuition fees – if you go on to complete a full degree after your Access course then the Access loan will be written off.

Find out more at gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

PLEASE SEE SPARSHOLT.AC.UK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMAS ('ACCESS COURSES')

AGRICULTURE

Reflecting the latest developments in farm machinery and practices, Agriculture at Sparsholt continues to be a growing choice for those eager to become the next generation of skilled technical staff and managers.

Join us and learn all about modern farming techniques and the technology shaping work on the land, alongside hands-on experience on our working commercial farm and in our workshops. Getting involved in events, such as a charity ploughathon and visits to shows, industry events and machinery dealers, also gives high levels of knowledge and practical skills in all aspects of the industry.

CAREERS

- Farm Manager
- Agricultural Retail and Merchandise
- Skilled Machinery Operator
- Stock Person



FACILITIES

- 180 hectare College farm
- Sheep and lamb production
- Pig, dairy and beef units
- Arable production
- Drone for crop growth analysis



INDUSTRY LINKS

- LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)
- NIAB
- Tenant Farmers Association (TFA)
- NFU
- RABI
- Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University
- University of Reading

COURSES

- Agriculture Level 1
- Agriculture Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Agriculture with Options Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma/Advanced Technical Extended Diploma
- Agricultural Engineering Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Agricultural Engineering Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma
- Apprenticeships – Crop Technician Standard Level 3/Stockperson Standard Level 2/Mixed Farming Standard Level 2 ●
- FdSc (Foundation Degree) Agriculture ●
- BSc (Hons) Agriculture ●



Find out more about our degree courses at sparsholt.ac.uk

MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I have worked extensively within the agricultural industry, including management and research. Teaching at Sparsholt College and University Centre has afforded me the privilege to pass on my knowledge and experience to the next generation of farmers."

DR STEVE FIELD, LECTURER



LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Working on the College farm's sheep, beef, dairy and pig units, you'll learn valuable skills to help make you ready for employment. You'll be involved in tractor driving, working with modern machinery and livestock handling, as well as general farm maintenance. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary to increase your future course and career options.



SEE [SPARSHOLT.AC.UK](https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk)
for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You may be accepted directly after leaving school and previous experience is not essential. You'll be expected to achieve GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above.

CAREERS

- Working with livestock on a farm
- Working on an arable farm
- Tractor driving

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Agriculture
- Apprenticeship in Agriculture



LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will give you an insight into the modern agricultural industry through work placements and visits to local farms, estates and events. Working on the College farm's beef, dairy, sheep enterprise, arable and pig unit, you'll also learn valuable skills and get the hands-on experience needed for employment. If necessary, we'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and Maths or Level 1 in Agriculture with grade 3 or Level 1 Skills in Maths and English.

CAREERS

- Tractor driver
- Stock-person working with cattle, sheep or pigs
- Contract farming

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 courses
- Level 2/Level 3 Agricultural Engineering
- Apprenticeship – Crop Technician Standard Level 3/Stockperson Standard Level 2/Mixed Farming Standard Level 2



MY STUDENT STORY...

"I'm planning on studying the new Agriculture Foundation Degree at Sparsholt next. I've already got a good relationship with some of the lecturers, and am really looking forward to it. Sparsholt can help you get to where you want to be, so just go for it!"

**THOMAS,
AGRICULTURE STUDENT**



AGRICULTURE WITH OPTIONS LEVEL 3

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

On this modern and exciting course you'll gain the knowledge, understanding and skills the agricultural industry needs. In the first year you'll develop practical knowledge and techniques so that in the second year you'll be ready to concentrate on enterprise management and specialise with optional livestock and arable units. The course includes three weeks work experience in the first year – giving you real industry experience and the opportunity to put your skills learnt on the College farm, beef, dairy, arable, sheep and pig units into practice. Visits to businesses and events will also provide an in-depth view of national and international agriculture.

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ATD (Advanced Technical Diploma)

ONE YEAR

ATED (Advanced Technical Extended Diploma)

TWO YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 in Agriculture at Merit level with English and Maths at Level 2 or GCSE grade 4.

CAREERS

- Farm manager/assistant manager
- Industries such as agronomy, nutrition consultancy, contract farming, grain merchandise, machinery dealing, feed sales and supply trade
- Livestock or arable unit manager
- Head tractor driver
- Head stockperson working with cattle, sheep or pigs

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 or 4 qualifications in work-based agriculture
- Degree in Agriculture

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POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.**



AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Supported by our specialist staff and state-of-the-art facilities, this course will give you the essential technical knowledge and practical skills to confidently work with modern machinery. Work placements and visits to industry events such as the LAMMA Show, demonstration days and machinery manufacturers and dealers will give you a real insight into the industry. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and Maths at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 qualification plus Functional Skills English and Maths at Level 1.

CAREERS

Assistant technician working with ground care machinery such as mowers or cultivators/fixed plant such as grain driers, vegetable handling and packing/large machinery such as tractors and combines, fabrication and construction.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 courses
- Apprenticeship



AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

TWO YEARS

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Taught by specialist staff in our modern Motor Vehicle and Agricultural Engineering Centre, this course is designed to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills the land-based technology industry needs. You'll enjoy work placements, trips to machinery manufacturers and dealers and industry events such as the LAMMA Show and Grassland event, as well as the opportunity to work on a wide range of land-based machinery – both at the College and at local dealers.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths/Level 2 in Agriculture at Merit with English and Maths at GCSE grade 4.

CAREERS

- Farm mechanic
- Dealership technician
- Contractor operator mechanic
- Fabrication technician
- Parts person/manager in dealership
- Machinery sales

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- A degree in Land-based Technology

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OUT & ABOUT

Students experiencing the latest and greatest Agriculture technology at LAMMA!



ANIMAL STUDIES

With an international reputation for animal studies and zoo management, and rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Sparsholt is the ideal starting point for a career in this highly competitive industry.

Home to the National Zoo Academy, our specialist Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre houses 1,200 animals from 200 species including rare breeds, domestic, exotic and large farm animals – enabling you to gain theoretical and practical experience relevant for most careers in animal care.

CAREERS

- Zoo Keeper/
Zoo Educator
- Animal Trainer
- Animal Behaviourist
- Dog Grooming
- Animal Retail
- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Rehabilitator
- Animal Conservationist
- Cattery/Kennel technician
- Animal Physiotherapist
- Animal Nutritionist

INDUSTRY LINKS

- The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
- The National Zoo Academy
- The Living Rainforest
- The World Pheasant Association
- The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)



FACILITIES

- Purpose built Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre, home of the National Zoo Academy
- Wide variety of herptile, bird and mammal species, many part of conservation breeding programmes
- Research rooms
- Paddock section including mara, wallabies, dwarf zebus, rheas, alpacas, goats and donkeys
- Exotic species – red pandas, meerkats, tenrecs and lemur
- Nutritional and animal behaviour areas
- New state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool, 360-degree cameras to study captive welfare of our animals



COURSES

- Animal Care Level 1 Work-based and Theory-based options available
- Animal Care Level 2 Diploma
- Animal Management Level 3 with a pathway in Zoos & Wildlife Advanced Technical Certificate (360)/Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)
- Animal Management Level 3 with pathways in Science, Zoo and Animal Management Advanced Technical Diploma (540)/Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)
- Apprenticeships – Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Standard Level 2/Keeper and Aquarist Standard Level 3/Veterinary Nurse Standard Level 3 ●
- FdSc Animal Management and Applied Science ●
- FdSc Applied Zoo Science ●
- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science ●
- BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour Top-up ●
- BSc (Hons) Zoo Biology Top-up ●
- MSc Applied Zoo Biology ●

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Harper Adams University
- University of Manchester
- Liverpool John Moores University
- University of Nottingham
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Southampton
- Royal Veterinary College London



Apprenticeships

UNIVERSITY CENTRE
SPARSHOLT



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MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I was a mature student at Sparsholt and started my career working with animals at Blue Cross, where I covered a variety of roles from Animal Welfare Assistant to Operational Supervisor.

I then moved on to pet store management before joining Sparsholt as a lecturer. My main interest is animal welfare, training and behaviour, particularly in companion species."

ELLI BATES, LECTURER



ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 1 WORK-BASED

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you enjoy working practically then this could be the course for you. The majority of your learning will take place at the Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre as you complete tasks and build a portfolio of evidence with photos and reports. This is complemented with some time in theory lessons to consolidate your learning.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that learners will have Functional Skills or Entry Level 3 qualifications.

CAREERS

- Kennel or cattery worker
- Dog walker
- Pet shop assistant
- Animal care assistant

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Level 2 in Animal Care



MY STUDENT STORY...

"I am continuing on to University Centre Sparsholt for the FdSc Applied Zoo Science degree and after that I am looking to progress into my dream job as a Zoo Keeper. Sparsholt has really given me the foundation knowledge to begin my career in the zoo industry."

**KIERA, ANIMAL
MANAGEMENT STUDENT**

ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 1 THEORY-BASED

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course has a higher proportion of theory content and assignments. You'll also enjoy practical lessons to help you develop animal handling techniques, plus classroom-based work where you'll gain the relevant knowledge. Assignments are all completed under supervised conditions, together with two online multiple choice exams. You'll also have the opportunity of a residential visit to either the New Forest or the Isle of Wight, as well as day trips to different zoological collections.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two or more GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above.

