

BSc (Hons), Certificate and Dip HE in Horticulture courses Essential Equipment & Materials

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Equipment

Details of local suppliers will be made available to you during Freshers' Week, but if you already have any of the items listed below, please bring them with you to see if they are suitable. It is advisable to avoid purchasing other items until you have been advised on the specifications required.

- Safety wellingtons or safety boots (both steel toecaps) this is compulsory for practical work
- Hi-viz tabard (required)
- Boiler suit/overalls (recommended but not essential)
- White laboratory coat (these are provided for you, but some students prefer to have their own)
- Hand lens (recommended but not essential)
- Secateurs – secateurs used in the garden at home may not always be suitable for professional use as they are not sufficiently robust; but they can be useful in the first instance. Many professional horticulturists use Felco secateurs, but please note that these are expensive
- Gardening gloves (recommended but not essential)
- Scientific calculator (specialist software will be recommended as a free download for data handling)
- Digital camera – camera phones are often very good and can be used to help you with plant identification and site visits.

Reading

There is no requirement to purchase textbooks prior to starting the course. Module leaders will recommend texts to support specialist subject content and assignment work during your studies and copies will be available for loan from the College library or available as e-books. If students wish to undertake any pre-reading, the following may be useful as background reading and the asterisked books below provide general introductions:

- Adams, C. R., Early M. P. and Bamford, K.M. (2017) *Principles of Horticulture*. New York: Routledge
- Capon, B. (2010) *Botany for Gardeners*. 3rd edition. London: Timber Press *
- Sadava, D., Hillis, D., Heller, H. C. and Hacker, S. D. (2016) *Life: The Science of Biology*. Sunderland: Sinauer Associates
- Toogood, A. (2006) *RHS Propagating Plants*. London: Dorling Kindersley
- Uglow, J. (2005) *A Little History of British Gardening*. London: Pimlico *

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