

Course Summary: October 9, 2023

Countryside Management BSc Honours

- UCAS code: **D455**
- Full time
- 3 years

This degree explores countryside management from a wide variety of perspectives, to equip you with a balanced overview of the competing interests on the countryside.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year:

Next start date:

- September 2023

Fees (per year)

- Home: **£9250**
- International: **£26400**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **ABB-BBB**
- IB: **32 points**

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UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

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Course overview

Your degree integrates elements from a range of subjects such as geography, ecology, wildlife conservation, agriculture, business and estate management.

Topics include:

- rural development
- environmental and business management
- agriculture and land management

Newcastle is an ideal place to study, combining a city-centre university with access to fantastic countryside for fieldwork.

You can boost your employability and professional skills with an optional placement year in industry or the commercial sector. You also benefit from:

- access to our two University farms for hands-on experience
- expertise at our Centre for Rural Economy, recipient of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education in 2014

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your

Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2022-23.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

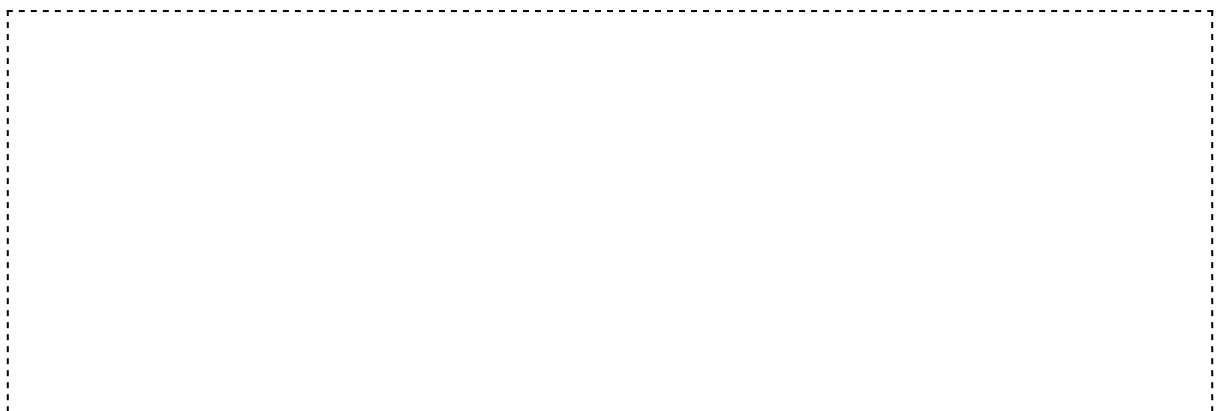
Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.



Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year.

This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#).

You'll be introduced to a number of topics in rural development, environmental management, agriculture, study skills, business management and plant science. This lays the foundations for examining the problems of managing the countryside in a sustainable way.

You have the opportunity to experience management in action through a series of site visits in the region.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Introduction to Business Management	10
Agri-Food Supply Chains	10
Sustainability in Practice	20
Introductory Business Economics	10
Academic and Professional Skills	20
Introduction to Sustainability	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	10
Introduction to Marketing and Consumer Behaviour	20
Plants, Environment, Agriculture	10

You'll cover more specialised topics in land management, wildlife conservation, law, research methods, communications skills and countryside heritage.

You will have a choice of options, such as field identification, geology, crop and livestock production, soil science, farm management and accounting.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Law and Land Use	10
Landscape, Culture and Heritage	20
Site Management and Communication Skills	20
Qualitative Research Methods	10
Dissertation and Research Preparation	10
Sustainable Solutions	10
Optional Modules	Credits
Introduction to Non-Specialist Accounting and Finance	20
Arable Crops	10
Farm Business Management	10
Marketing Strategy	20
Ecosystem Ecology	10
Field Identification Skills	10
Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20

A research project accounts for a quarter of your time and may be linked to a vacation project or work placement. Recent projects have investigated topics such as: game management; countryside tourism; wildlife gardening; solar farms;

and wildlife conservation.