CAREERS

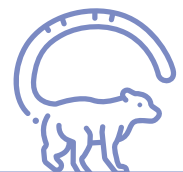
- Kennel or cattery worker
- Dog walker
- Pet shop assistant
- Animal care assistant

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Level 2 in Animal Care

OUT & ABOUT

Visiting Jersey Zoo to find out about conservation and re-introduction of endangered species.



ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The course will focus on developing your skills and knowledge of animal husbandry through a mix of engaging classroom sessions, practical animal handling and work experience.

You will gain hands-on experience with our farm livestock, exotic animals, domestic pets and birds of the College's Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre. There is also an optional three day study trip to Wales focusing on the collection and identification of indigenous species. You'll also work towards Functional Skills or GCSE in Maths and English, which will help with the written assignments which form part of the course.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, English and Maths at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Animal Care with either units at a Merit or recommendation for the course.

CAREERS

Working in kennels, grooming centres, pet shops and animal welfare centres.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 in Animal Management
- Apprenticeship – Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Standard Level 2/Keeper and Aquarist Standard Level 3



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

LEVEL 3 WITH A PATHWAY IN ZOOS AND WILDLIFE

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management (360)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This 12-unit course will give you the skills, knowledge and practical understanding to progress into employment or for further study at university. In the first year you'll gain a solid foundation in animal science and husbandry and then in the second year you will specialise in Zoos and Wildlife.

We immerse you in the world of animal studies with a host of industry guests and speakers, as well as visits to zoological parks and specialist veterinary and conservation centres. You may also have the opportunity to attend residential study tours both in the UK and South Africa, giving you the chance to work with wild animals as well as making valuable industry contacts.

YEAR 2 OF THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths or English at grade 4 or Level 2 in Animal Care at Merit level with Maths or English at grade 4.

CAREERS

- Veterinary Nurse or Assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres (wild and domestic)
- Animal training and behaviour
- Keeper or Education Officer in animal collections

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

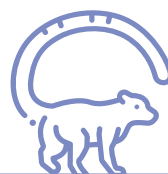
- FdSc in Animal Management
- Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing

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ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

TWO YEARS

LEVEL 3 WITH PATHWAYS IN SCIENCE, ZOOS, ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This 18-unit course will give you the skills, knowledge and practical understanding to progress into employment or higher level study at university – from dedicated animal husbandry roles to volunteer conservation placements abroad and a full range of higher education courses including Veterinary Science Degrees.

In the first year you'll gain a solid foundation in animal science and husbandry before selecting a pathway for your second year. We immerse you in the world of animal studies with a host of industry guests and speakers, as well as visits to zoological parks and specialist veterinary and conservation centres.

You may also have the opportunity to attend residential study tours both in the UK and South Africa. Working with wild animals – whether tracking rhinoceros or working on large cat breeding programmes – gives Sparsholt students an unforgettable experience, as well as valuable industry contacts.

YEAR 2 OF THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.

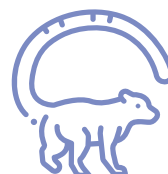


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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 in Animal Care at Merit level with Maths and English at grade 4.

CAREERS

- Veterinary Nurse or Assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres (wild and domestic)
- Animal training and behaviour
- Keeper or Education Officer in animal collections
- Veterinary sciences
- Animal Conservation

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Animal Science, Behaviour and Conservation at FdSc or BSc level
- Zoology at BSc level
- Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing
- Veterinary and Bio-Veterinary Sciences
- Veterinary Nursing BSc

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MY STUDENT STORY...

"The course has been well taught, inspiring and diverse. The tutors all have industry-based experience and are very willing to share their knowledge, answer questions and give advice on higher education and career options."

GALATEA, ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STUDENT

ARBORICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

Using a combination of on and off-site facilities, we provide training for the people who will manage and work in our forestry industries for timber production as well as those who look after and manage individual trees in parks, streets and private gardens. Learning from experts in the field, our students will acquire all the practical and scientific skills to work in the industry or to study at an advanced level.

CAREERS

- Arborist
- Forester
- Tree Surveyor
- Woodland Conservation



FACILITIES

- Sawmill and timber processing area
- Maintenance workshops
- Safe tree climbing practice areas
- Digital clinometer to measure tree heights, the latest chainsaws tuned to minimise emissions



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Royal Forestry Society
- LANTRA
- Institute of Chartered Foresters
- Confor – Confederation of Forest Industries
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Arboricultural Association

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University
- University of Reading

COURSES

- Land-Based Operations Level 1 Rural Skills (Woodland)
- Arboriculture and Forestry Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Arboriculture Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)
- Forestry Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)
- Apprenticeships – Arborist Standard Level 2/Forest Operative Standard Level 2 ●



MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I have a wide variety of industry relevant experience in a range of positions, starting as a climbing arborist prior to spending 18 years as a planning based arboricultural officer. I have a passion to inspire learners to reach their full potential here at college and in the diverse and varied industry of forestry and arboriculture."

SIMON TURNER, LECTURER



LAND-BASED OPERATIONS

LEVEL 1 RURAL SKILLS (WOODLAND)

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the woodland and tree care industries, as well as basic estate management skills - all with conservation in mind. The course is very practical and involves work in local Forestry Commission and private estate woodlands. You'll also work in the College sawmill and timber processing area, learning how to operate different types of machinery to produce timber products for use around the College grounds and estate.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be expected to have a minimum of two GCSEs at grade 3–1, and be recommended by your school.

CAREERS

This introductory course leads on to further education and will set a basis for future employment in a range of land-based industries; tree work in particular.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 or 3 qualifications in Arboriculture or Forestry



MY STUDENT STORY...

"Sparsholt has amazing facilities to learn in. Through working in the sawmill I have used machines like the band saw, pull saw, planer and log processor."

SOPHIE, ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY STUDENT

ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you are interested in working in the trees and timber sector, then this course could be for you. Taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the arboriculture industry or higher level courses.

You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working in a tree work setting, via an extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off site facilities – from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including Maths and English at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 qualification.

You must be physically fit and aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

CAREERS

- Climber or grounds-person
- Self-employment
- Utilities work
- Forester
- Conservation work

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 in Arboriculture or Forestry

OUT & ABOUT

Learning about the latest high-tech climbing kits and systems at Sorbus!



ARBORICULTURE

LEVEL 3

TWO YEARS

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you have a head for heights, then this course could be for you. While being taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the arboriculture industry or higher education. You'll perfect your skills in our extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities, from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest. You'll also get the opportunity to see guest lectures from leading industry experts.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit grade plus Maths and English at grade 4.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

CAREERS

- Climbing arborist
- Tree Surveyor
- Conservation work
- Local authority (assistant tree officer)
- Arboretum/woodland/estate work

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc/BSc in Arboriculture
- Level 4 Arboriculture
- Level 6 Arboriculture

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LEVEL 3

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the forestry industry, especially lowland woodland, or into higher education. You'll perfect your skills in our extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities, from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and The New Forest. Field trips to the Savernake Forest, Westonbirt Arboretum, and Stourhead Western Estate will fully immerse you into the forestry industry.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, Maths and English at grade 4, or Level 2 at Merit grade plus Maths and English at grade 4.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

CAREERS

- Forester
- Conservation work
- Local authority employment
- Employment with the Forestry Commission or Woodland Trust

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc in Woodland/Forestry Management
- BSc in Woodland/Forestry Management

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CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT (LAND AND WILDLIFE)

Studying on our beautiful 176-hectare estate and with a range of conservation organisations, you will learn an incredible amount about the natural environment, the British countryside and the iconic plants and animals that live within it.

Conservation is at the heart of everything we do and our courses provide routes into the conservation and countryside management industries, both nationally and internationally, for school leavers and adults seeking a career change. Our strong industry links, expert staff and outstanding natural facilities make Sparsholt College a natural choice for the study of countryside and conservation management.

CAREERS

- Countryside Ranger
- Education Officer
- Reserve Warden
- Ecological Surveyor



FACILITIES

- College Farm Estate
- Lake, associated wetland habitats and species-rich grasslands
- Semi-natural ancient woodland
- Greenwood crafts area
- Chainsaw training areas
- Game and Wildlife Centre
- Laboratories and specialist surveying equipment



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Forestry Commission
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Natural England
- RSPB
- Environment Agency
- Butterfly Conservation
- Hampshire County Council
Countryside Services
- The Vincent Wildlife Trust

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Aberystwyth
- University of Bournemouth
- University of Reading
- University of Bangor
- University of Plymouth
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Stirling

COURSES

- Land-based Operations Level 1
Rural Skills (Woodland)
- Land and Wildlife (Conservation) –
Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Land and Wildlife (Countryside and
Conservation) – Level 3
 - Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)
 - Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended
Diploma (1080)
- Apprenticeship – Countryside Worker
Standard Level 2 ●
- FdSc Wildlife Ecology and Conservation ●
- BSc (Hons) Wildlife Ecology and Conservation ●



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courses at sparsholt.ac.uk

LAND-BASED OPERATIONS

LEVEL 1 RURAL SKILLS (WOODLAND)

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the woodland and tree care industries, as well as basic estate and habitat management skills – all with conservation in mind. The course is very practical and involves work in local Forestry Commission and private estate woodlands. You'll also work in the College sawmill and timber processing area, learning how to operate different types of machinery to produce timber products for use around the College grounds and estate.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Assistant Warden/Countryside Ranger
- Countryside Recreation assistant
- Practical Habitat/Estate worker
- Conservation Volunteering/Internships

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)

MEET YOUR EXPERT

"After my time as a Sparsholt student, I worked on both national and international conservation projects. A keen naturalist fascinated by the living world, I have a particular interest in ecology, practical habitat management and environmental science."

