



BSc (Hons) / BSc Agri-Business (Top-up)

UCAS code	BSc: DN4N BSc (Hons): DN4H
Institution code	H12
Duration	1 year (full-time)
Start date	September 2022
Accredited by	Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)
Location	Harper Adams University campus *

The course

This conversion course allows students who have gained a HND or foundation degree in Agri-business, or a related subject, to top-up to a full honours degree. The course is structured around a programme of lectures, tutorials and seminars delivered over an academic year (September to June). If you choose to top-up to a full honours degree you will then undertake a further six months of study, in which you will complete an Honours Research Project, and further selected modules to allow you to achieve the correct number of credits to be awarded the BSc (Hons) qualification.

Entry requirements

- Top-up applicants must have achieved an average of 55% in their Foundation degree to apply for BSc non-honours and 60% to apply for BSc Honours.
- Applicants must have completed a full year's placement as part of their course of study or two years of full-time relevant employment after their course.

A-level entry requirements

- **Entry requirements for 2022 entry are not currently available. Please contact Admissions for advice**

Accreditation



Graduate Gateway

The [Chartered Institute of Marketing](#) (CIM) is the leading professional body for marketers worldwide and exists to develop the marketing profession, maintain professional standards and improve the skills of marketing practitioners. Harper Adams University has joined forces with CIM to give students the opportunity to gain professional qualifications through [CIM Graduate Gateway](#). CIM qualifications are highly

sought after by employers, and map alongside our own degrees which ensures we are equipping students with the best opportunities for a successful marketing career.

Teaching and learning

* During the Covid-19 Pandemic the University is delivering blended learning. Government guidance is being constantly reviewed to establish the learning events which can be delivered face to face. Please refer to our [frequently asked questions](#) for further details.

What will I study?

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Honours Research Project

Year of study	1
Code	HRPROJC17
Credits	30
Core/option	Core

The Honours Research Project is designed to allow students to develop the skills and personal resilience needed to undertake a sustained, significant and high quality project. In conjunction with his or her supervisor, and in light of detailed course specific advice, each student will select a topic for investigation. They will then plan, execute and report their project. The module will draw upon learning from other taught modules, but it also requires a high degree of independent learning.

Students will need to apply their learning about the research methods associated with their discipline as they locate data to support their project; they may need to apply methods creatively according to the nature of their research topic. Throughout the module, students will be expected to make choices about the scale and manageability of their work; they will also need to apply good time management skills to ensure success. The project will require all students to search for literature related to their topic and to read independently. Students must make decisions about the direction of their research, and they will be expected to work pro-actively to benefit from supervision opportunities.

Students will be expected to ensure that each part of their project is ethically sound; this means following protocols but also by developing an ethical mind-set which is sensitive to stakeholders and issues arising in the research process. Students must ensure that they attend to issues of health and safety throughout their research.

International Agri-Business

Year of study 1
Code R6013C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Simon Thelwell](#)

Agribusiness is a diverse industry, which includes business activities from small agricultural producers to large multinational companies. This module sets out to generate an awareness of the dynamic forces and the important aspects of management of companies trading in an international environment. The ability of the key agribusiness players to respond to these changes will depend on their knowledge, managerial expertise, leadership ability and creativity. The management of risk and development of effective marketing and management strategies in an international agribusiness environment is key to sustainability, competitive advantage and success.

Supply Chain Management

Year of study 1
Code F6014C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Dr Jane Eastham](#)

The supply chain constitutes a critical link between primary producers, processing and manufacturing businesses, retailers and the consumers. It is a link that must be structured, organised and managed successfully if businesses are to compete in a dynamic marketplace.

Indeed, design and operation of supply chains are often decisive factors in the ability of businesses to achieve competitive advantage. This module examines the concept of global supply chains and explores the many factors required to create, operate and control supply chains efficiently, effectively and sustainably.

Management Consultancy Project

Year of study 1
Code F6017C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Tony Asson](#)

One of the key skills in business is to be able to work with others on the identification and successful solution of a business problem. Normally this would be done as an employee of an organisation with the problem but sometimes this may involve the use of outside consultants. The use of outside consultants provides a fresh and often innovative perspective on the problem and this module is designed to give students insight into the value of external consultancy. It is also intended to equip students with the practical and analytical skills required of external consultants.

This is an integrated module in which techniques and knowledge from earlier technical, production and marketing and business management modules are combined holistically. The aim is that the team brings together learning from earlier modules to create appropriate solutions to real "live" business scenarios.

Students will work in groups on the solution of a problem with, where possible, a live business.

Strategic Management

Year of study 1
Code R6021C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Mrs Rebecca Payne](#)

A thorough appreciation of the concepts and techniques of Strategic Management is needed by all senior managers in order that they might manage their organisations both efficiently and effectively. This module focuses on the role of company-level strategy and its relationship with the other main business functions. Through extensive use of case study material, it allows students to reflect on practical experience gained during the placement period. By integrating theory and practice from a number of subject areas, students will be able to appreciate the contribution of the various functions within an organisation to the development of an overall strategic direction. The importance of effective implementation is emphasized along with the need for flexible strategies and the proactive management of change. The modules Business Finance or Equivalent Module, Principles of Marketing, Business Organisation and Work Experience (Placement Year) are considered desirable pre-requisites.

Economic Policies

Year of study 1
Code R5007C17
Credits 15
Core/option Option
Module contact [Dr Dimitrios Paparas](#)

This module is concerned with the factors that influence national and international governments in the adoption and development of macroeconomic policy. The interdependences of the modern world economy will be examined and the implications for the business environment will be discussed, while the importance of trying to distinguish short-term circumstances from long-term trends will also be addressed. The impact of economic activity upon the environment will also be investigated, together with the role of international and national government in creating a sustainable business environment.

Animal Product Processing

Year of study 1
Code F5006C17
Credits 15
Core/option Option
Module contact [Dr Karim Farag](#)

This module provides students with an understanding of food producing animals (milk and eggs) and animals as food. Scope includes primary processing of milk, milk products, eggs and egg products and primary and secondary processing of meat producing animals. Consideration of the factors affecting food quality and the changing utilisation and value of animal products for the food industry and consumers.

Farm Business Operation and Planning

Year of study 1
Code R5001C17
Credits 15
Core/option Option
Module contact [Wyn Morgan](#)

This module is designed for those students studying Agriculture with Farm Business Management and Agribusiness. It builds on the introductory techniques incorporated in Farm Business Management and Economics. Its aim is to ensure those students on the specialist Farm Business Management or Agribusiness route are able to fully appreciate the complex inter-relationships that exist within a farm budget, thus enabling them to understand the impact of changes on profit, cash and equity. It will also aim to

equip the students with the necessary skills to allocate overhead costs to produce net margin for individual enterprises – thus allowing the decision of which enterprises are to be selected to include considerations beyond the scope of a marginal costing system. Finally the module will consider alternative means of expanding the farm business through the use of joint ventures.

Professional Services in Farm Business Management

Year of study 1
Code R5002C17
Credits 15
Core/option Option
Module contact [Martin Wilkinson](#)

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Although Ordinary Degree students are not required to engage in the research based major projects completed by honours degree candidates, it is necessary that they display the ability, at Honours level, to learn independently and display the skills required for lifelong learning; to demonstrate awareness of the provisional nature of facts and principles and to marshal evidence and apply it in a balanced way in an argument and to draw soundly based conclusions. The development of these skills is the purpose of this module.

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