

BSc (Hons) and Dip HE Equine Courses Essential Equipment & Materials

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Equipment list for BSc (Hons) and Dip HE Equine Courses

We are looking forward to welcoming you to your equine course at Writtle University College. This equipment list will give you an idea of what you will need to start your course. You will probably have most of these at home already if you are used to handling horses. There will also be the opportunity to visit the local saddlery during induction week.

Equipment

All equine students need:

- Pens, pencils, paper and folders for note taking, you can also use laptops, tablets, etc.
- Scientific calculator
- You might find a digital camera/ camera app on your phone useful for taking photos during practicals when appropriate
- Riding hat or skull cap. This needs to meet current safety standards: PAS 015 (1998 or 2011), ASTM F1163 (2004a onwards), SNELL E2001 or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), VG1 01.040 (2014-12)
- Riding gloves (gloves have to be worn when riding, lunging and leading)
- Steel toe cap boots (to be worn at the stud)
- Suitable sturdy footwear – i.e. boots, long or short for yard practicals
- Suitable smart clothing (dark coloured plain trousers) for working around horses including waterproofs.

PLEASE NOTE no sleeveless tops, shorts or hoodies are allowed whilst working on the yard. If jeans are worn they must be smart (no rips or embellishments). This is a working yard with many users and visitors so all clothes must be smart and professional at all times.

In addition, students doing modules involving riding (Essential Skills for the Equine Industry, Professional Skills for the Equine industry, Equitation and Equestrian Coaching, Training and Equestrian Enterprise Management) on equine courses will need:

- A pair of jodphurs (dark neutral colours)
- Riding boots/gaiters/half chaps
- Short whip and dressage whip
- Body protector (you are not permitted to jump without one in Semester B); it should be a BETA 2009 level 3 (purple label).

Suggested Reading

Many students ask us to recommend books for them to buy or read before they start. All the books that you will need are available from the library once you are here so there is no need to rush out and buy any. Each module will have a suggested reading list including a number of books and as you progress through the course you will be encouraged to use fewer books and more journal articles in your reading, which again are available through the library.

If you are really keen to buy books before you come, some of the books that have been recommended by previous first year students are:

- Bishop, R. (2003) *The Horse Nutrition Bible: The Comprehensive Guide to the Feeding of Your Horse*. Newton Abbot, UK: David & Charles.
- Brown, J.H. and Clinton, M. (2010) *Horse business management*. (4th edn). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Dyce, K.M., Sack, W.O.O. and Wensing, C.J.G.J.G. (2010) *Textbook of veterinary anatomy*. (4th edn). London: Saunders.
- Fraser, A.F. (2010) *The behaviour and welfare of the horse*. (2nd edn). CABI, Wallingford, UK.
- McGowan, C. (2007) *Animal physiotherapy: assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of animals* [E-Book]. Chichester: Blackwell.
- Parker, R.O. (2012) *Equine science*. 4th edn). Clifton Park, N.Y.; Andover: Delmar; Cengage Learning.