DAVE LOCK, CURRICULUM LEADER (LAND AND WILDLIFE)



LAND AND WILDLIFE (CONSERVATION)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you enjoy practical work in a rural setting and have a keen interest in conservation, this course will give you a range of countryside skills as you learn about the wider countryside industry including aspects of conservation, fisheries and gamekeeping.

You will learn about the British countryside and how to safely manage a range of UK habitats for wildlife (including game and fish species). Through practical teaching you will learn the basics of estate maintenance and land-based machinery. This will give you the foundation knowledge needed to work in the countryside or progress to the Level 3 Land and Wildlife course.

You'll be introduced to a range of UK habitats, surveying plants and animals and will gain first-hand experience of managing these different environments for the benefit of wildlife and people. As a Sparsholt student you'll also benefit from our lecturers' strong links with conservation organisations.

OUT & ABOUT

Using humane traps to monitor small mammal populations in the College's Ancient Woodland.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSEs at grade 3, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3, or Level 1 in a relevant subject plus a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Assistant warden/countryside ranger
- Countryside recreation assistant
- Practical habitat/estate worker
- Conservation volunteering/internships

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Apprenticeship – Countryside Worker Standard Level 2
- Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside)



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LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVATION)

TWO YEARS

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This A Level equivalent course will teach you the fundamentals of conservation, wildlife management and the environment. You will develop both your practical countryside skills and your understanding of ecology and the environment.

You'll work on the 450 acre College estate and off-site on work placements with conservation organisations and you may also take part in fascinating study tours and site visits to places such as the World Heritage Dorset coastline, the New Forest and South Downs National Parks, the Cairngorms National Park and the London and Oxford Natural History Museums. You will also visit and be involved with the day-to-day management of a range of local conservation sites, working in conjunction with a range of countryside professionals and organisations.

You will learn the principles of ecology and environmental science, providing you with a strong base of knowledge in addition to acquiring invaluable practical skills that will significantly enhance your employability and opportunities to continue your studies in higher education.

As a Sparsholt student you'll benefit from our lecturers' strong links with conservation organisations including the National Trust, RSPB, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Hampshire County Council – some of your potential future employers.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4 or a Merit grade at Level 2 with Maths and English at grade 4.

Applications from mature students are encouraged and will be considered on an individual basis.

CAREERS

- Assistant conservation officer
- Nature reserve warden
- Countryside ranger
- Ecological surveyor
- Practical Estate Ranger/Worker
- Environmental education officer
- Self-employed habitat contractor
- Ecologist

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree courses in Ecology and Conservation, Environmental, Land Management, Countryside Management, Environmental Management and Marine Conservation.

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

MY STUDENT STORY...

"My dream job would be working as a Conservation Biologist, and I now have the necessary tariff points to study conservation at university."

FRAN, LAND AND WILDLIFE STUDENT





ENGLISH AND MATHS

Most employers, colleges and universities are now asking for a minimum of a GCSE grade 4 and above in English and Maths, which is why at Sparsholt, we ensure you work towards achieving this as part of your course. This will be through GCSE classes or Functional Skills in Maths and/or English.

ARE YOU 16–18?

If you have a GCSE grade 3 in English/Maths or a Level 1 in Functional Skills, you will study the GCSE course alongside your main programme of study to raise your grade to a 4 or above.

ARE YOU 19–25 YEARS OLD WITH AN EHCP?

If you do not have a GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths, you will be required to continue working towards improving English and Maths and, if appropriate, gaining qualifications.

COURSES

- Mathematics GCSE
- English Language GCSE
- Functional Skills in English and Maths

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The course aims to give you greater knowledge in essential mathematical skills that can be used in day-to-day activities. We offer two levels: foundation or higher, depending on your current grade and aspirations. It is essential that you are committed to studying Maths at GCSE. We expect you to attend every session and work hard to develop your mathematical skills and aptitude for the subject.

- Interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context
- Acquire and use problem solving strategies
- Select and apply mathematical techniques and methods in mathematical, every day and real world situations
- Reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions
- Develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Functional Maths.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

GCSE Maths at grade 4 is required by many employers and for entry to higher education. Employers in all sectors like you to have maths qualifications as it demonstrates ability in a core subject.

The skills learned in this subject are useful for progression on to further areas of study.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is for you if you are 16–18 years old and on a course at Sparsholt and do not hold GCSE English Language at grade 4 or above.

You will be taught by an experienced team of specialist English teachers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Functional English.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

GCSE English at grade 4 is required by many employers and for entry to higher education.

Employers in all sectors like you to have English qualifications as it demonstrates ability in a core subject.

The skills learned in this subject are useful for progression on to further areas of study.



FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you are an Entry Level or Level 1 student and do not have a GCSE grade 4 or above you will take either Functional Skills or GCSE Maths and/or English as part of your programme of study.

TOPICS COVERED

Functional English

You will gain skills and a qualification, recognised by employers, in reading, writing, speaking and listening, essential for working life.

Functional Maths

You will focus on analysis, working on scenario based problems using Maths. You will gain skills and a qualification, recognised by employers, needed for everyday life and employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The level you study will be determined by your previous achievement and an assessment during your induction.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Level 1 or Level 2 English and/or Maths qualifications are required for entry on to higher level college courses. These qualifications are recognised and valued by employers in all sectors.



EQUINE STUDIES

Our BHS highly commended facilities mean we can provide an excellent start to your career in the equine industry.

Our purpose built Equine Centre hosts a variety of resources and opportunities for learners and our enthusiastic staff are committed to providing the very best learning experience. Choose the right course for you – up to Master's level – and you'll be learning in an environment dedicated to success.

CAREERS

- Competition Groom or Rider
- Equine Nutritionist
- Equine Veterinary Nurse
- Event Management
- Farrier Apprentice
- Journalist
- Retail
- Riding Instructor
- Equine Behaviourist
- Racing Industry
- Animal Physiotherapist/
Osteopath/Chiropractor





The
British
Horse
Society
Approved Centre

BHS PROGRESSIVE RIDING TESTS

All our students will follow the BHS Progressive Riding Tests L1–6. You are offered these as part of the course at no extra cost as they are an integral part of the curriculum.

On successful completion of all six progressive riding tests you will progress straight to BHS Stage 2 (exam fees will apply) after the completion of your Ride Safe Exam.

You will also have the opportunity to obtain your BHS Ride Safe through a tailored course (course and exam fees will apply).

COURSES

- Equine Studies Level 1 Riding or Non-ride Pathway
- Equine Studies Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care Riding or Non-ride Pathway
- Equine Studies Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate/Diploma in Equine Management Riding or Non-ride Pathway
- Apprenticeships – Equine Groom Standard Level 2/Senior Equine Groom Standard Level 3 ●
- FdSc Equestrian Performance Management ●
- BSc (Hons) Equestrian Performance Management ●
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science ●
- MSc Equine Behaviour, Performance and Training ●



UNIVERSITY CENTRE
SPARSHOLT



Find out more about our degree courses at sparsholt.ac.uk

MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I gained my BSc in Equine Science and MSc in Equine Behaviour, Performance and Training at Sparsholt alongside my BHS coaching qualifications. I lecture on all of the equine courses, with my specific fields being biology, nutrition, behaviour and rider performance. I take great satisfaction in passing my knowledge on to others and encouraging them to do their very best."

AMY ROBBINS, LECTURER



FACILITIES

- Sir Mark Todd equestrian performance studio
- Stabling for up to 66 horses
- Indoor arena (60 × 23m) and three outdoor arenas (60 × 30m, 60 × 30m, 70 × 50m)
- Covered horse-walker
- Grass rides
- Cross country training field
- Weighbridge
- Equine Stocks
- Natural horsemanship pen
- Full sized equine skeleton
- BHS qualified riding instructors
- List 3 Dressage Judge as the Head Coach
- BHS practical instruction embedded in training
- Various livery and loan options available
- Charisma, our Racewood Eventing Simulator



INDUSTRY LINKS

- British Dressage
- British Showjumping
- The British Horse Society (BHS)
- The British Equestrian Federation
- Racing to School
- Simple Systems
- Liphook Equine Hospital
- The Barn Equine Hospital
- World Horse Welfare

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Royal Agricultural University
- University Centre Hartpur
- Moulton College
- Writtle University College

MY STUDENT STORY...

"I studied here for two years and loved every second of it! Due to my course covering so many topics and aspects of the equine world, in one way or another every part of it has helped me get to where I am today."

LAUREN, EQUINE GRADUATE AND HEAD GIRL AT MILD MAY FARM AND STUD



LEVEL 1 RIDING OR NON-RIDE PATHWAY

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is ideal if you have little or no formal qualifications and want to start your journey into a career with horses. Based at our Equine Centre, you'll enjoy a lot of practical lessons and industry experience, as well as spending some time developing your English and Maths and some writing tasks based on what you have been learning in your practicals.

