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Welcome to WUC

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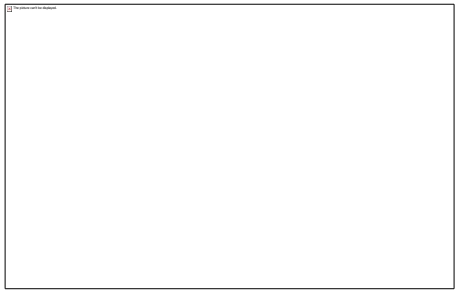
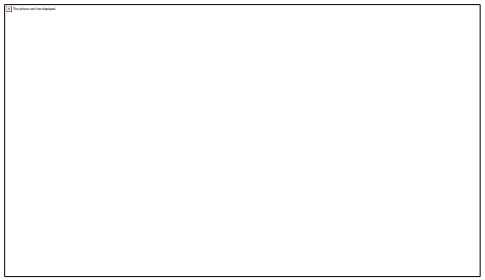
Who are we?

- Specialist College & University
- Located in **Chelmsford, Essex**
- Set within **550 acres** of stunning countryside but with close links to towns and cities
- Industry leader for **'Land-based'** careers
- Ofsted rated **'Good'** (March 2018)

About WUC

- Around 1000 College Course learners and apprentices
- Study full-time, part-time or an Apprenticeship
- Offer **level 2 and 3 certificates/diplomas**
- Practical, hands-on style of learning
- Specialist facilities include Animal Centre, Equine campus, Farm, Design & Floristry workshops, Sport Recreation Centre , glasshouses and much more!

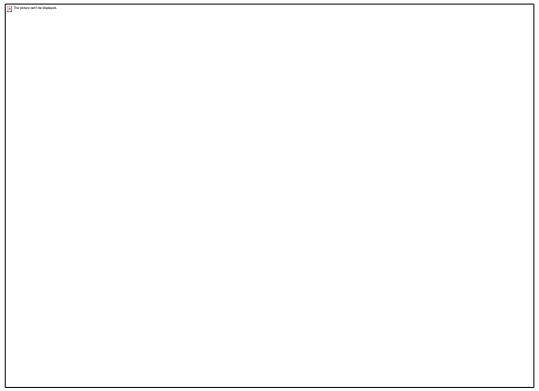




What's the difference between sixth form and an FE college?

Both college and sixth form offer different experiences. A college will offer you a different learning environment to that experienced at a school's sixth form. Here are just some of the differences:

Environment: A college will offer you a different learning environment to that experienced at a school's sixth form, there are likely to be students from a wide range of ages, backgrounds and interests. College also gives you the chance to meet new people and start a fresh.



Timetables: One of the first differences between school and college you will notice is your timetable! At college it's also possible to study on a part-time basis, rather than take a full-time course

Types of courses: Colleges like ourselves offer diplomas and vocational courses. Level 3 Diplomas are equally respected by universities if you so choose to go, whilst being taught with a more hands-on approach. This can also be very useful to those who don't intend on going to university as you will acquire the skills to directly enter into a career.

Entry Requirements

LEVEL 3

- **5x** GCSE's
- Grades **9 – 4**
- Including Maths **AND** English

LEVEL 2

- **4x** GCSE's
- Grades **9 – 3**
- Including Maths **OR** English

If you don't have a GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths and/or English, you will study these qualifications alongside your course and will be given full support

Current equine courses

Level 3:

- Advanced Diploma in Horse Management (540); **first year course**
- Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horse Management (1080); **second year course only**
- Entry requirements 5 GCSE's 9-4 grade

Level 2:

- Technical Certificate in Horse Care
- Entry requirements 4 GCSE's 9-3 grades
- Re-takes for GCSE

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LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE in Horse Care

- Grades 9-3 to include English and Maths
- 1 year full time
- 4 days in college

- 6 months experience working with horses, you need to be able to;
  - Muck out straw and shavings beds/ skipping out/ bed down
  - Secure a horse by tying up in a head collar with a lead rope
  - Tack up a horse with a snaffle bridle and GP saddle
  - Groom a horse/ pick out the feet
  - Lead a horse safely
  - Simple horse husbandry tasks; feeding, watering, applying rugs

- Progression routes; Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma or possible apprenticeship

LEVEL 3: ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA in Equine Management (540)

- 5 GCSE at grade 4 -9 to include; English, Maths and Science
- 1 year full time
- 4 days per week
- 6 months experience working with horses, you need to be able to;
  - Muck out straw and shavings beds/ skipping out/ bed down
  - Secure a horse by tying up in a head collar with a lead rope
  - Tack up a horse with a snaffle bridle and GP saddle
  - Groom a horse/ pick out the feet
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- Progression route: Second year of the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management or an Apprenticeship

Second year Level 3 course

Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)

- Conditions apply for progression
- Internal progression from L3 Technical Diploma (540)
- Opportunity to choose optional units to suit each students individual career choice on top of core modules
- Progression to university to study at Higher Education level or employment

Assessments

- Synoptic theory report (February to March)
- Synoptic practical assessment (March to April)
- External core exam (March and re-sit June)
- Biological systems exam (L3 only)
- Health and safety exam
- Mandatory units have stand alone assessments.

Career Progression

- Racing
- Competition yards/ riders
- Nutrition
- Welfare
- Rehabilitation and therapy (physiotherapy)
- Yard manager/ supervisor
- Riding coach/ instructor
- Behaviourist
- Dentistry
- Backing and training
- Stud work/ management and breeding
- Sales representatives
- Own businesses
- Stunt riding/ TV
- Army
- Pharmaceuticals
- Veterinary related

Extras and the working week

- Industry skills will be built the timetable which will either be rotational on a weekly basis or an allocated day each week.
- 9pm start. 4pm finish (industry day 4.45pm)
- Work experience: 3 week block (2nd semester)
- Various visits and guest speakers
- College run riding events
- Equine uniform is **compulsory** and correct PPE must be worn every day (uniform can be purchased in induction week)

What next?

- Complete application form
- Produce a personal statement and small portfolio of horse experience; bring in GCSE clearing week
- A letter stating offer; conditional or unconditional after attending an open day will be sent by the Admissions Department
- Invited for a taster day in June
- Return acceptance slip
- GCSE results/on line enrolment; letter from admissions office (August)

Equine Apprenticeships

- Writtle University College has excellent links with employers in all areas and disciplines of the Equestrian industry. They offer a real and exciting opportunity for students to gain a vast amount of hands on experience and also gain a qualification. Employment after the course is also a possibility.
- Students will earn while they learn and develop a great work ethic and a personal reputation within their equestrian field of work.
- Apprenticeships are available at Level 2 and 3, however, school leavers and those with limited Equine experience start at level 2.
- 16-18 year old earn £3.50 per hour and there is a minimum of 30 hours in the working week.

Our training officers visit students regularly and provide training and assessment and offer continued guidance and support. Please speak to Sarah Fritz for more individual guidance.

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Questions?

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