

Course Summary: March 27, 2026

## Sustainable Land and Business 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: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

### Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£31,500**

## Entry requirements and offers

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

## UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

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Start your university journey. Find where you belong. Friday, June 26 (9:00-16:00)

Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

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## Course overview

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

- rural development
- environmental and business management
- sustainability
- 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 the 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 2025-26.

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](#)

Stage 1 will lay the foundation for examining sustainable land management problems.

You'll be introduced to a range of topics including rural development, sustainability, environmental management, agriculture, economics, business management and marketing,

geographical information systems, and plant science.

You'll also visit different sites across the region. This will help you get practical experience in land management.

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<a href="#">Introduction to Business Management</a>	10
<a href="#">Agri-Food Supply Chains</a>	10
<a href="#">Sustainability in Practice</a>	20
<a href="#">Introductory Business Economics</a>	10
<a href="#">Academic and Professional Skills</a>	20
<a href="#">Introduction to Sustainability</a>	20
<a href="#">Plants, Environment, Agriculture</a>	10
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<a href="#">Mapping the Earth: Location and Space</a>	20
<a href="#">Introduction to Marketing and Consumer Behaviour</a>	20

During this stage, you'll study more specialised topics in: sustainable land and business management, wildlife management, land law, research methods, sustainable business practice, management planning and countryside heritage.

You'll also have a choice of optional modules to choose from.

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<a href="#">Law and Land Use</a>	10
<a href="#">Landscape, Culture and Heritage</a>	20
<a href="#">Site Management Planning</a>	20
<a href="#">Qualitative Research Methods</a>	10

Dissertation and Research Preparation	10
Sustainable Solutions	10
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Introduction to Non-Specialist Accounting and Finance	20
Arable Crops	10
Farm Business Management	10
Sustainable animal production systems	20
Marketing Strategy	20
Global Agri-Food Supply Chains	10
Soil and Ecosystem Science	10
Field Identification Skills	10
Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20

You'll study countryside management, environmental economics, and rural planning and politics.

You'll also work on a research project. Recent projects have investigated:

- renewable energy production
- game management
- countryside tourism
- future-proofing rural estates
- agri-environment policy
- wildlife conservation

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Countryside Management	20
Planning the Global Countryside	20
Dissertation	30

Sustainable Development and Environmental Valuation	10
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Interpreting Company Accounts	20
Environmental Law	20
Career Development for final year students	20
Global Agri-Food Supply Chains	10
Applied Farm Business Management	20
Your Future - occupational awareness	10
Global Food Policy	10
Agri-food Communication and Behaviour Change	10
Insight, Innovate, Impact	10
Biodiversity Science and Management	20
Current Research in Ecology	20

## Teaching and assessment

### Teaching methods

In Stages 1 and 2, you'll spend half of your teaching time in classroom-based lectures or seminars.

The rest will include:

- field classes
- computer classes
- practical lab work

In Stage 3, we'll focus more on project work. This is work towards your 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, and give you the opportunity to apply your knowledge in 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 the varied landscapes and habitats.

### Business skills

In your Sustainable Solutions module, you'll help solve a real-world problem for a real organisation. You'll work as a group during this project.

Our Sustainable Business Practice module will give you the skills to compete in a global business environment. You'll learn to balance conventional business objectives with challenges in:

- net-zero
- ethical supply chain management
- sustainable resource use

## Research skills

In your final year, you'll work on an in-depth research dissertation. It can be on a subject of your choice. You'll be supervised by an academic staff member.

During stage 2, you will gain skills in qualitative and quantitative research methods to prepare you for your third year project.

Our staff, experts in their field, will support you throughout your degree.

Find out more about [our research](#) and [the Centre for Rural Economy](#).

## Opportunities

### Study abroad

Gain a global perspective, enhance your academic profile and open doors to exciting new experiences by studying abroad for one semester or a full academic year at one of our partner universities overseas. Study abroad usually takes place in stage 3 of your studies and extends your degree by one year.

You'll have the choice to study at a leading international university, including:

- Monash University
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Pittsburgh

You can also opt for short-term global opportunities like summer schools, virtual exchanges or internships that usually take place over the summer months.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

### Work placement

During your degree you can apply to spend 9 to 12 months on an industry placement, in the UK or abroad. Your work placement is a great opportunity to gain practical experience, acquire key business skills and make industry contacts. You'll get University support from our dedicated team. Work placements usually

take place between Stages 2 and 3 and extend your degree by a year.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

## Facilities and environment

### Facilities

The Agriculture Building is the home of our agri-food business and land management degrees, it is based in the [School of Natural and Environmental Sciences](#) and located on our city-centre campus. Located within are state-of-the-art facilities including our test kitchen and the award-winning [Centre for Rural Economy](#).

During your studies, you'll have access to two commercial farms, Cockle Park Farm and Nafferton Farm, where you can gain practical experience providing you with an insight into how real-world farms operate. Our farms are used for learning, demonstration and research. At NU Farms we promote innovation to shape policy and support scientific research. We collaborate with four key partners:

- Centre for Crop Health and Protection (CHAP)
- Centre for Innovation Excellence in Livestock (CIEL)
- Fera Science (Fera)
- Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF)

You'll also gain hands-on experience with industry-standard software to prepare you for your future career.

## Support

We take your health and wellbeing seriously and are committed to supporting you throughout your studies so you can fulfil your potential at university. This support includes:

- a personal tutor who is an academic member of staff who can help you with academic and personal issues throughout your degree
- a peer mentor scheme which pairs you with a current student from your course to help you navigate your first year at university
- a staff-student committee, to give you an opportunity to have a say in how your degree works
- support, treatment and guidance on mental and physical health from our [wellbeing team](#)

## Your future

Our graduates have found jobs in a range of sectors. These include national parks, public bodies, UK wildlife groups, surveyors, and land agents.

Organisations include:

- Natural England
- Met Office
- National Trust
- British Horse Society
- Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Savills
- Brown and Co.
- Galbraiths
- GSC Grays
- Defra

Our graduate careers include:

- chartered surveyors
- rights of way officers
- members of local conservation teams
- agricultural and environmental consultants
- environmental engineers
- national Park rangers
- sustainability officers/advisors
- countryside officers
- estate managers
- environmental educators

## **Sustainable solutions**

The Sustainable Solutions module at Newcastle University offers you the opportunity to collaborate with industry professionals on projects that address real-world sustainability challenges. This hands-on experience enhances your problem-solving skills and prepares you for successful careers in sustainability-focused roles.

You'll have many opportunities to interact with industry through:

- guest speakers

- visits
- industry networking events
- opportunities to attend conferences

## Careers support

Our 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

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

## Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees:  
**[www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate)**
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **[www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni](http://www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni)**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at  
**<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>**
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person  
**[www.ncl.ac.uk/openday](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/openday)**
- Contact us online at **[www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries)** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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