You'll be caring for the horses and undertaking daily duties at the Centre several days a week, as well as spending a term working at the Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre. During the course you'll visit a range of equine businesses and take part in trips to events such as Olympia, Blenheim and the Brecon Beacons, helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above, or evidence of studying Entry Level 3.

If you wish to pursue a Riding Pathway, we will need to see and assess your riding via a video you submit to us, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

CAREERS

- Groom
- Yard Assistant
- Stud Worker
- Retail
- Ride Leader
- Coach (with BHS Qualifications)
- Racing Industry

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Equine Studies

OUT & ABOUT

A windy ride up the Welsh mountains on the Equine Study Tour to Brecon Beacons!



LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN EQUINE CARE RIDING OR NON-RIDE PATHWAY

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is ideal if you want to enhance your practical skills and knowledge for future employment in the equine industry or for higher level study. You'll enjoy practical and theory sessions to learn how to handle a variety of horses, develop your riding and husbandry skills and broaden your knowledge of subjects such as horse biology. You'll also visit a range of equine businesses, have a study tour to the Brecon Beacons and take part in trips to events such as Olympia and Blenheim, helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.

If you are not a confident rider or do not wish to ride, a non-riding option is also available.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 3 or above or Level 1 qualification.

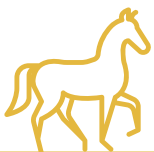
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CAREERS

- Competition groom
- Groom
- Yard assistant
- Stud worker
- Retail
- Ride Leader
- Racing Industry
- Farrier Apprentice
- Saddler Apprentice
- Coach (with BHS Qualifications)

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Equine Studies



LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA RIDING OR NON-RIDE PATHWAY

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You'll gain detailed academic knowledge of horse management and equitation through both theory and practical sessions as you learn about and build on the essentials of working with horses. This qualification will also equip you with further practical skills and an understanding of business skills which are important for progression into a wide and diverse range of employment. We work with local employers who contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training by providing demonstrations, talks on the industry and where possible work placements – giving ideal preparation for employment in the equine industry or specialist further study.

This course includes various industry related trips to equine businesses, equine events such as Olympia, Blenheim Horse Trials and a study tour to Newmarket in the first year.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Advanced Technical Certificate – Four GCSEs including English or Maths at grade 4 or Level 2 at a Pass plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English or Maths.

Advanced Technical Diploma – Five GCSEs including English, Maths and Science at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

If you wish to pursue a Riding Pathway, we will need to see and assess your riding via a video you submit to us, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

CAREERS

- Jockey
- Riding instructor
- Farrier Apprentice
- Stud or stable manager and associated roles
- Equine veterinary nurse or technician
- Equine nutritionist
- Journalist
- Retail
- Event management
- Saddler Apprentice
- Administrator or junior management trainee
- Yard office manager
- Work rider
- Groom
- Racing Industry

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc or BSc degrees in Equine Science or Equestrian Performance Management, either at University Centre Sparsholt or another institution.

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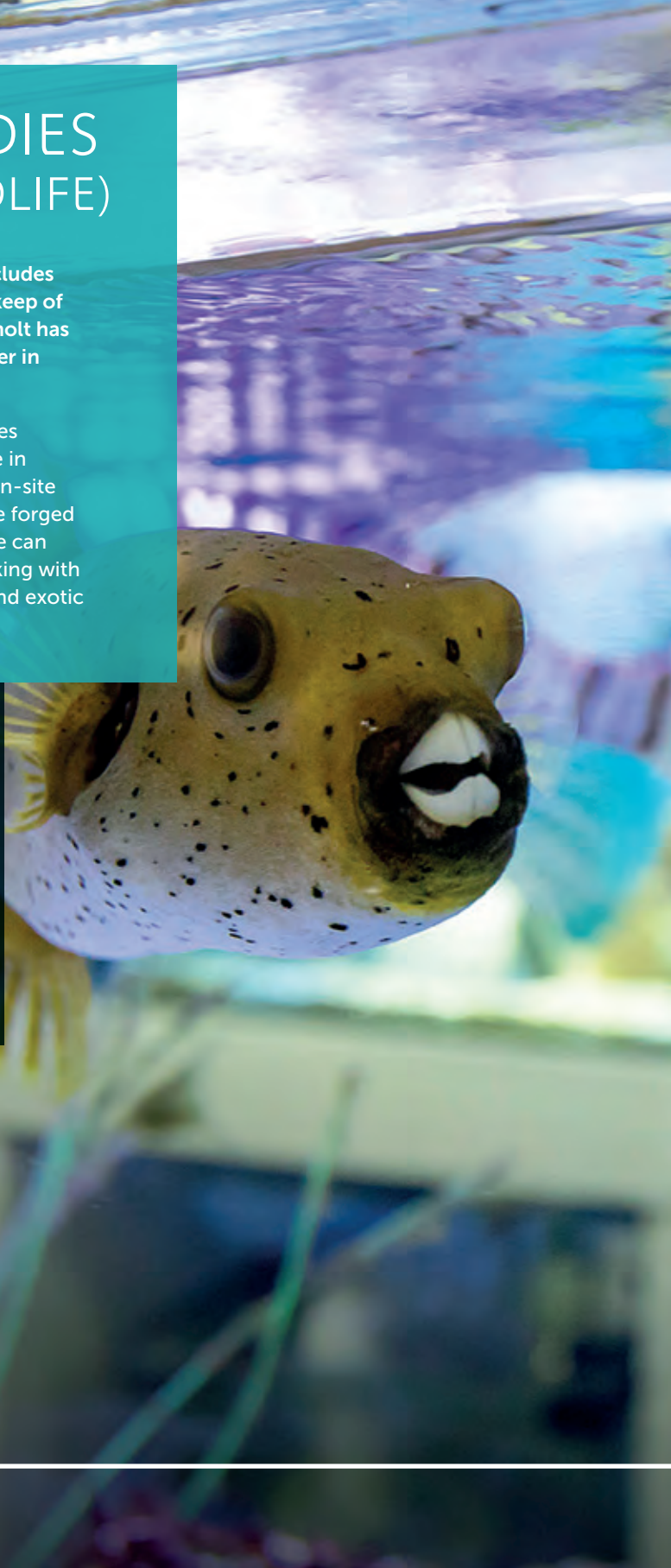
FISHERY STUDIES (LAND AND WILDLIFE)

The fisheries management industry includes everything to do with the care and upkeep of fish and their environments and Sparsholt has everything you need to start your career in this sector.

As a leader in Fishery and Aquatic studies recognised worldwide for our expertise in providing fishery studies training, our on-site facilities and our industry links, we have forged an unrivalled reputation. This means we can offer the best training for a career working with freshwater fisheries and fish farming, and exotic and ornamental fish.

CAREERS

- Fish Farming
- River Keeping
- Fishery Manager
- Aquatics/Ornamental Retail
- River Restoration Worker
- Conservation Ranger
- Angling/Fishing Equipment Sales



FACILITIES

- The Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre
- Salmonid Rearing and Trials Centre
- Coarse Fishing Lake
- Electrofishing equipment to take surveys of stock



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Institute of Fishery Management
- Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA)
- British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
- British Trout Association
- Environment Agency

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Plymouth

COURSES

- Land-Based Studies (Fisheries and Game) Level 1
- Land and Wildlife (Fish) Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Land and Wildlife Management (Fish) Level 3
 - Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)
 - Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)
- FdSc Sports Fisheries and Aquaculture ●
- FdSc Marine Ecology and Conservation ●
- BSc (Hons) Aquaculture and Fishery Management ●

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MEET YOUR EXPERT

“I was a Sparsholt student and after qualifying I worked in fish husbandry, river management and as a fish farmer. My specialist areas are fishery management, warm water and marine aquaculture, fishery mechanisation and cyprinid farming.”

JAMES WATSON, LECTURER



LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISHERIES AND GAME)

ONE YEAR

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the land-based industries (including fisheries and gamekeeping). You'll also gain basic estate and habitat management skills and will learn about how to look after game birds, fish and other wildlife.

The course is very practical and involves working on the College estate and at the Game and Wildlife Centre. You'll learn how to operate different types of machinery, power and hand tools and will also look at topics relating to your specific area of interest, either fisheries management or gamekeeping.



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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Underkeeper
- Assistant keeper
- Game farm assistant
- Conservation worker/volunteer
- Estate worker
- Assistant river keeper
- Aquatics retail

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)
- Apprenticeship – Underkeeper Standard Level 2

OUT & ABOUT

Helping out with population control at Digger Lakes in Devon.



LAND AND WILDLIFE (FISH)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

If you enjoy practical work and have a keen interest in fishing and fishery management, this course will give you a broad range of knowledge and skills.

You'll learn about the British countryside and how to safely manage a range of UK habitats to encourage healthy fish populations and other wildlife. Through practical teaching you'll learn the basics of estate maintenance and land-based machinery. As a student on the Land and Wildlife (Fish) pathway, you'll have a specific focus on acquiring skills for both the game and coarse fishing industries, and you'll be involved in a range of practical activities both at the College and off-site at fish farms, local rivers and stillwater fisheries.

You'll also look at aspects of conservation and gamekeeping. This will give you the foundation knowledge needed to work in the countryside/ fisheries industry or progress to the Level 3 Land and Wildlife course.

