

BSc Agricultural Resource Management (Top Up)

Duration:	Full time (1 year)
Awarding Body:	Royal Agricultural University
Campus:	Bishop Burton

Programme Aims

This programme provides an in-depth understanding, not only of agricultural production, but of the essential economic, political and environmental issues which are shaping the future of the farming industry.

What will I study?

Year 1: Dissertation, Global Food Production, Agricultural Marketing, Integrated Farm Management and Rural Business Management.

- ✓ Each year also includes business and employment elements to improve transferable skills and enable students to set up their own business.
- ✓ The programme content is specifically designed to be appropriate to the needs of the agricultural industry.

Learning and Teaching Approach

For all modules, theory lectures are delivered that aim to facilitate the core content and provide the underpinning knowledge. To complement the theory lectures, students have group seminars sessions that are used to reinforce concepts delivered theoretically. The focus of the teaching approach is to give a model that can be applied in the work place, putting theory into practice and vice versa. The teaching methods focus on facilitating a student centred approach to enhance the independent learning that takes place outside of the classroom. Teaching will take place on the Bishop Burton campus.

What is the contact time?

Approximately **16** hours a week to include lectures, seminars, work experience, practicals and tutorials. Students are also expected to carry out a significant amount of private study in addition to contact time (**25-30** hours a week). Students can expect to receive their timetables during induction week.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment methods include case studies, competitions, presentations, real life management problems, problem-based scenarios and reflective assignments. Opportunities for feedback on assessments are available prior to the final submission to support student development and achievement. Staff aim to return assessed work within a 15 working day timeframe (not including holidays) in order that students can most benefit from the feedback.

What else can I expect?

- ✓ Access to the excellent farm facilities including commercial sheep, bed and breakfast pigs and beef enterprises.
- ✓ A college farm, growing a wide range of arable crops.
- ✓ Additional facilities include Science Centre, IT suites, dedicated University Centre, study spaces and social areas, and modern Learning Resources Centre.
- ✓ Online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) used to enhance and facilitate teaching and independent learning on all programmes.
- ✓ Experienced, supportive and motivated staff with both academic and industrial experience.
- ✓ Talks from a range of visiting speakers.
- ✓ Students have access to a range of support through our study skills, and health and wellbeing teams. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/student-life/student-support>
- ✓ Relevant extra-curricular activity and/or work experience is encouraged of all students in order to enhance learning.

What kind of job could I get when I graduate?

On completion, students will be able to go into wide and varied job roles, which could include farm managers, agricultural consultants, livestock managers and agricultural sales persons. You may also wish to pursue further studies on a related post-graduate course.

What qualifications do I need?

- ✓ Applicants should have a relevant Level 5 qualification.
- ✓ Applicants need an appropriate academic reference.
- ✓ Life and/or experience of non-traditional students will be taken into account when considering applications. The successful completion of an entry task may be required when considering applications without the required formal entry qualifications.
- ✓ If first language is not English, or a Tier 4 student visa to study is required and GCSE grade C/4 English or equivalent is not held, English language proficiency level such as International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.0 overall (with a minimum 5.5 in each skill) will need evidencing.

Tuition Fees

For up to date information on tuition fees and financial support please visit

<https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/university-centre/finance>

Are there any additional costs?

Students will need to buy a white laboratory coat for lab practicals, overalls and appropriate footwear. Waterproof clothing and footwear for outdoor practicals is also required. Trips and short courses may also be offered at extra cost. On successful completion of the programme, students have the opportunity to graduate at a ceremony wearing formal dress. The hire of the formal dress is an additional cost.

How do I apply for a place?

Full time applicants should apply online via UCAS: www.ucas.com

Course Code: DN41

Institution Code: B37

Campus Name: Bishop Burton

Who do I contact if I want to know more?

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