You study countryside management, sustainability and environmental valuation, and rural planning and politics.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Countryside Management	20
Rural Planning, Politics and Society	20
Dissertation	30
Sustainable Development and Environmental Valuation	10
Optional Modules	Credits
Career Development for final year students	20
Applied Farm Business Management	20
Your Future - occupational awareness	10
Marketing and Public Policy	10
Communication and Behaviour Change	10
Science Communication for Sustainable Development	10
Creativity, Innovation and Market Research in Science and Engineering UG	10
Biodiversity Science and Management	20
Current Research in Ecology	20

Information about these graphs

We base these figures and graphs on the most up-to-date information available

to us. They are based on the modules chosen by our students in 2022-23.

Teaching time is made up of:

- scheduled learning and teaching activities. These are timetabled activities with a member of staff present.
- structured guided learning. These are activities developed by staff to support engagement with module learning. Students or groups of students undertake these activities without direct staff participation or supervision

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

In stages 1 and 2 just over half of your teaching time will be spent in classroom-based lectures or seminars. The remainder will be made up of field classes, computer classes, and practical lab work. In Stage 3 greater emphasis is placed on project work, culminating in a final-year project based on a topic of your choice.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assignments – written or fieldwork
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Practical sessions
- Presentations
- Projects

Skills and experience

Practical skills

Field trips form an important part of your degree, these give you an opportunity to apply your knowledge to a practical setting.

With easy access to nearby countryside from our location in North East England, you'll benefit from visits to Northumberland, County Durham and Cumbria to experience their varied landscapes and habitats.

Research skills

The Newcastle University-based Centre for Rural Economy specialises in interdisciplinary social science and applied policy research. You will have access to the expertise of our award-winning staff from across a range of specialties.

Opportunities

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year. Your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements.](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

Land Management is based in [the School of Natural and Environmental Sciences](#) at our city-centre campus. During your studies, you'll have access to two commercial farms near Newcastle.

During your studies, you'll have access to an experimental station, providing field laboratories for evaluation and testing of pesticides and biocontrol agents.

Our University farms, Cockle Park Farm and Nafferton Farm, will give you an insight into how real-world farms operate, so you're prepared for your future. Our farms are used for research, teaching and demonstration.

Support

To support you in your studies, all new students entering year 1 or year 2 will receive a tablet. You can download the online learning resources you'll need for your course (helping us to make our campus more sustainable).

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as a personal tutor throughout your degree to help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have when starting university.

There's also a staff-student committee, to give you an opportunity to have a say in how your degree works.

Your future

Many of our graduates have found employment in a range of organisations, including:

- national park authorities

- the European Parliament
- Met Office
- National Trust
- UK wildlife organisations

Our Countryside Management and Rural Studies graduates most commonly end up in land-based and environmental careers such as chartered surveying, as a rights of way officer or part of a local conservation team working for charities and pressure groups.

Additionally, government organisations and private firms provide openings for agricultural or environmental advisers.

Graduates with an environmental science background find employment with conservation bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency, water companies, local government environmental health departments and other environmental protection agencies, undertaking roles as varied as environmental consultancy and environmental engineering.

Employability at Newcastle

96% of Newcastle University graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating, with 85.5% in graduate-level employment or further study.

Take a look at the most [recent data](#) available for our graduates. See what they have gone on to achieve and be inspired to follow in their footsteps.

Statistics are based on what graduates were doing on a specific date, approximately six months after graduation (Destinations of (undergraduate and postgraduate UK domiciled) Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2016/17).

Enterprising students

Careers support

Our Enterprise Challenge gives students the opportunity to work with industry on a project that tackles real-world issues. Watch the above video to find out more.

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

From 1 January 2021 there is an update to the way professional qualifications are recognised by countries outside of the UK

[Check the government's website for more information.](#)

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- To watch videos about student life in Newcastle, visit
www.ncl.ac.uk/lovenewcastle
- Visit **www.ncl.ac.uk/tour** to take virtual tours of the campus and city
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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