A work placement, either with an industry-based employer or at the College, will put your skills into practice and help you to build up valuable contacts and potentially gain employment.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSEs at grade 3, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3 or Level 1 qualification and a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Trout, carp or ornamental fish farms
- Sport fisheries
- Aquatic retail shops

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma/ Extended Diploma Land and Wildlife Management



LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISH)

TWO YEARS

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This A Level equivalent course will provide you with the knowledge and skills you'll need to work safely in the Land and Wildlife industries. Through a combination of theory and practical field-based sessions, you'll learn about the core subjects of ecology and conservation, machinery and estate maintenance. In addition, as a Fisheries student you'll be taught by industry experts covering fishery management including stillwater and rivers, the angling industry or aquatics management, aquarium systems and exotic animal husbandry. Off-site practicals, external speakers and industry visits will also give you the opportunity to develop valuable industry contacts.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4 or a Merit grade at Level 2 with Maths and English at grade 4.

CAREERS

- Assistant fishery or fish farm manager
- Environment Agency technician
- River keeper
- Tackle and bait retail and manufacturing
- Angling Coach
- Pond design and building
- Aquatic retail industry
- Research and conservation

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc in Sport Fisheries and Aquaculture or Marine Ecology and Conservation
- BSc (Hons) in Aquaculture and Fishery Management, Marine Biology, Aquatic Biology or Aquatic Zoology

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

MY STUDENT STORY...

"I am now the Assistant Manager of an aquatics shop. The technical and communication skills I developed at Sparsholt really help in the workplace and my knowledge of native species is very useful!"

CRAIG, FISHERY GRADUATE



FOUNDATION LEARNING

These are specialist programmes designed for students aged 16–24 with special educational needs (SEN) who respond best within a smaller group and may require extra support or time to complete set work within a mainstream environment.

Students may have attended a school for those with SEN, have an Education, Health and Care Plan, had learning support at school, or not achieved the grades to move to a vocational Level 1 programme.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The programmes offer a flexible curriculum that prepares young people for working life, independence and further study. We follow a learner-centred approach, enabling students to take responsibility for their own learning.

Foundation Learning programmes are studied at entry level. All timetables include a range of vocational options, personal and social development, employability skills, on-site work experience and independent living skills. Programmes also include English, Maths and Digital Skills.

Students have access to a wide range of excellent, high-quality vocational experiences, specialist resources and facilities across our campus, giving the opportunity to learn in appropriate contexts. These include the Animal Management Centre, Farm, Equine Centre, Horticulture facilities and Sports Centre.

Moving into further education can seem a big step. We support students with this transition – including meeting the learner, parents, carers, school staff and external agencies to ensure the course is right for each individual, having taster sessions at college and enabling learners to understand the next steps.

PROGRESSION

We also support learners to transition out of college into the next phase of their development – further education, work-based training, supported or paid employment and/ or independent living. Students will take part in a learner-centred review where next steps can be planned.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Good references, an interest in one of our vocational areas, attendance at an interview and a taster day.

HOW TO APPLY

Once students have applied to Foundation Learning, we will contact your school and any other professionals you are working with to find out a little more about you. We will then invite you in for an interview where we can discuss the best options for you and tell you more about what you can expect from the course.

To discuss applying, please call the Foundation Learning Curriculum Leader on **01962 797216**.



GAME AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (LAND AND WILDLIFE)

Join our well-connected, skilled and employable students in a highly successful department with a renowned record of training courses for gamekeepers and those involved in all aspects of estate and wildlife management.

Game and Wildlife Management at Sparsholt College has an enviable reputation in the industry as a centre for the training and development of outstanding students, who progress to a successful career in the industry. This success is built on the outstanding facilities that students use, and links with an international network of industry contacts, to develop knowledge and skills that are valued by employers.

CAREERS

- Gamekeeper or Beatkeeper
- Wildlife Ranger
- Deer Manager/Stalker



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Remington
- Raytrade UK Ltd
- Spartan Precision Equipment
- Promatic International Ltd
- Forestry England
- Public Health England
- The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Natural England
- Zeiss UK Ltd
- The National Gamekeepers' Organisation
- The British Deer Society
- Country Land and Business Association (CLA)
- The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)
- Shooting Times
- Owton's traditional family butchers

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University

MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I gained a degree in Rural Resource Development and have managed game and wildlife in France, Belgium and the UK before teaching. I am passionate about deer management in the wider landscape and enjoy fly fishing."

ROD GREENWOOD, LECTURER

FACILITIES

- Game and Wildlife Centre
- Indoor and Outdoor Rifle Ranges and Clay Shooting site
- Game and Deer Larder
- Deer and Estate Management
- A herd of Sika
- Incubators and Hatchers for Game rearing
- Thermal imaging and laser range finding equipment



COURSES

- Land-Based Studies (Fisheries and Game) Level 1
- Land and Wildlife (Game) Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Land and Wildlife Management (Game) Level 3
 - Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)
 - Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)
- Apprenticeships – Underkeeper Standard Level 2/ Butcher Standard Level 2 ●



LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISHERIES AND GAME)

ONE YEAR

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the land-based industries (including gamekeeping and fisheries). You'll also develop basic estate and habitat management skills and learn about how to look after game birds, fish and other wildlife.

The course is very practical and involves working on the College estate and at the Game and Wildlife Centre. You'll learn how to operate different types of machinery, power and hand tools and will also look at topics relating to your specific area of interest, either gamekeeping or fisheries management.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Underkeeper
- Assistant keeper
- Game farm assistant
- Conservation worker/volunteer
- Estate worker
- Assistant river keeper
- Fisheries worker
- Assistant working in an aquarium/aquarium retail

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)
- Apprenticeship – Underkeeper Standard Level 2



MY STUDENT STORY...

"Sparsholt prepared me for my career in gamekeeping by showing me all aspects of the job – upland and lowland keeping, the contacts and relationships that I formed, and all of the options available to a young keeper. I am currently a beatkeeper on a wild grey partridge estate in the South of England."

NATHAN, GRADUATE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You'll learn about the British countryside and how to safely manage a range of UK habitats for both game species and other wildlife. Through practical teaching you'll learn the basics of estate maintenance and land-based machinery. As a student on the Land and Wildlife (Game) pathway, you'll have a specific focus on the Game and Wildlife industry and will acquire the knowledge and skills you'll need to successfully manage wildlife for the benefits of both field sports and conservation. You'll be involved in a range of practical activities both at the College and off-site at local shooting estates, where you'll be working alongside gamekeepers and wildlife managers.

A work placement, either with an industry-based employer or at the College, will put your skills into practice and help you to build up valuable contacts and potentially gain employment.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Maths and English GCSEs at grade 3, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3 or Level 1 qualification plus a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Beatkeeper
- Underkeeper
- Pest controller
- Estate worker
- Wildlife Ranger

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Game) or (Countryside)
- Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping at Level 3



OUT & ABOUT

Visiting local estates to learn about humane trapping and estate management.

LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (GAME)

TWO YEARS

LEVEL 3

Year 1 – Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2 – Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This A Level equivalent course will provide you with the knowledge and skills you'll need to work safely in the Land and Wildlife industries. Through a combination of theory and practical field-based sessions, you'll learn about ecology and conservation, machinery and estate maintenance. In addition, as a Game and Wildlife student you'll be taught by industry experts covering subjects such as game and deer management, firearms and pest and predator control.

Off-site practicals, external speakers and industry visits will also give you the opportunity to develop valuable industry contacts.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 plus three other GCSEs at 4 or Level 2 at Merit with Maths and English at grade 4.

CAREERS

- Underkeeper or beatkeeper working on a sporting estate
- Wildlife ranger with the Forestry Commission
- Deer manager

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree courses in Ecology and Rural Estate Management
- Level 4 Apprenticeships

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MY STUDENT STORY...

"My course highlight was our study tour to Teesdale where we visited three different grouse moors.

I am going to work as an underkeeper. I hope to progress to become a head keeper in the future on a wild partridge estate."

JAMES, LAND AND WILDLIFE STUDENT



HORTICULTURE

Our industry links are excellent – from Marshalls, the UK's leading hard landscaping manufacturer, to the RHS and the Chartered Institute of Horticulture – so if you're looking to enter the thriving horticulture industry, studying at Sparsholt will help you get ahead.

With a national reputation for excellence in horticulture and garden design, Sparsholt will provide you with the valuable knowledge and training to launch you directly into the industry or higher study at university. Our expert teaching team is renowned within the industry, regularly winning Gold Medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

CAREERS

- Garden Design
- Landscaping
- Commercial Production



FACILITIES

- BBC Gardeners' Question Time garden
- Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice
- Production polytunnels
- Garden design studio
- Tropical glasshouse
- Laser levels for surveying, hydroponics for use with propagation



INDUSTRY LINKS

- The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
- British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)
- Marshalls
- The Chartered Institute of Horticulture
- The National Trust

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Sheffield
- University of Gloucester

COURSES

- Horticulture Level 1
- Horticulture Level 2 Technical Certificate
- Horticulture Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540)/Extended Diploma (1080)
- Apprenticeships – Horticulture Operative Standard Level 2/Landscape Operative Standard Level 2/Greenkeeper Standard Level 2 ●



MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I have always been interested in plants and their arrangement and work closely with outside organisations, such as Plant Heritage, the RHS and the National Trust, to promote their use. Since 1998 I have coordinated the College's display for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, winning 22 medals including nine Gold and six 'Best in Category' awards."

