

Applied Zoology

Foundation Degree (FdSc)

STUDY MODE

Full time / Part time

LOCATION

Moulton

LEVEL

Level 5

START DATE

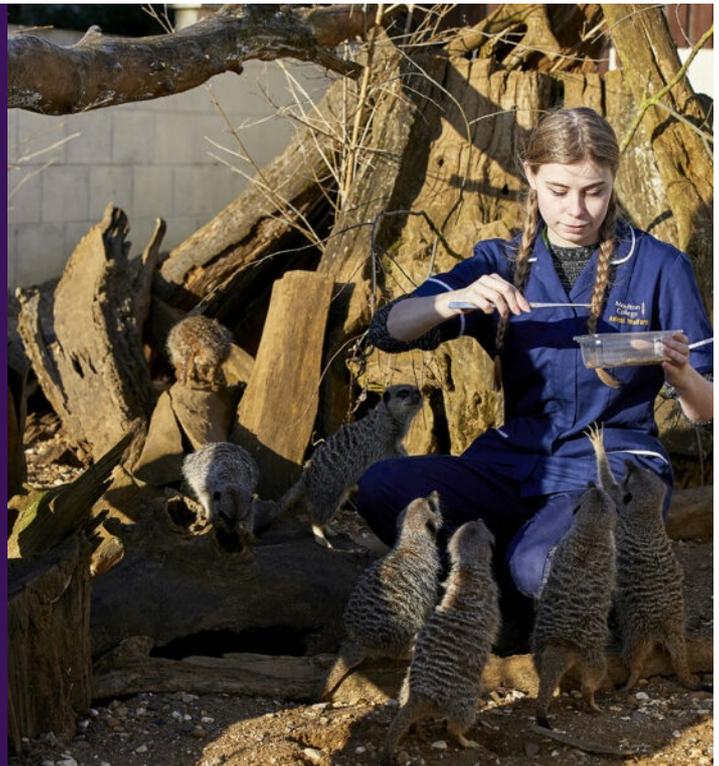
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DURATION

2 years / 3 years

AWARDING BODY

University of Northampton



Our FdSc Zoology course is the scientific study of all aspects of animal life.

This course provides an introductory exploration of our planet's stunning biodiversity and the evolutionary processes behind them. You will explore a variety of topics which will prepare you for a career in zoology ranging from ecology, animal behaviour, animal welfare, genetics and evolution.

Successful completion of this course will set you up to moving onto the optional top-up year where you will investigate and discuss some more in-depth topics such as the role of Zoos and Aquaria in the 21st Century as well as explore some of the modern methods used across a variety of zoological disciplines.

We offer a range of facilities that you will use throughout your studies, including our extensive estate of farmland, our Animal Welfare Centre, which houses over 130 different species from a variety of taxonomic groups and our biosciences laboratory, where you will undertake activities such as microscopy, dissection, genetic analyses and morphometry.

What will I learn on the course?

You'll develop an understanding of animal biology, health, husbandry, behaviour and genetics, and gain an appreciation for animal law and ethics.

Industry experience forms an integral part of the course, and you will be encouraged to establish connections with industry and undertake your own research project in a related area in your second year.

You can find out more information about what you will study on this [award map](#).

What will this course cost me?

For information about course fees please refer to our [Fees and Financial Support](#) pages.

What does a typical week look like?

You will be studying on campus for three days per week. Contact time on this course is 12 hours per week on average.

During the first year of the course you will have both practical and theory lectures. You will also be expected to complete study on your own.

There is an industry placement module which will require you to complete 120 hours work-related experience and a research project module which will be linked to industry.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through a range of assessments including written assignments, poster presentations, seminar presentations, portfolios, exams and project work. The course is mostly assessed through individual assessments, but elements of group work may be incorporated to bring in a real-world learning experience.

Our variety of assessment methods, providing students with an increased chance of success, have been commended by external examiners.

Where can it lead to?

Upon successful completion of this course you could progress on to our BSc (Hons) top-up degree to complete your studies. Previous students have progressed from this course to work in various fields in the animal industry.

What are the entry requirements for this course?

Please see the typical offer list below. A wide range of qualifications are accepted. Applicants may also be offered a place on the basis of their experience and we would welcome applications from mature students or people currently working in industry who are seeking Continuing Professional Development (CPD) or part time study opportunities

Qualification	Grade Profile	UCAS Tariff Points
Level 3 Extended Diploma	PPP	48 points
Level 3 Diploma	MP	48 points
A-Levels	DD or EEE	48 points
International Baccalaureate		24 points
Scottish Highers	DD	30 points
Higher Irish Leaving Certificate	B1/B2	54 points

We also have [Access to Higher Education](#) course options which can support you in gaining the qualifications required for a degree level programme.

International Students

If you are an international student looking to study this course please contact our [Student Services team](#) to check the entry requirements for details on country specific entry requirements.

Good to know

The UCAS code for this course is C301.

Visit this course on our website: <https://www.moulton.ac.uk/courses/pdfaz/applied-zoology-foundation-degree-fdsc-level-5>

For further information please contact the college: <https://www.moulton.ac.uk/contact>