CHRIS BIRD, LECTURER



Royal Horticultural
Society



RHS Chelsea
Flower Show

2019

RHS CHELSEA GOLD MEDAL WINNERS
& 'BEST IN DISCOVERY' AWARD 2019

RHS CHELSEA GOLD MEDAL WINNERS
& 'BEST IN DISCOVERY' AWARD 2018

UNIQUE COLLABORATION
EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
WITH MARSHALLS – THE UK'S LEADING
HARD LANDSCAPING MANUFACTURER



HORTICULTURE

ONE YEAR

LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Gain a practical introduction to horticulture as you learn and develop the skills needed for employment within the industry. Plant identification and science is introduced gradually over the year, allowing you to develop knowledge ready to progress on to Level 2. You'll also take part in a range of visits including Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, AFC Bournemouth and National Trust Gardens.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3–1 or above/successful completion of an Entry Level course.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Garden centres
- Nurseries
- Greenkeeping

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 in Horticulture
- Apprenticeship – Horticulture Operative Standard Level 2/Landscape Operative Standard Level 2/Greenkeeper Standard Level 2

MY STUDENT STORY...

“Every aspect of my learning is preparing me for the real world, and because of the diverse subject areas covered I will have a portfolio of skills suitable for a number of different sectors within the horticultural industry”

**LOUISE,
HORTICULTURE STUDENT**



HORTICULTURE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This practical and theory-based course will give you the skills and knowledge needed to progress into a specialised and increasingly sophisticated industry. You'll take part in weekly work experience on the College campus to familiarise yourself with a true working environment. A range of visits will also be arranged over the year including RHS Garden Wisley, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and National Trust Gardens.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above with Maths and English at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 qualification. You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4 or above.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Garden centres
- Nurseries
- Greenkeeping
- Hard landscaping

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 in Horticulture

OUT & ABOUT

Officially launching
the 2020 RHS Chelsea
Flower Show garden at
Gilbert White's House.



LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA (540)/ EXTENDED DIPLOMA (1080)

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our students have enormous opportunities open to them and take part in high profile shows and competitions wherever possible around curriculum and examination timetables. Previous experiences include WorldSkills Landscaping, RHS Chelsea Flower Show and the Chartered Institute of Horticulture Young Horticulturalist of the Year.

This course will help you develop the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for progression into the horticulture industry. You'll cover aspects of landscaping, amenity and commercial horticulture as well as visit RHS Garden Wisley, National Trust gardens such as Stourhead and local enterprises to immerse yourself in the industry.

THIS COURSE INCLUDES AN INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Greenkeeping
- Garden design
- Commercial production
- Hard or soft landscaping
- Botanic and heritage gardening
- Science and research
- Therapeutic or social gardening

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc and BSc courses in Horticulture or Garden Design

**THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF
POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.**



MOTOR VEHICLE

Driving preparation, go-karting and hands-on learning are all on offer at Sparsholt, supported by the latest industry standard equipment and our motor vehicle workshops, opened by Formula 1 legends Ross Brawn and Jody Scheckter.

Our talented team of staff are all industry trained and therefore ensure you have the practical knowledge and skills to work in the industry or progress to higher level study. The department has achieved 100% achievement for every student for the last three years. Level 1 and 2 fitting principles students take part in a 'Top Gear Go-karting' fastest lap challenge throughout the year. The courses and activities will develop personal and life skills, and include a community project helping local charities.

CAREERS

- Service Adviser
- Armed Forces
- Body Repair Shop
- Fast-fit Technician
- Parts Adviser





FACILITIES

- Three new workshops
- Welding and fabrication workshop
- Fast-fit tyre and exhaust workshop
- Technical testing equipment for use with electric and hybrid cars



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Silverstone
- Motorparts Direct
- Santa Pod Raceway
- Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands
- Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

COURSES

- Vehicle Maintenance Level 1
- Vehicle Fitting Principles Level 2
- Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Level 2 Diploma
- Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Level 3 Diploma

MEET YOUR EXPERT

"My passion for motor vehicles began on a Youth Training Scheme in Cyprus in the late 1980s. I spent 18 years in HM Forces as a Vehicle Mechanic/Instructor in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

I have taught Mechanical Engineering for 10 years in further education. I am committed to passing on my knowledge and skills to enable students to follow their chosen path."

FRANK POULSON, LECTURER



LEVEL 1

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course is a great starting point for your career in the motor vehicle industry, giving you the chance to use the equipment found in any motor vehicle workshop and learn the basic health and safety needed in the workplace.

As well as learning basic driving techniques using the College's dual control car and building and driving go-karts, you'll also have the opportunity to go on trips to Teamsport go-karting, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, Silverstone Education Centre and Moto GP, Mercedes World and MACH Engineering Show.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 1–3 or above/successful completion of an Entry Level Course.

CAREERS

- Fast-fit workshop
- Tyre fitting
- Body repair centre

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles
- IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Level 2 Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship

MY STUDENT STORY...

"I have learnt so many useful skills which will help me to get a job in the motor vehicle industry. At Sparsholt you will get the best learning experience and make lots of new friends for life – I would recommend it to everyone."

OSCAR, MOTOR VEHICLE STUDENT



LEVEL 2

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will develop your skills for the fast-fit industry. Alternatively, if you need some time to develop your practical and academic skills, it is also a great grounding for the Level 2 Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles course. As part of the course you'll also take part in some work experience to develop your employability.

Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle and minimum of Level 1 Functional skills in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Fast-fit fitter
- Semi-Skilled vehicle fitter

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Maintenance Service and Repair (with English and Maths GCSE grade 4 or above)
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Vehicle Fitting-Fast Fit



LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES

ONE YEAR

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You'll learn to identify light vehicle components, understand component and unit operation, remove, check and refit components and adjust and maintain components and units.

Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 Vehicle Fitting Principles plus grade 4 in English and Maths following resits.

CAREERS

- Semi-skilled service technician
- Vehicle parts, sales and store keeping
- A range of practical skills-based roles using industry standard tools for removing and refitting components
- Service Advisor

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles, Level 3 Diploma
- Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship

LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course covers the theory part of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Light Vehicle Service and Repair and is a mix of theory and practical work.

You'll study the understanding, diagnosis and repair of light vehicle system faults. Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 2 IMI Diploma in Vehicle Service and Repair Principles (or other awarding body equivalent qualification)/relevant industry experience and English and Maths at grade 4.

CAREERS

- Semi-skilled service technician
- Service adviser

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Higher Education: Level 4 Motor Sport Courses
- Light Vehicle Apprenticeship

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

OUT & ABOUT

No better way to get to know each other than on the Go Karting track!



SPORT, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND THE UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Serious about sport? Passionate about outdoor adventure?
Committed to a uniformed protective services career? So are we!

Set within 450 acres of Hampshire countryside, the Sparsholt sports department provides outstanding facilities for high standards of learning. From participating in a variety of sport and fitness activities, to learning about anatomy, physiology and the psychology of sport, our purpose-built Sports Centre with climbing wall provides the ideal learning space.

CAREERS

- Gym Instructor progressing to Personal Trainer
- Multi-Sport Coach
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Uniformed Protective Services
- University



INDUSTRY LINKS

- The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)
- Sport England
- British Canoe Union
- Institute of Outdoor Learning
- AFC Bournemouth
- UK Anti-Doping (UKAD)
- Andover Town Football Club
- Armed Forces
- Emergency Services

FACILITIES

- Indoor Sports Centre
- Large purpose-built indoor climbing wall
- High quality fully equipped fitness suite and exercise studio
- High quality football pitches and training areas
- Low ropes course for leadership training and instruction
- Exclusive access to a local lake for kayaking and canoeing
- Modern gym equipment



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Brighton
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- University of Bournemouth
- Southampton Solent University

COURSES

- Sport BTEC Level 2
- Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma – pathway to Fitness Academy
- Sports Coaching and Development BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma – pathway to our Male and Female Football Academies
- Sport and Outdoor Activities BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma
- Uniformed Protective Services BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

MEET YOUR EXPERT

“As a previous Sparsholt student, I went on to represent Great Britain in canoe polo. I am a keen kayaker and enjoy winter mountaineering. I worked at the QE2 Activity Centre with children and adults with additional needs and am passionate about passing on my knowledge and expertise.”

SCOTT FANCOURT, LECTURER





BTEC LEVEL 2 SPORTS AWARD

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course covers the practical and theoretical aspects of sport and provides the opportunity to progress on to our different Level 3 courses, or directly on to employment. You'll enjoy all the industry standard facilities of our state-of-the-art Sports Centre whilst learning the underpinning knowledge of anatomy and physiology, principles of fitness training and exercise programme writing. You'll also explore concepts involved in sports psychology and apply different sports performance skills and techniques in team and individual sports.

We offer lots of extra-curricular activities such as football, badminton, fitness training, kayaking, climbing, mountain biking and community coaching projects, to name a few.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3, Maths and English at grade 3, Level 1 Diploma or equivalent at Merit.

CAREERS

- Leisure Assistant
- Sports Coaching
- Uniformed Protective Services
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Gym Instructor

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma
- Sports Coaching and Development BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma
- Sport and Outdoor Activities BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma
- Uniformed Protective Services BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

OUT & ABOUT

Outdoor Adventure and Protective Services students hitting the slopes on their ski trip!



SPORT, FITNESS AND PERSONAL TRAINING

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

TWO YEARS

Pathway to Fitness Academy

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Taught in our state-of-the-art Sports Centre by dedicated industry professionals, you'll gain a detailed knowledge of the sports and fitness industry. This course has been developed in line with the CIMSPA standard of Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer, which means you'll leave us employment-ready for the fitness industry.

The subjects allow you to develop technical skills in working with clients in a gym environment, carrying out gym inductions and leading small-group-based exercise, supported by underpinning knowledge of the body and specific populations. You'll work with talented athletes training on our other sports programmes – devising fitness programmes, advising on injuries, nutrition and performance enhancement techniques to develop your knowledge of real clients, and you'll also have the opportunity to take part in trips. The course involves a mix of theory and practice relating to sport, fitness, leisure and personal training and you'll also benefit from work experience, visits to local fitness centres and guest speakers, as well as the opportunity to run your own sporting events.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths and English or Level 2 Diploma at Merit Level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Gym Instructor
- Personal Trainer
- Sports Physiologist
- Exercise Class Instructor
- Teacher
- Sports Therapy

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

FdSc, BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) degrees in subjects such as:

- Sports Rehabilitation
- Strength and Conditioning
- Exercise and Fitness Management
- Applied Sports Science
- Nutrition and Exercise Science
- Sport Therapy
- Advanced Level 4 specialist fitness qualification in specific population groups

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

MY STUDENT STORY...

"Studying at Sparsholt was, without a doubt, one of the most important phases in my academic career, where I was helped to mould my career ambitions into actions. I am so grateful for the guidance, knowledge and opportunities I received here, as they helped me push my expectations to succeed."

ALEX, SPORT GRADUATE

FITNESS ACADEMY PATHWAY

An added extra of studying this course with us, our Fitness Academy offers a great range of industry experiences.

Our industry expert Jo Todd will lead you through a catalogue of fitness training practices, including:

- Cross Fit
- Les Mills Fitness Classes
- Circuits
- Step
- Indoor cycling
- Kettle bells
- Boogie bounce

and much more.



SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

TWO YEARS

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

Pathway to our Male and Female Football Academies

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This is a career-focused course with industry endorsement and accreditation which will enable you to develop underpinning knowledge, to gain experience as a coach and to build skills to impact positively on sports development programmes. Endorsed by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA), the qualification is fully mapped to its professional standards of 'Coach' and 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children'. Taught in our state-of-the-art Sports Centre by dedicated industry professionals, you'll gain a detailed knowledge of the sports and recreation industry through a mix of theory and practice relating to sport, coaching and development.

On completion, you'll become a qualified sports coach with specific skills in improving a participant's experience of sport and physical activity by providing specialised support and guidance aligned to their individual needs. You'll learn how to lead the planning, preparation, delivery, continuous evaluation and review of a series of sport and/or physical activity sessions. You'll also benefit from work experience, visits to local sport and recreation centres and guest speakers, as well as the opportunity to run your own sporting events.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths or English or Level 2 Diploma at Merit Level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Professional and Semi-Professional football
- Careers in Coaching
- Scholarships in the USA
- Employment in the sports and leisure industry

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

FdSc, BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) degrees in subjects such as:

- Sports, Coaching and Physical Education
- Football Studies
- Performance Analysis
- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sports Strength and Conditioning

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.



FEMALE FOOTBALL ACADEMY PATHWAY

An added extra of studying this course with us, you'll become part of our Female Football Academy. We work closely with a number of local football clubs to ensure your progression up the football leagues, with the opportunity to play in the Association of Colleges' Ladies' Futsal League and the Super 7s College League. The Academy also boasts links to American universities where scholarships can be offered for players seeking international playing experiences. Training will focus around our playing style and philosophy, technique and skills application, performance video analysis and strength and conditioning training – all at our state-of-the-art Sports Centre.



MEET YOUR EXPERT

"I have played in the FA Premier League for Southampton WFC as a right back/centre back depending on the team's tactical system, so am very up-to-date with the professional game. I had a season in management when injured in 2016, managing Southampton Women's Reserves in an undefeated season and winning the side promotion to the Southern Regional Division."

SAMANTHA VOKES, FEMALE FOOTBALL ACADEMY MANAGER



MALE FOOTBALL ACADEMY PATHWAY

An added extra of studying the Sports Coaching and Development Level 3 course with us is that you become part of the Sparsholt College Football Academy Programme. We recognise that players develop at different times and as a result have a tiered programme for players of all abilities. Our coaches regularly evaluate performance, giving a target to improve individual performance and move into the next tier.

All players train at least three times per week and play in a comprehensive match programme. Our teams compete in the following leagues and competitions: National Football Youth League under 19's, National League Youth Alliance, Hampshire Colleges' Football League, FA Youth Cup, Hants Midweek Floodlit Cup and English Colleges' Cup.



SECOND CHANCE PROGRAMME

The AFC Bournemouth – Senior Training Centre (Sparsholt) Second Chance Programme is for talented young footballers aged 16–19 to develop their footballing potential alongside gaining national qualifications in sport at Levels 2–3. In direct partnership with AFC Bournemouth, most players in the Second Chance Programme Tier have had experience at Academy level and their programme is structured to give the best possible chance to succeed as a top flight footballer.

Highlights include finishing third in the National Football Youth League South Premier Division (the highest level of football outside of the professional academy system in the country), as well as reaching the Hants Midweek Floodlit



SECOND CHANCE PROGRAMME

Cup Final and going six rounds to reach the third Round Proper in the FA Youth Cup. Players also gained professional and semi-professional contracts at Premier League clubs, including Southampton and Watford, and players from our Academy have seen success in being selected for the England School Boys' National Team.

Players in the Second Chance Programme will have the opportunity to showcase their talent by:

- Taking part in training led by UEFA A and B Licenced Coaches
- Visiting AFC Bournemouth's training ground to participate in training
- Regular performance monitoring from Sparsholt College staff
- Feedback to AFC Bournemouth regarding progress
- Opportunity to play matches against AFC Bournemouth Academy
- Taking part in matches as AFC Bournemouth (Sparsholt) in the National Football Youth League (U19)



DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Players in the Development Squad have the opportunity to play in the National League Youth Alliance. The target for players in this squad is to make the necessary improvement to make the step up into the Second Chance Programme either during, or at the end of the season.

COLLEGE FIRST TEAM

This programme allows players to train in a high quality, competitive environment and play at the highest level of college football in Hampshire. There are opportunities for players to progress into the Sparsholt Development Squad and to attach to external clubs for weekend football to develop further.

COLLEGE SECOND TEAM

Most of our College Second Team will take part in college football as well as gaining all the benefits of a full-time training environment.

For international students, full FA/FIFA international clearance will be required prior to playing in FA-registered matches.

MY STUDENT STORY...

"Playing in the FA Youth Cup is a really good experience. Our coach put me forward for a trial for the England School Boys team and I made it through to the final squad. Sparsholt has helped me by keeping me fit with a good training schedule, as well as lots of support and motivation."

HANS, SPORT STUDENT

SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

TWO YEARS

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This is a career-focused qualification with industry endorsement and accreditation from the Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL), which will allow you to enter employment directly into the outdoor activities sector. You'll learn both water-based and land-based sporting disciplines, and master the practical skills, application and theories of climbing, mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing, amongst others.

Your first year of study will include a strong focus on health and safety factors involved in outdoor learning. The second year focuses on the applied leadership aspect of each sport, instructing participant groups from local secondary schools. You'll carry out an extended industry work placement on a seasonal paid contract as an Assistant Instructor, potentially leading to further training and employment. You'll also take part in trips and expeditions to North Wales, South Wales and Dartmoor, using our fleet of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes.



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and much more.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Centre Manager
- Water Sports/Paddle Sport Instructor

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Degrees in subjects such as:

- Adventure/Outdoor Education and Facilitation
- Leisure Management
- Water Sports Management
- Sports Coaching and Development

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.

MY STUDENT STORY...

"I am now an Outdoor Facilitator and Instructor for an educational charity and I lead residential trips and expeditions for 11–19 year olds all over the country. I wouldn't be where I am now without Sparsholt."

OWEN, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES GRADUATE



UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This course will effectively prepare you for application and career success in the Uniformed Protective Services or the private sector, increasing your knowledge, skills, level of fitness and discipline.

It encompasses a range of outdoor and adventurous activities and sports based units, as well as a wide variety of protective services subjects. You'll be involved in, and exposed to, a range of activities that will support your development and progression to employment or higher education, including extra-curricular trips to Bournemouth Airport Training Facility for anti-terrorist combat training, as well as meeting a variety of Protective Service employees to aid you in successful application to your chosen service. With a mix of theory, exams and practices relating to different uniformed protective services, you'll also benefit from visits to local fire stations, 999 call centres and police training events, plus guest speakers.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Emergency Services (Police/Ambulance/Fire brigade)
- Armed Forces (British Army/Royal Navy/Royal Air Force)
- HM Prison Service
- Customs/Border Control
- Rescue Services
- Policing
- Criminology
- Paramedic Science
- Outdoor/Adventure Training Instructor
- Fitness Instructor

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc or BSc (Hons) courses
- BSc Police Studies
- BSc Paramedic Science
- BSc Criminology/Forensics
- Officer Training in the Armed Forces
- Enlistment into the Uniformed Protective Services

THIS COURSE GIVES YOU UCAS TARIFF POINTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY.



MONEY MATTERS

COURSE FEES

UNDER 19?

No tuition fees! If you're under 19 on 31 August in the year you start your course and are a UK or EU resident, you won't need to pay tuition fees or examination fees for your course.

Depending on your household income, you may also be able to get help towards travel, accommodation, essential equipment or childcare costs. See Financial Support section on page 102 for more details.

OVER 19?

LOOKING TO STUDY AT LEVEL 2 OR BELOW?

Fees usually apply, but you may be eligible for free tuition, depending on the course you want to study, your existing qualifications and your financial circumstances – please contact us for more information on **01962 797280**.

LOOKING TO STUDY AT LEVEL 3?

Get ahead with an Advanced Learner Loan. Loan eligibility doesn't depend on your income, there are no upfront fees or credit checks.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Tuition fees may apply
- Student Visa may be required

If you have not been normally resident in the European Union (including UK) for three years before the start of your course of studies, you will need to pay international fees.

Sparsholt College Hampshire is on the UK government's Register of Education and Training Providers, and has Highly Trusted Sponsor status. Our Sponsor Licence Number (SLN) is G0J84DCF3.

For information about visa requirements and international study at Sparsholt visit sparsholt.ac.uk/international or email international@sparsholt.ac.uk



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PAYMENT

This payment contributes towards the many extra-curricular activities offered by the College and is payable by all students, whether paying tuition and examination fees or not. As a guide, the payment for 2019–20 was £89. A one-off higher payment of approximately £425 applies to our Outdoor Adventure course due to the nature of their course activities, which include trips and expeditions to North Wales, South Wales and Dartmoor, using our fleet of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Fees are payable at or before enrolment, or through our interest free instalment plan. To find out more call **01962 797280**.

REFUNDS

In normal circumstances, you will not be eligible for a refund of your fees if you withdraw from your course before you complete it. If payment is made by instalments, any outstanding amounts will continue to be taken.

TALK TO US FIRST

If you are experiencing financial difficulty that may force you to withdraw your application to your chosen course please discuss your situation with the Student Funding team before making any decisions, call **01962 797267**.

All course information is correct at time of print. However, changes may take place throughout the year and the website will hold the most up-to-date information. The College reserves the right to change or amend a course as necessary. If you require this guide in an alternative format, please contact us.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There is a range of funding available to help you attend college.

After applying for your course, you can apply for funding as part of your registration process. We will ask about your household income – including all forms of benefits except Disability Living Allowance, PIP or Child Benefit – and ask you to supply supporting documents such as P60s, wage slips, tax credit notices or self-assessment accounts.

For further information please see below or contact our Student Funding team on **01962 797267** or **student.funding@sparsholt.ac.uk**

SUPPORT TO STUDY BURSARY

If your household income is under £32,960, the College's Support to Study Bursary may be able to help with the costs of travel, books, equipment or any other cost which may make it difficult for you to attend college. The income threshold of £32,960 is increased by £1,648 for each dependent child living in the same house as the bursary applicant.

RESIDENTIAL BURSARY

This helps towards accommodation costs for students who need to live on-site because they are not on a travel route. If eligible, your accommodation costs will be reduced by the amount of funding awarded to you*. You can also pay the remaining balance in monthly instalments.

Generally, to qualify, you need to be living in college accommodation or have moved into rented accommodation in the area in order to study with us. There must not be similar local provision within 15 miles of your home.

*For example, if you are a 16 year old and your household income is under £32,960, you could receive a discount of up to £3,750 on accommodation costs – or up to £4,250 if your household income is under £25,000.

CHILDCARE SUPPORT

If you're under 20 and have a child you may be eligible for help with Ofsted-registered childcare and some other college-related costs through the Care to Learn scheme. Further details can be found at **www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn** or from the National Careers Service.

If you're 20 or over and have a household income of less than £32,960 childcare support may be available from the College's Support to Study Funds mentioned above.

16–18 BURSARY FUND

If you're 16–18 and in care, a care leaver, in receipt of Income Support or both Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA), you're eligible for a bursary of up to £1,200 to help you meet the costs of coming to college.

FREE COLLEGE MEALS

If you're aged 16–18 (or 19–24 and with a Learning Difficulty Assessment and Education, Health and Care Plan) and you or your parents already receive certain benefits, you could also be eligible for free college meals. To check your eligibility and find out more, please visit Hampshire County Council's website: **www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/furthereducation**



GET AHEAD WITH AN ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

NO UPFRONT FEES

IMPROVE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are 19 or over and thinking of improving your career options you can cover the cost of tuition fees with an Advanced Learner Loan. Repayments don't begin until you finish the course and are earning at least £26,568.

This loan can fund many Level 3 and 4 courses, including Access courses, Diplomas, Extended Diplomas and Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships.

Loan eligibility doesn't depend on your income, there are no upfront fees or credit checks. What's more, if you complete an Access to HE Diploma and then go on to complete a degree you will have your Advanced Learner Loan written off.

CAN I GET THIS LOAN?

Yes, if you are:

- 19 or over on the first day of your course
- Enrolling on an eligible course at Level 3 or above, which includes: Access to HE Diplomas or other Diploma, Advanced or Higher Apprenticeships
- Living in the UK on the first day of your course and have lived in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man or three years immediately before this
- A UK national or have settled status
- An EU national

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Visit sparsholt.ac.uk and search Advanced Learner Loans or call **01962 797280**.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply to college as normal. Once you receive an offer letter complete a loan application at gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

HOW TO FIND US

TRANSPORT

Students travel to Sparsholt from across the region, so we aim to make the journey as easy and cost effective as possible.

We'll help you find the best way to get into College, whether you're getting the train from Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton, Basingstoke or Portsmouth or the bus from across Hampshire and the county borders.

Please check the map below for your nearest location. If you need further information please contact our Transport team on **01962 797346/transport@sparsholt.ac.uk** or visit **sparsholt.ac.uk/transport**

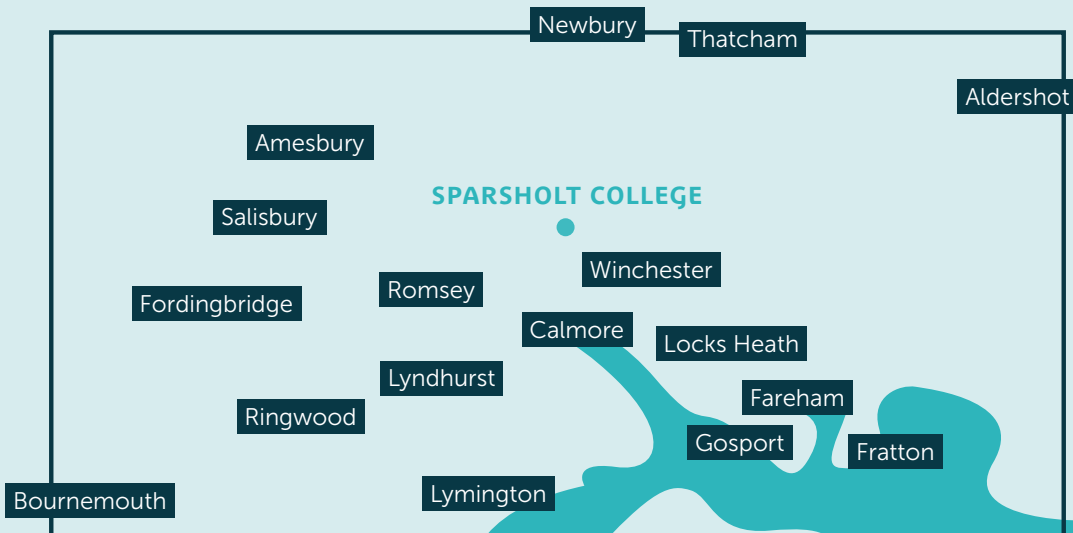
If you live further away, find out about our 'Outstanding' accommodation, and residential bursaries are also available – see more information on page 102.



CAMPUS BUS TRAVEL

We offer a range of options including Campus Bus Travel, which is our private fleet of buses that will pick up from the areas below. For those not on the campus bus routes, there are public transport options with train and connecting buses straight to campus.

We offer a range of passes which enable you to pay for your travel effectively including a combined bus and train pass. Payment for bus passes can be spread over nine months by card instalments at no extra cost. An initial deposit payment is required on application.



HELP TOWARDS TRANSPORT COSTS FOR STUDENTS

Don't forget that the College may be able to offer free or reduced cost travel!

If your household income is under £32,960 you could receive up to 50% off transport costs from the Support to Study Bursary fund, as well as being able to pay the remaining balance on a monthly basis. If your household income is under £25,000, transport costs on public and campus buses are also covered by the Support to Study Bursary fund. After applying for your course, you'll automatically be sent information on how to apply for funding as part of the registration process.

PARKING

There is parking on campus for registered vehicles.

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